



Utilities Department 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

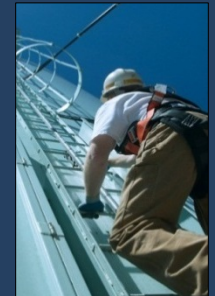
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Agenda

- Proposed budget highlights
- Proposed rates
- ESC budget recommendation



“Invisible Systems, Visible Benefits”

Delivering daily essential services:

- *Water – a life critical resource*
- *Sewer – protecting public health*
- *Storm & Surface Water – protecting the environment*
- *Solid Waste Services – encouraging sustainability*

*in a manner that is environmentally responsible
and cost-competitive*



Unique Challenges

- Out of sight, out of mind
- Capital intensive
- Services are not scalable
- Rates are primary source of revenue
- Competitive rates



Strong Financial Policies

➤ High quality, sustainable services through long-range planning

- Funding for current and future expenses
- Pass wholesale costs through to customers
- Predictable, gradual and uniform rates
- Adequate reserves
- Capital investment - long range planning



Fiscal Stewardship

Budget and rates development involves multiple layers of review:

- Utilities Department leadership
- City Leadership Team
- City Manager's Office
- Environmental Services Commission

Community Engagement:

- CIP online open house
- Neighborhood leaders
- Bellevue Chamber of Commerce
- BOMA

➤ *Our methodology for determining budget and rates is rigorous*

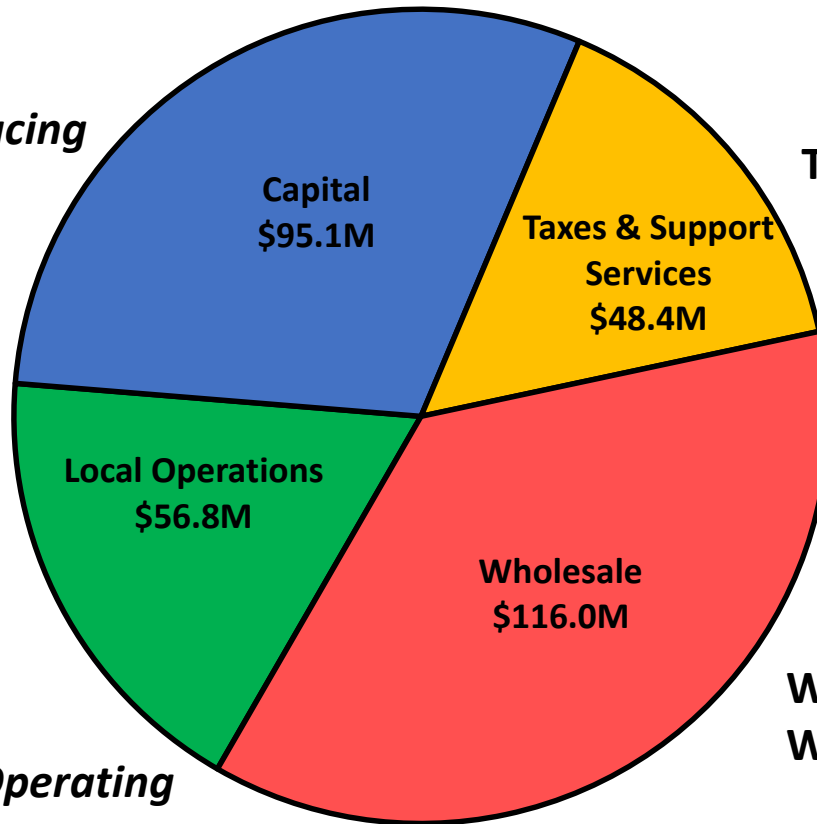




Proposed 2019-2020 Utilities Operating Budget \$316.3M

30%
*Renewing & Replacing
Infrastructure*

15%
Taxes / Support Services



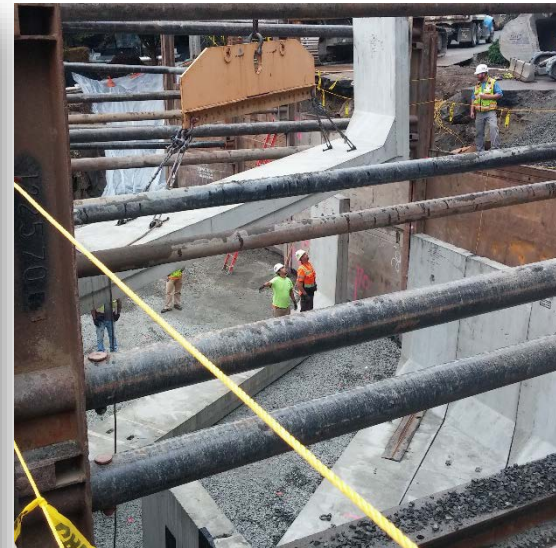
18%
*Maintaining and Operating
the Utility*

37%
*Water Purchase
Wastewater Treatment*

Excludes operating reserves

Managing Aging Infrastructure

Not too soon. Not too late.



Responsible Management of Infrastructure Utilities 2019-2025 CIP: \$225M

- Aging infrastructure (77%)
- Capacity to accommodate growth (5%)
- Environmental preservation & regulatory (8%)
- Service enhancements (10%)

Aging Infrastructure \$173.5M	Capacity for Growth \$10.3M	Environmental Preservation \$18.5M	Service Enhancements \$22.7M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small diameter water main replacement (\$79.2M) • Water Pump station rehab (\$18.5M) • Reservoir rehab (\$16.6M) • Sewer pipeline major system repairs (\$14.5M) • Sewer system trunk rehab (\$11.5M) • Storm infrastructure rehab (\$10.5M) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midlakes Pump Station improvements (\$3.4M) • Water supply for West Bellevue (\$2.3M) • Reservoir storage for downtown (\$1.6M) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Coal Creek flood hazard reduction (\$6.1M) • Flood control program (\$5.8M) • Stream channel modification (\$3.6M) • Fish passage improvements (\$2.5M) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMI implementation (\$14.7) • M&O yard land acquisition (\$8.0M)

Water Sewer Storm Water/Sewer

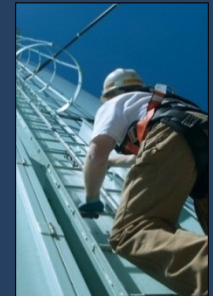
New Investment: Operational Yard Space Land Acquisition

Benefits

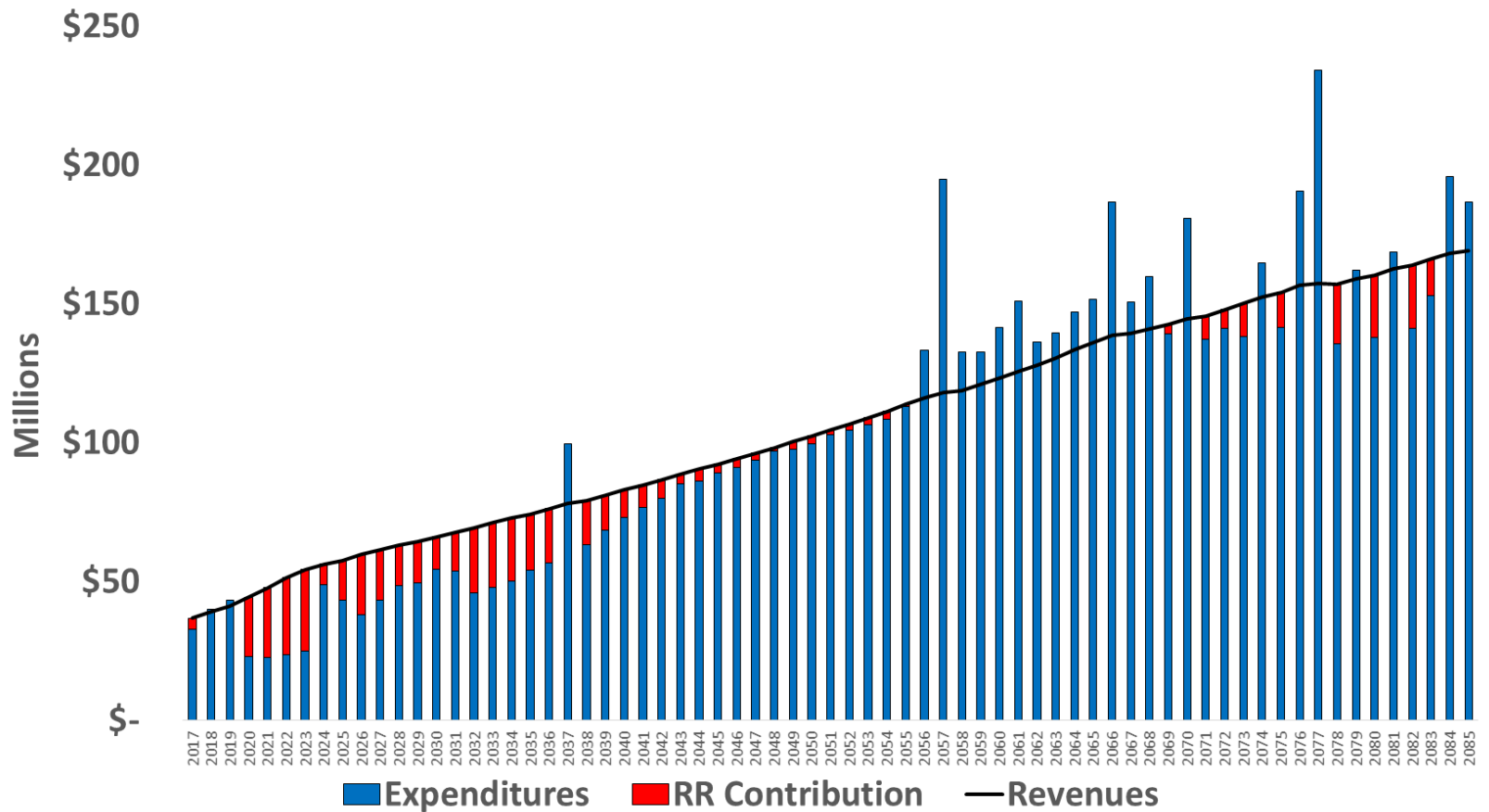
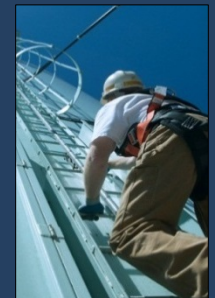
- Reduce crew travel time
- Address operational facility deficiencies
- Improve ability to serve customers
- Improve emergency response capabilities

Budgeted Cost: \$8 million

Funding Source: Reserves



75-Year Infrastructure Replacement and Funding Strategy



Lean Operating Budget

- **Local operating cost increases within inflation**

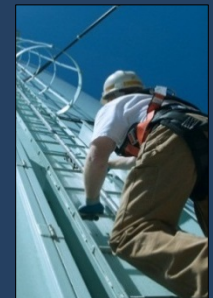
New investments

One-Time

- CCUD reservoir maintenance: \$750K – funded by reserves
- AMI support (8 LTEs) – funded by CIP

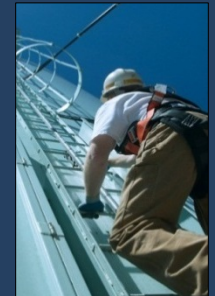
On-Going

- Maintain customer service (0.25FTE): \$18K/yr.
- Enhance storm video inspection program : \$73K/yr.



Proposed 2019-2020 Combined Water, Sewer, and Storm Utility Rates

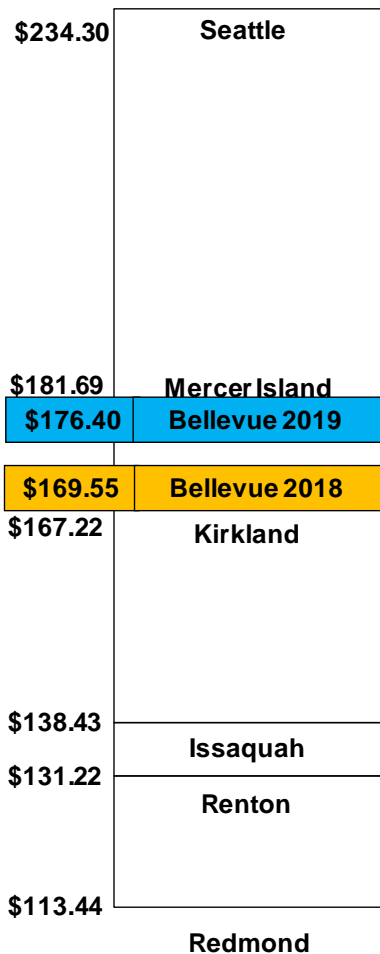
	2019	2020
<i>Early Outlook</i>	4.9%	3.8%
Proposed	4.0%	3.8%



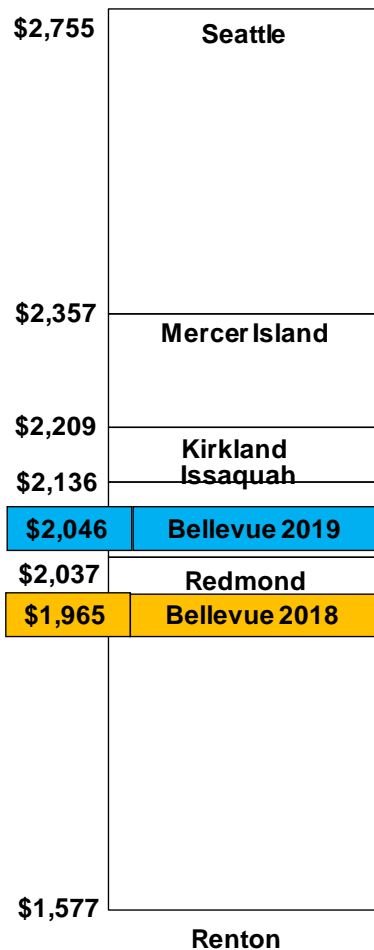
Competitive Utility Rates with our Neighbors – 2018 Combined Water, Sewer & Storm Monthly Bill *(Proposed 2019 Bill for Bellevue Only)*



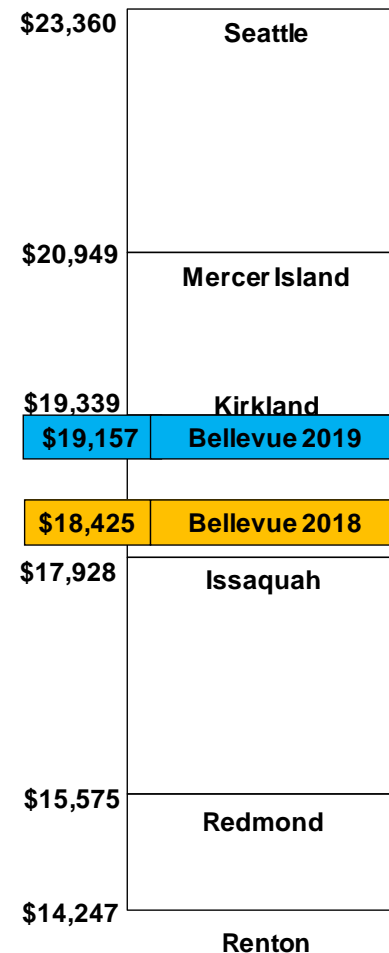
Residential



Multi-Family



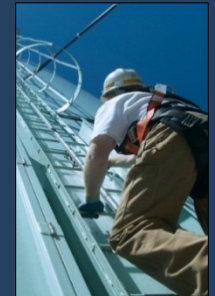
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Attributes of a Well-Managed Utility

- High Customer Satisfaction Rating
 - 87% Customer Satisfaction
- Solid Financial Management
 - High Bond Rating – Aa1
 - No Debt
- National Standards of Excellence
 - APWA Accreditation
 - AMWA Platinum Award
 - AMWA Sustainable Water Utility Management Award

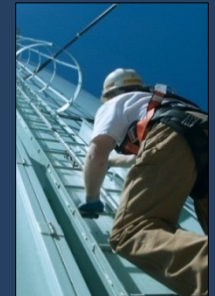




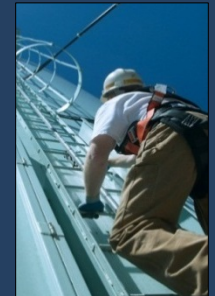
Environmental Services Commission (ESC) Budget Recommendation

Diann Strom, ESC Chair

2019-2020 Budget

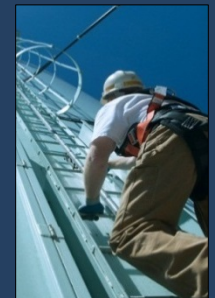


Typical Residential Combined Water, Sewer, & Storm Utility Monthly Bill Rate Drivers



	2019 Bill		2020 Bill	
Prior Year Monthly Bill		\$169.55		\$176.40
Wholesale costs	1.4%	\$2.35	0.8%	\$1.33
Local				
CIP/R&R	1.0%	\$1.62	1.8%	\$3.22
Taxes and Interfunds	0.6%	\$1.03	0.5%	\$0.83
Operations	1.0%	\$1.85	0.7%	\$1.30
Total Local	2.6%	\$4.50	3.0%	\$5.35
Total Increase	4.0%	\$6.85	3.8%	\$6.68
New Monthly Bill		\$176.40		\$183.08

Competitive Utility Rates with our Neighbors – 2018 Water Monthly Bill (Proposed 2019 Bill for Bellevue Only)



Residential

\$66.45	BELLEVUE 2019
\$64.08	BELLEVUE 2018
\$62.14	Seattle
\$60.41	Mercer Island
\$59.05	Kirkland
\$56.07	Issaquah
\$42.24	Renton
\$38.51	Redmond

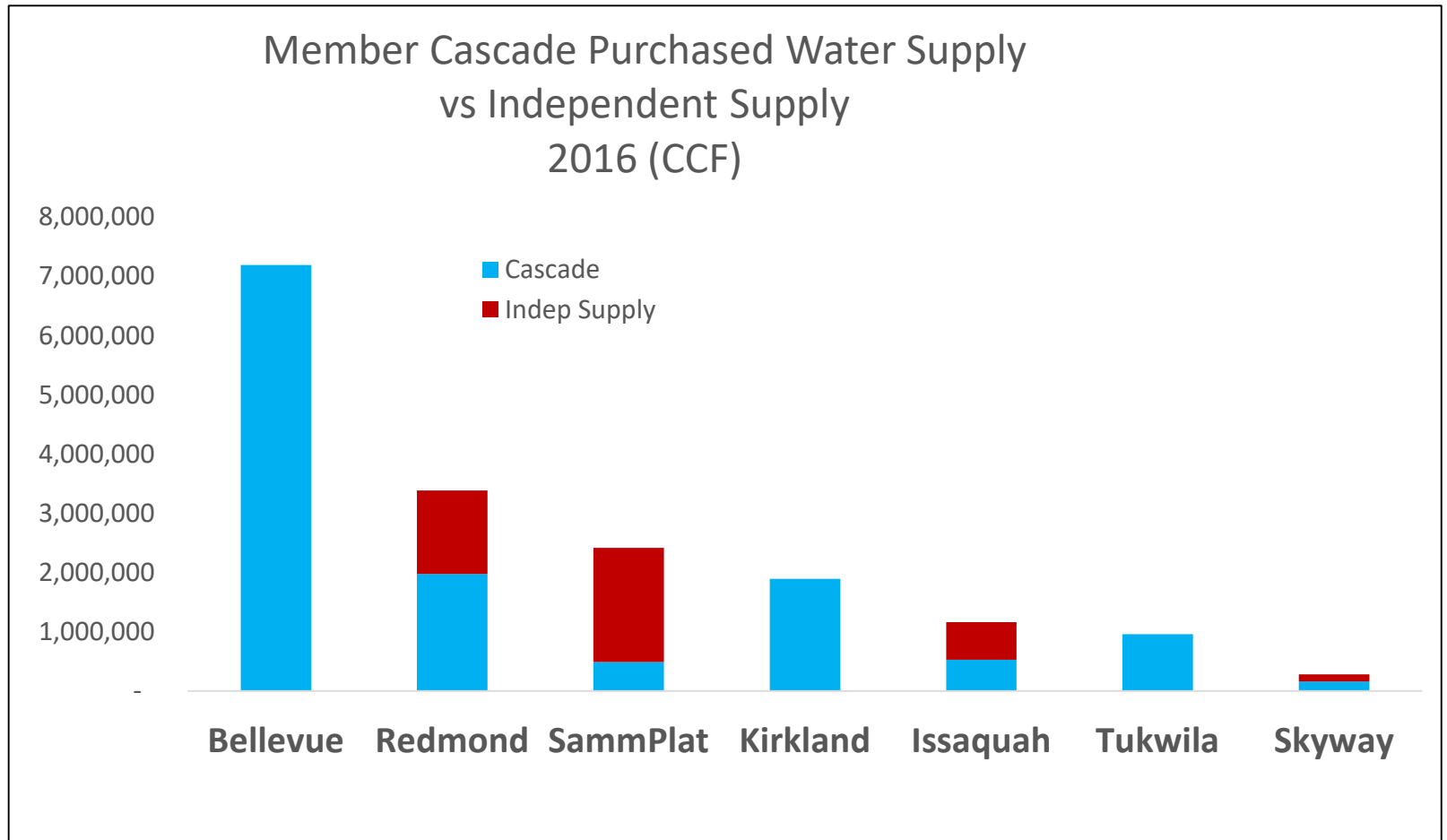
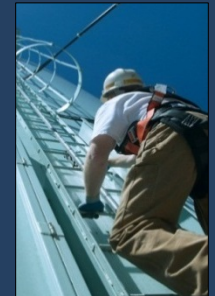
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\$678	BELLEVUE 2019
\$676	Mercer Island
\$654	BELLEVUE 2018
\$623	Issaquah
\$606	Kirkland
\$592	Seattle
\$396	Renton
\$369	Redmond

Commercial

\$6,399	BELLEVUE 2019
\$6,383	Issaquah
\$6,171	BELLEVUE 2018
\$5,911	Mercer Island
\$5,872	Kirkland
\$5,813	Seattle
\$3,811	Renton
\$3,361	Redmond

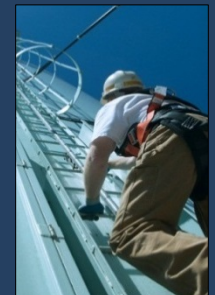
Water Supply – CWA Members



Water CIP per Capita

Jurisdiction	Average Annual Water CIP (\$M)	2017 Residential Population	Average Annual Water CIP per Capita
Bellevue	\$19.4	140,700	\$138
Mercer Island	\$3.3	24,210	\$136
Seattle	\$92.8	713,700	\$130
Issaquah	\$4.5	36,030	\$125
Renton	\$9.5	102,700	\$93
Redmond	\$2.9	62,110	\$47
Kirkland	\$1.6	86,080	\$19

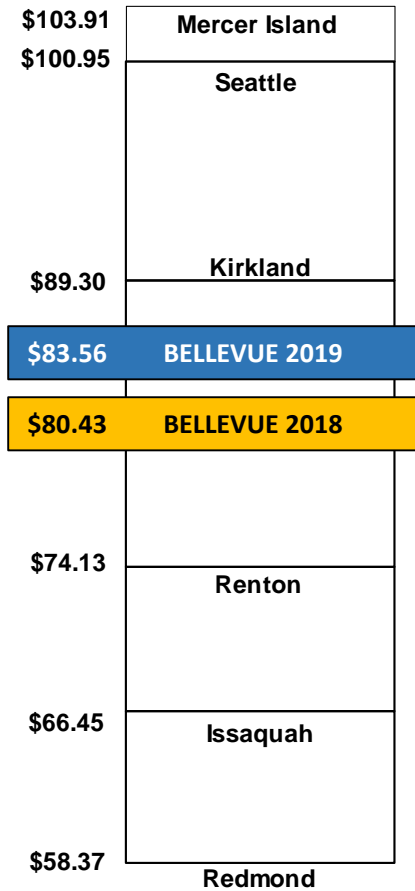
Source: Jurisdiction adopted CIP budgets; Wa. State OFM April 2017 Official Population Estimates. Bellevue data includes the planned contribution to the renewal and replacement fund for the future replacement of water utility infrastructure.



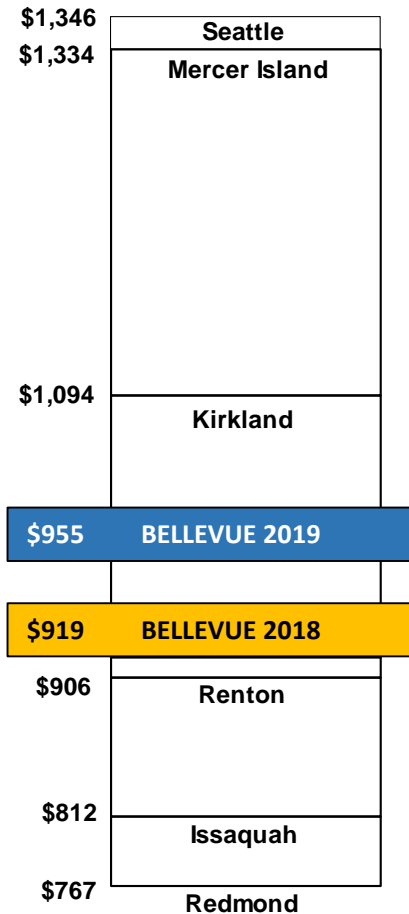
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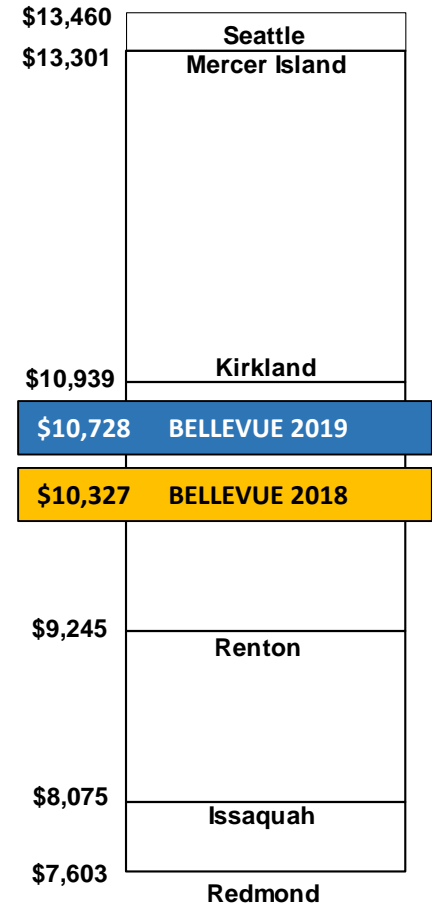
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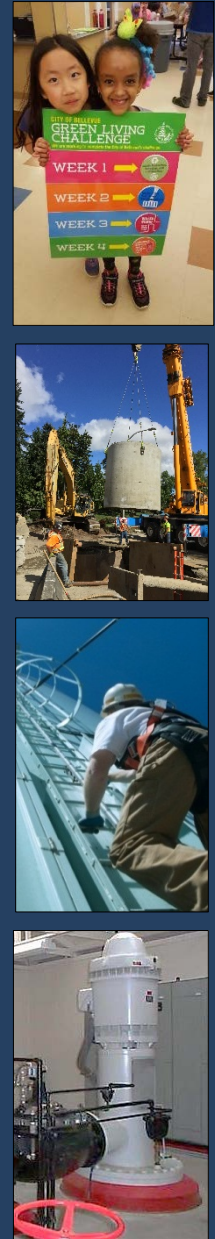
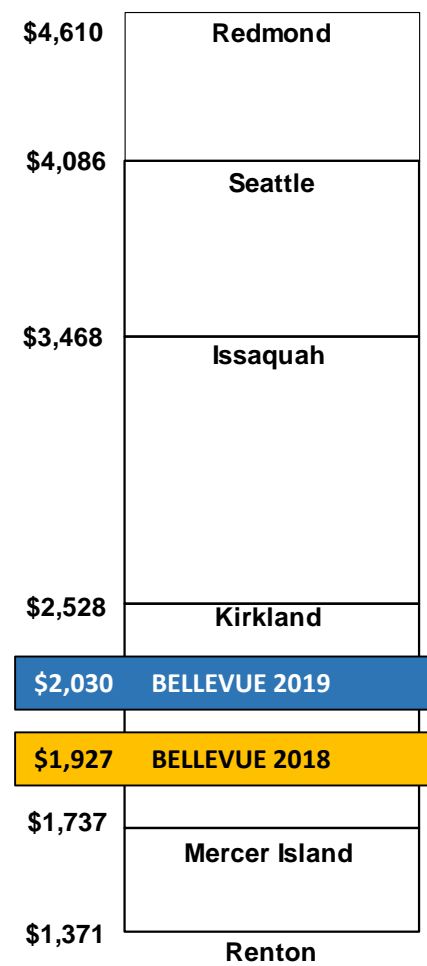
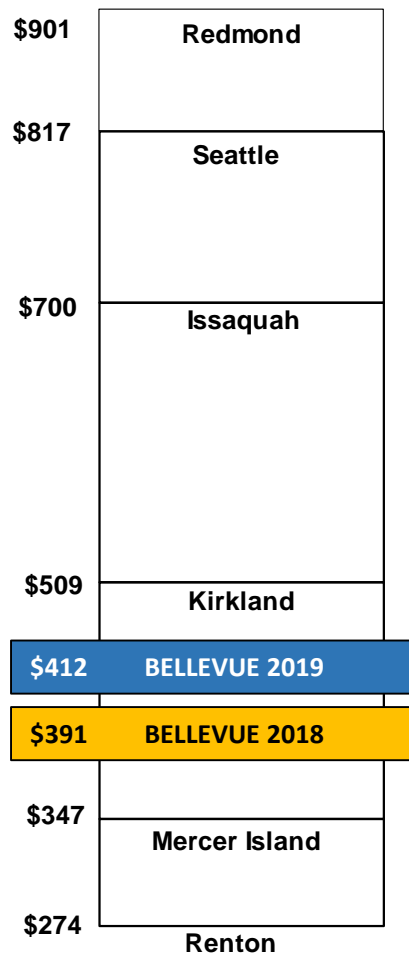
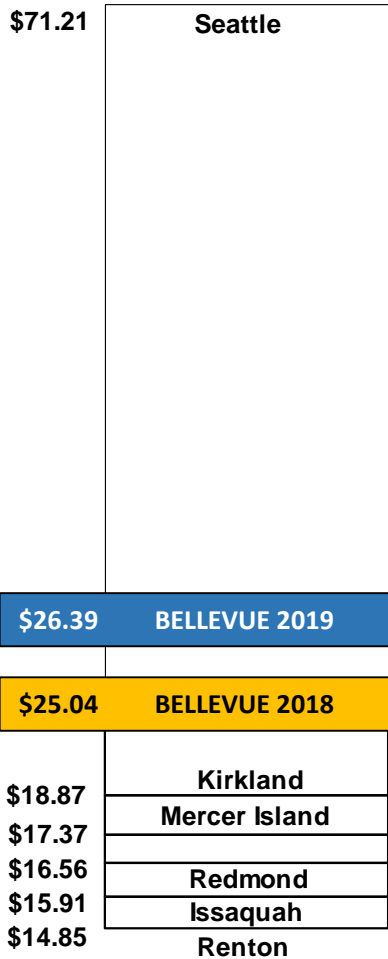


Competitive Utility Rates with our Neighbors – 2018 Storm Monthly Bill (Proposed 2019 Bill for Bellevue Only)

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2019-2024 Combined Utility Rates Forecast Provides Predictability and Certainty

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<i>Early Outlook</i>	4.9%	3.8%	4.2%	4.3%	4.1%	4.0%
Proposed	4.0%	3.8%	5.0%	3.7%	4.4%	4.4%

