

**Austin Water Utility**  
**Joint Committee on AWU's Financial Plan**  
**Straw Poll Results through Meeting #7**  
**2/1/2012**

**Fixed Charges**

- A new tiered fixed charge will replace the current revenue stability fee and will be based on billed volume instead of meter size.
- The new tiered fixed charge for residential customers should be based on monthly water usage. The fixed charge would be a set charge for those bills that fall within a rate block, not a volumetric charge per 1,000 gallons.
- The number of tiers in the new fixed charge for residential customers would be consistent with the number of volumetric rate blocks.
- The new tiered fixed charge for non-residential commercial and multifamily customers would remain as a meter based fee.
- The new tiered fixed charge for non-residential large volume and wholesale customers would be a set amount that would recover the recommended fixed revenue amount for the class.
- The current monthly minimum charge (\$7.10 for a 5/8" meter) based on the cost of service model methodology including three components of customer charge, equivalent meter, and fire protection, would remain the same for all customer classes.

**Fixed Revenue Goals**

- The basis for any fixed revenue goal should be the percentage of total revenue.
- A starting point for the fixed revenue goal should be 20% of total revenue, but the Committee will consider additional options as the process continues.

**Volatility & Volumetric Rates**

**Revenue Stability Fee and Reserve Fund**

**Financial Metrics**

**Impact Fees and Service Extension Reimbursement Policies**

**Drought Emergency Rates**

**Water Conservation & Marketing Targeted to High Volume, Low-Income Households**

**Capital Improvement Program Investment Strategies**