

Department Reviews

June 3, 2008



Agenda

- Charlotte County Utilities

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- \$73,510,192 - Total Budget
- \$19,914,280 - Controllable Budget
- \$ 5,237,434 - Proposed reductions
- 26% of controllable budget

Items Un-controllable

- Purchase of water
- Self insurance

Departmental Concerns

- Cost effectiveness
- Ensure that water and wastewater facilities comply with State and Federal regulations
- Provide uninterrupted service

Efficiency - \$455,895

- Overtime – now working 8 hour days
- Professional Services – Engineering in house rather than consultant
- Sludge removal – now transport in-house
- Water Testing – with recent certification – in house water testing

Expense Reductions - \$1,117,212

- Education (only for certifications)
- Telephone
- Rental and lease (rented trailers)
- Lawn maintenance (latest contract)
- Travel (only for certifications)
- Books (only for certifications)
- Computer Software (no new licenses)

Expense Reductions – cont.

- Sewer - (with new Rotonda plant we can treat in-house rather than with Englewood)
- Contract Services (cleaning service, no temps or contract labor)
- Tools

Service Reductions - \$3,866

- Promotional Items (less give away items)

One-time expenses - \$2,145,247

- Improvements – (work completed at Ops and Campus)
- Repair and Maintenance
- Equipment (operation vehicles, computer equipment, trailers, fork lifts, backhoe)
- Vehicle reserve
- Salary reserve (no bonus rewards)

Personnel Eliminated – 5/13/08

\$265,115

- Water Conservationist
- Collection Advisor
- Project Manager
- Maintenance Worker
- Line Technician

Personnel Eliminated – FY08/09

\$1,250,099 – 21 positions

- Construction Coordinator (vacant)
- Customer Account Specialist (vacant)
- I&C Technician (vacant)
- Line Technicians (2) – (vacant)
- Mechanics (2) – (vacant)
- Maintenance Workers (2) – (vacant)

Personnel Eliminations - cont

- Resource Coordinator (2)
- Accountant 1
- Hydrogeologist
- Engineer 1
- Tradeshelper
- Business Service Supervisor
- Sr. Customer Account Specialist
- Engineer Construction Inspector (2)
- Foreman (2)

Options for Savings Achieved

- Rate Stabilization
- Payment in-lieu of Tax
- Reduce Rates

Board Direction

- Seek Board direction to accept staff recommendation of CCU reductions.