

17-19 Wastewater/Stormwater Permit Fee Rulemaking

April 4, 2017

The Meeting Will Begin Soon

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Wastewater/Stormwater Permit Fees Update for 17-19

Wastewater Discharge Permit Fee Rulemaking Hearing

April 4, 2017



Agenda

Background on Permit Fee Increases

Approach to 17-19 Biennium Fees

Rulemaking Timeline



Background



Background

Fee Program Mandate

Initiative
97
(1988)

- Mandated that Ecology create a fee program for issuing & administering wastewater discharge permits

At the time, the fee program was structured around individual major industrial and municipal wastewater permits



Background



“Fees shall be established in amounts to fully recover and not to exceed expenses incurred by the Department...”

(RCW 90.48.465, Water discharge fees)

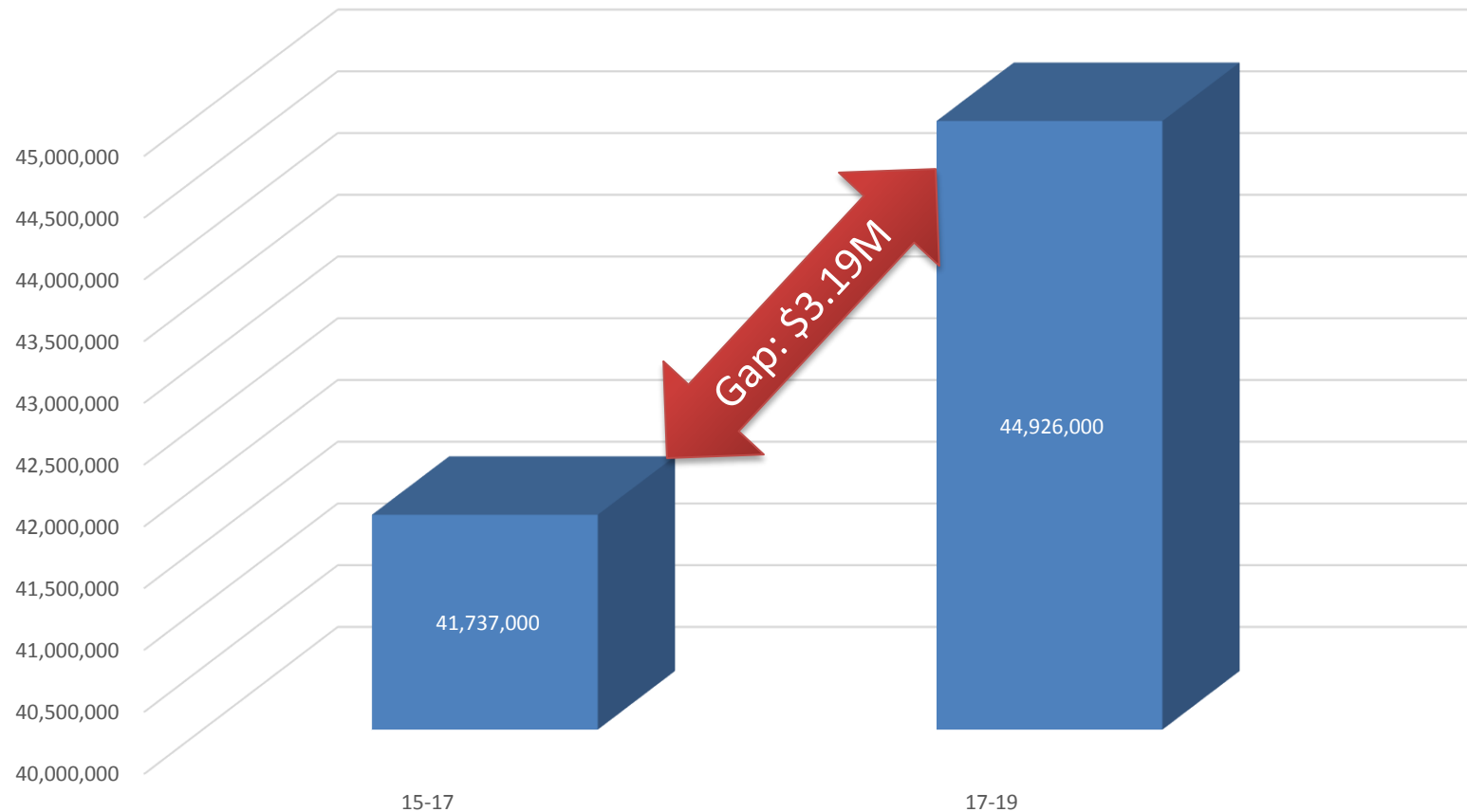


Why Increase Fees in 17-19



17-19 Budget Outlook

Biennial Appropriation Levels for Fund 176

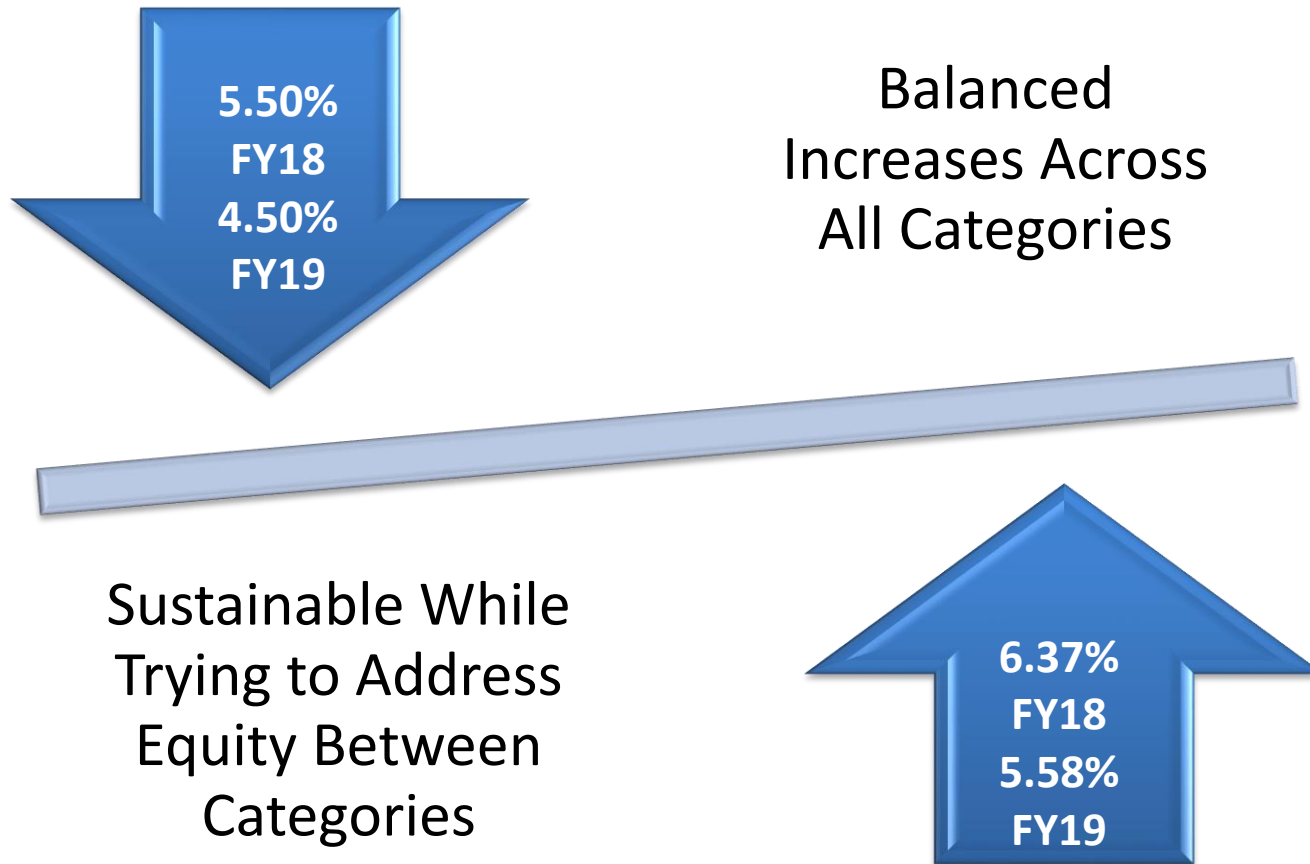


*Based on Governor's 2017-19 Operating Budget Proposal

How to Fee Increases for 17-19



Fee Increase Options Explored



Impact to Proposed Approach

Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees - **DRAFT**


| FEE CATEGORY | SUBCATEGORY (1&2) | <i>Proposed</i> | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | FY16 ANNUAL FEE | FY17 ANNUAL FEE | FY18 ANNUAL FEE | FY19 ANNUAL FEE |
| Power and/or Steam Plants | a. Steam Generation - nonelectric | \$ 6,879.00 | \$ 7,188.00 | \$ 7,583.00 | \$ 7,924.00 |
| | b. Hydroelectric | \$ 6,897.00 | \$ 7,188.00 | \$ 7,583.00 | \$ 7,924.00 |
| | c. Nonfossil Fuel | \$ 10,354.00 | \$ 10,686.00 | \$ 11,274.00 | \$ 11,781.00 |
| | d. Fossil Fuel | \$ 27,608.00 | \$ 28,494.00 | \$ 30,061.00 | \$ 31,414.00 |
| Pulp, Paper and Paper Board | a. Fiber Recyclers | \$ 17,254.00 | \$ 17,808.00 | \$ 18,787.00 | \$ 19,632.00 |
| | b. Paper Mills | \$ 34,508.00 | \$ 35,616.00 | \$ 37,575.00 | \$ 39,266.00 |
| | c. Groundwood Pulp Mills < 300 tons/day | \$ 51,765.00 | \$ 53,427.00 | \$ 56,365.00 | \$ 58,901.00 |
| | d. Groundwood Pulp Mills > 300 tons/day | \$ 103,539.00 | \$ 106,863.00 | \$ 112,740.00 | \$ 117,813.00 |
| | e. Chemical Pulp Mills w/o Chlorine Bleaching | \$ 138,037.00 | \$ 142,468.00 | \$ 150,304.00 | \$ 157,068.00 |
| | f. Chemical Pulp Mills w/Chlorine Bleaching | \$ 155,288.00 | \$ 160,273.00 | \$ 169,088.00 | \$ 176,697.00 |



17-19 Rulemaking



Timeline for 17-19 Rulemaking

| Date | Activity |
|---|---|
| November 29, 2016 | Agency approval to proceed with rulemaking. |
| December 7, 2016 | Announce rulemaking |
| December 9, 2016 | Rulemaking website goes live and Ecology mails/emails notice to all permittees and other interested parties |
| Early January 2017 | Meet with stakeholder workgroup to review proposed increases and answer questions |
| March 1, 2017 | File the proposed rule (begins the public comment period) |
|  April 4, 2017 | Hold public hearing (in Lacey and via webinar) |
| April 11, 2017 | Public comment period ends |
| April-May 2017 | Review and address public comments received |
| June 28, 2017 | Adopt rule |
| July 29, 2017 | Rule become effective |



Questions / Discussion



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