

Fall 2025 EnviroTalk

- Will be delivered to all single-family residential customers in late Aug. or early Sept.



Features:

- Safe solid waste disposal tips
- EnviroTalk feedback survey
- Staff Spotlight, Operations “Behind the Scenes”
- Partnership Spotlight with Salishan Association ...and more!



Smart Camera Pilot Project

We've had media interest around a new SWM pilot project.
(Interviews requested from News Tribune and KIRO)

- Funded by a \$1.8 million grant from the EPA's Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program
- The project uses "smart camera" (AI) technology to detect contamination in residential recycling as it is collected
- When contamination is identified, residents will receive educational postcards with an image of the items.
- Purely educational – no fee or penalty for contamination.
- Powered by Prairie Robotics, a Canadian software development and engineering firm.
- **Read more at tacoma.gov/news**



Kids Coloring Book Project

We're working with a local artist to create a series of three utility-specific kids coloring books. (One for each utility.)

- Working with Mark Monlux, who previously designed Call 2 Haul and glass recycling drop off boxes for SWM.
 - We currently do not have enough kid/family specific outreach materials
 - The goal is to provide fun activity book for kids, while also providing easy-to-understand information for adults about our services
 - Each page will feature an image, along with a simple caption explaining what our utility is and what services we provide
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- **Aiming to have printed before the end of 2025**



2025 Second Quarter Financials



Fund		2025 Plan	2025 Actuals	% Variance
4200 – Solid Waste	Revenue	(50,259,780)	(53,001,540)	5%
	Expense	51,258,099	42,977,900	16%
	Operating	43,043,139	40,385,475	6%
	Capital	8,214,960	2,592,425	68%
4300 - Wastewater	Revenue	(54,460,959)	(59,654,893)	10%
	Expense	67,361,694	50,391,636	25%
	Operating	48,071,527	44,113,999	8%
	Capital	19,290,167	6,277,637	67%
4301 – Stormwater	Revenue	(25,004,211)	(27,010,037)	8%
	Expense	31,968,931	23,098,260	28%
	Operating	22,918,749	20,487,025	11%
	Capital	9,050,182	2,611,235	71%

Project Updates



Wastewater Usage TMC Update



Cost of Service Analysis



System Development Charges

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OVERVIEW



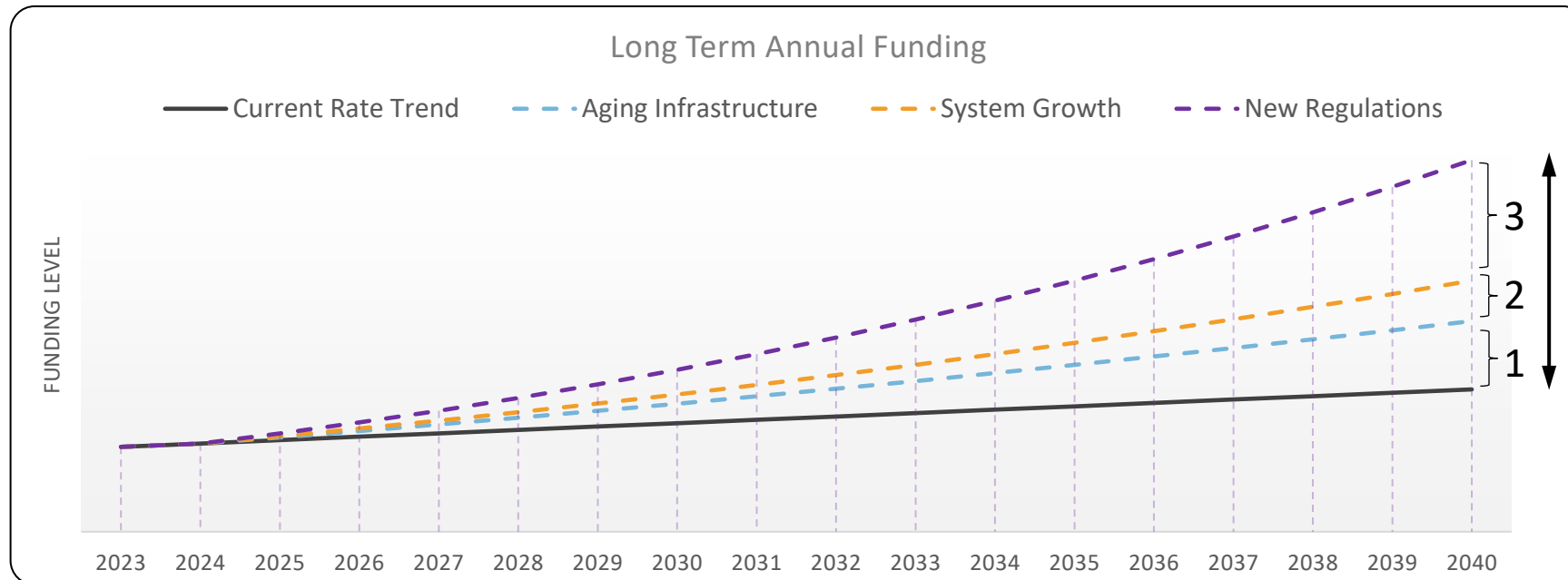
- ▲ Problem: Wastewater and Stormwater utility rates fund upkeep of existing systems. They do not fund new infrastructure to support population growth or Home in Tacoma's impacts on density.
- ⚙️ Proposal: Introduce **system development charges (SDCs)**, a mechanism for new development to help fund system growth.



PROJECTED ASSET FUNDING RISKS



- Gap 1: Funding to maintain the status quo
- Gap 2: Funding for increased capacity to accommodate growth
- Gap 3: Funding for future regulatory requirements



WHAT IS AN SDC



A One-Time Charge

A one-time charge for receiving a new or upsized wastewater, stormwater, or water connection

“Capacity Charge” or
“General Facilities Charge”



Proportional to Need

The amount charged is proportional to the added capacity the new development requires

Growth Pays for Growth



To Recover Cost

Recovers the cost of system upgrades to sustain added connections and higher capacity

Insulates Ratepayers from
Cost of Growth



●●● Benefits of SDCs



Applicable For
Redevelopment &
Change In Use



Funding Source
Outside Of Existing
Ratepayers



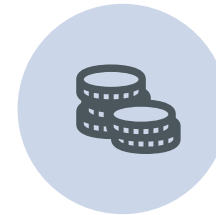
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Recover A Fair Share
Of Infrastructure
Investment

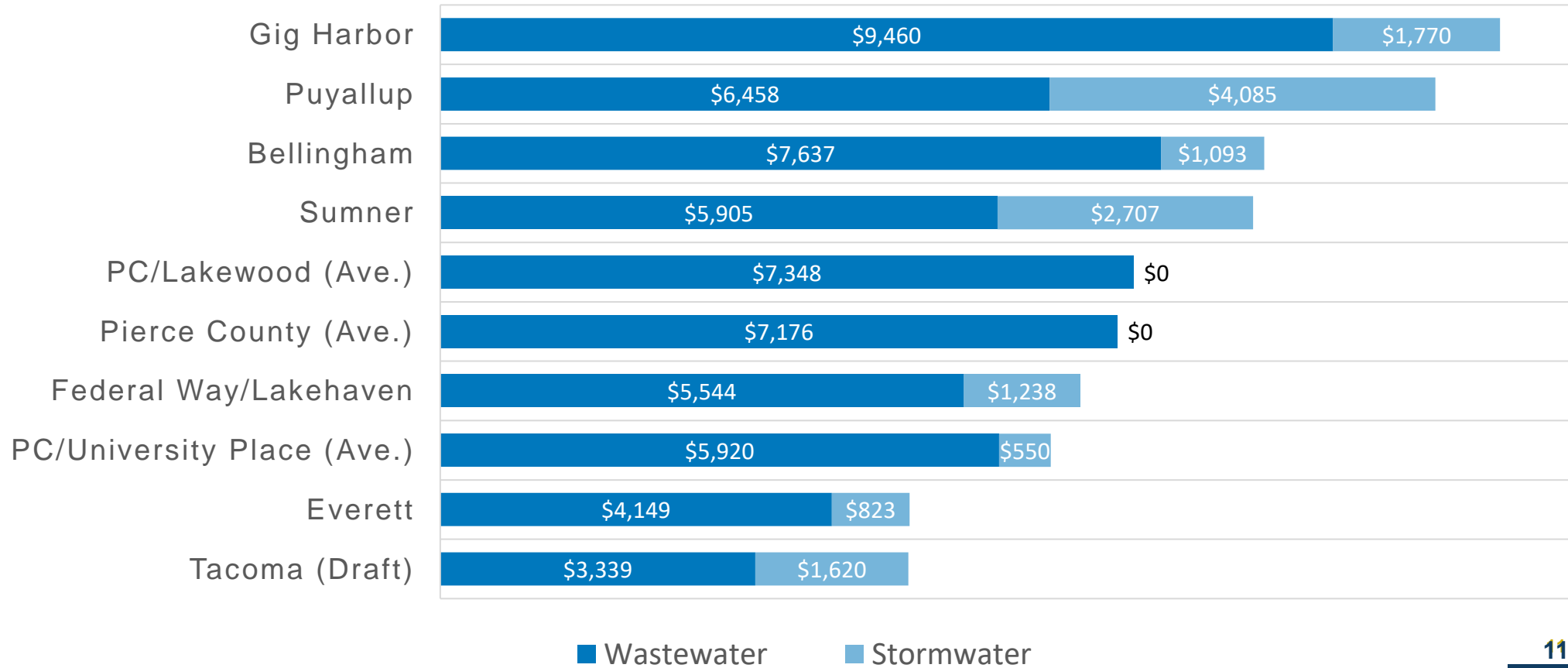


Common Industry
Funding Mechanism



Responsive To The
Rate Of Growth

OTHER JURISDICTION SDCs (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)





OTHER DEPARTMENT PLANS

- Public Works
 - Moving ahead w/ Transportation Impact Fee proposal
 - Developed fee framework w/ consultant
 - Presented to Council @ IPS 6/11
 - Website and community engagement materials will be posted this summer
- Tacoma Water
 - SDC's adopted in 1997
 - Developing updated SDC charge schedule w/ consultant
 - Intends to present proposal to PUB/GPFC this year



NEXT STEPS



Date	Step
8/14/2025	ESC Presentation
8/27/2025	IPS Presentation
Sep. 2025 - Nov. 2025	Develop Ordinance
December 2025	City Council Consideration
Q1-Q2 2026	Ordinance Effective Date



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