

# Update on the Rate Refinement Process and Timeline

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# **RFP for Rate Refinement Facilitator**

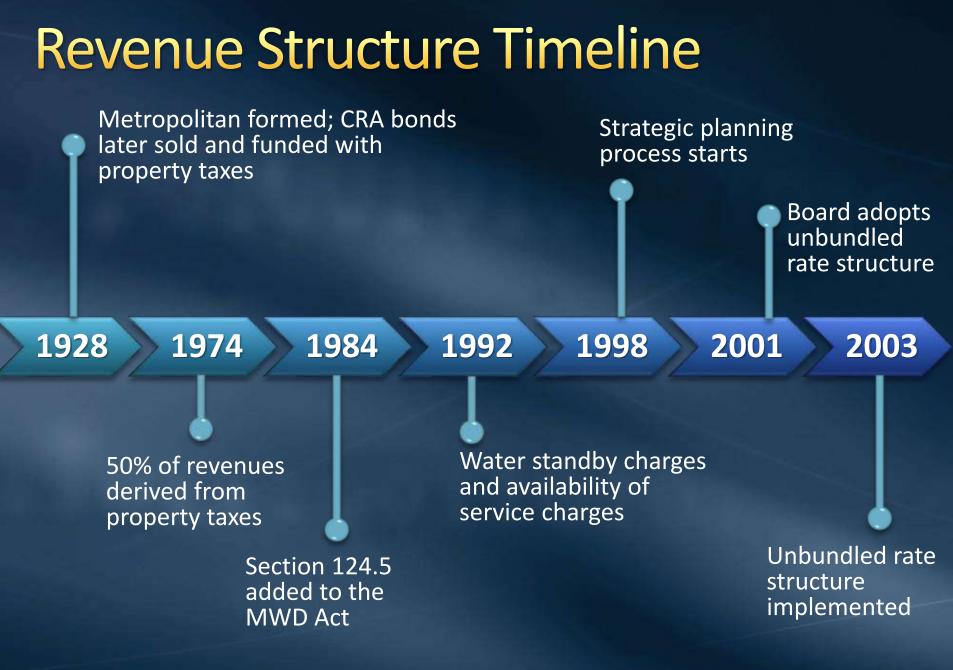
- Posted on September 8, 2020
- Received three proposals
- Zoom interviews
- Based on strength of proposal and facilitator A&N Technical Services was selected

## Facilitator

- Dr. Tom Chesnutt is President of A & N Technical Services, Inc.
- Has 30+ years experience in water rate studies, systems planning and statistical analysis
  - Broad experience with wholesale and retail cost of service water rate studies across Southern California
- Dr. Chesnutt holds a Ph.D. and M.Phil. in Policy Analysis from the RAND Graduate School, an M.S. in Technology and Science Policy from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a B.A. in Economics from Kenyon College.

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# Key Issues to be addressed

- Must adopt a method to recover Demand Management costs
- Other Issues that could be addressed:
  - Review rate re-bundling
  - Review refinements to RTS and CC
  - Revisiting surplus year storage incentives
  - Review Purchase Orders commitments
  - Review availability of service charge
  - Others

#### Next Steps

- Reach out to member agency managers to request at least one staff member participate in rate refinement workgroup
- Propose timeline and process at first workgroup meeting
- Provide monthly updates of workgroup outcomes to member agency managers and F&I Committee
- Incorporate feedback from Board and member agency managers

#### Rate Refinement Working Group Draft Timeline (subject to change)

		DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL & Beyond
Workgroup Meetings	MWD Staff & Facilitator								
Meeting #1	1/6/2021								
Meeting #2	2/10/2021								
Meeting #3	3/10/2021								
Meeting #4	4/7/2021								
Meeting #5	5/5/2021								
Meeting #6	6/2/2021								
Further Meetings as needed									
Member Agency Manager Meetings	MWD Staff & Facilitator								
Meeting #1	1/12/2021								
Meeting #2	2/12/2021								
Meeting #3	3/12/2021								
Meeting #4	4/16/2021								
Meeting #5	5/14/2021								
Meeting #6	6/11/2021								
Further Meetings as needed									
Finance & Insurance Committee	MWD Staff								
Meeting #1	12/7/2020								
Meeting #2	2/8/2021								
Meeting #3	3/8/2021								
Meeting #4	4/12/2021								
Meeting #5	5/10/2021								
Meeting #6	6/7/2021								
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