

POLICY NUMBER: 1.9

NAME OF POLICY: Finance – Budget

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PURPOSE: The budgeting function establishes control and accountability for Authority resources.

POLICY: It is the policy of the Authority to prepare and adopt a budget for the fiscal year to ensure that revenues are sufficient to meet operating and capital expenditures.

The draft budget shall be reviewed by the Managers Advisory Committee (MAC) and Financial Management Committee and approved by the Commission. Adoption of the annual Budget constitutes authority to bill Member Agencies for contributions. It also constitutes approval for expenditures for programs and authorizes the General Manager to make payment for them.

Major budgetary items include:

- Operations – salaries, benefits, chemicals, supplies, maintenance, professional services
- Renewal and Replacement Fund (Capital) Projects – those included on the Commission-approved Project List
- Special Projects – studies and projects outside of normal operations
- Revenues from recycled water, brine, and grants
- Assessment for the Renewal and Replacement Fund

The Annual Budget must be completed and adopted by July 1, in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement. The annual budget may be amended only upon approval of the Commission. The General Manager, however, has discretion of budget changes by account number.

The General Manager shall report budget-to-actual results to the Commission on at least a quarterly basis. The Member Agencies shall submit timely invoices to the Authority to enable prompt and accurate reporting of Authority expenditures.