



Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California
and Regional Conveyance

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Subject

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Purpose

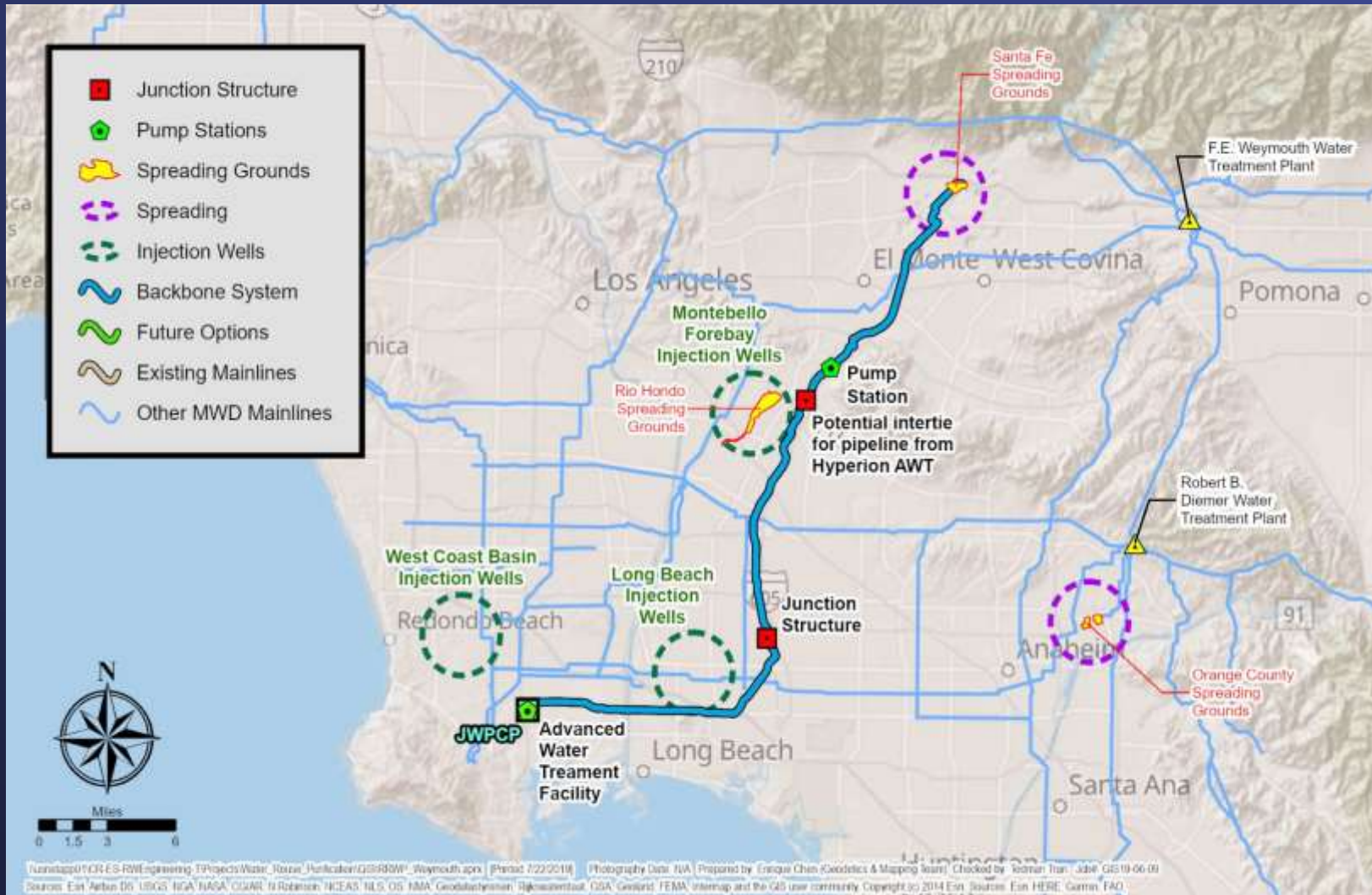
To provide cost estimates for the Pure Water Southern California Program based on current program scope

PWSC Program Cost Update

Agenda

- Program Overview
- 2018 RRWP Cost Estimate
- Updated PWSC Facilities
- 2023 PWSC Cost Estimate
- Potential Funding Sources
- Phase 2 PWSC
- Next Steps

RRWP – Key Phase 1 Program Components (2018)

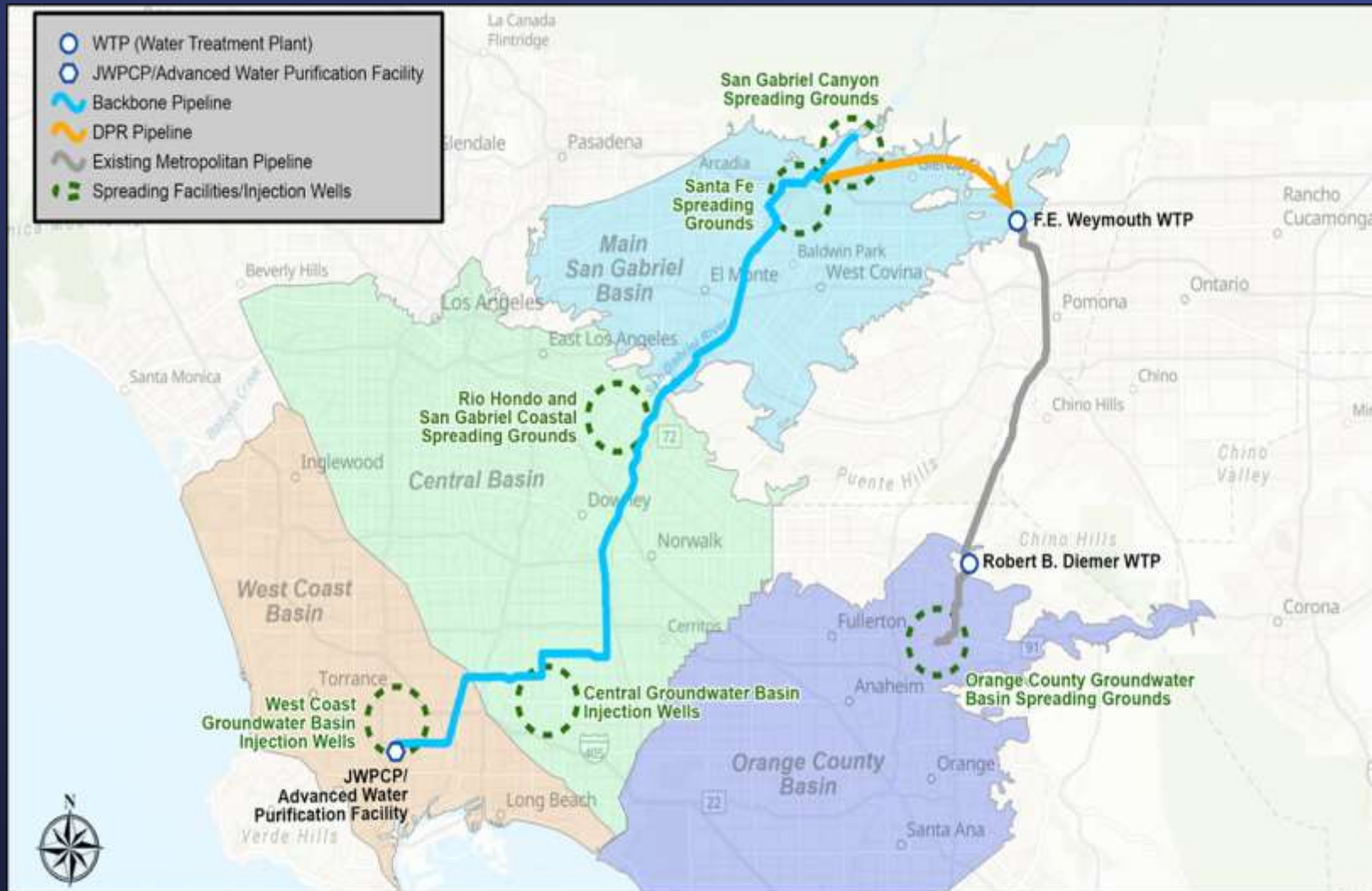


- Initial 100 mgd treatment capacity
- IPR through replenishment and industry uses
- Advanced treatment at LACSD's JWPCP
- 38 miles of backbone pipeline to Santa Fe Spreading Grounds

2018 Cost of RRWP was \$3.4 billion



PWSC – Key Program Components (2023)



- Phase 1: 115 mgd of treatment capacity
- 90 mgd of IPR through replenishment and industry uses
- 25 mgd of DPR through raw water augmentation
- 42 miles of backbone pipeline to Canyon Spreading Grounds
- Repurpose existing Azusa Pipeline to convey water to Weymouth Plant for DPR

Key Changes to Project Scope/Configuration Since 2018

Description	2018 Program	2023 Program: Additions from 2018
Capacity Phase 1	100 mgd	115 mgd
Treatment processes	MBR/RO/UV	MBR/RO/UV
Conveyance pipeline diameter	7-foot	7 & 9-foot (includes Operation NEXT)
Pipeline to Orange County	Yes	No
LACSD Facilities	Warren Facility Modifications: (Influent PS/Screening facilities)	Expanded Warren Facility modifications: (Treat centrate, HPOLE, Abandon oil wells)
Additional Facilities	Operations building, Public outreach facilities, Laboratory, Warehouse, Fueling facility, SCE substation	New off-site SCE facilities, workforce training center, solar, tour facilities, EV charging
Recharge Facilities	Injection wells Existing LACFCD recharge basins	New dedicated recharge basin
DPR Facilities	No	Repurposed Azusa pipeline/PS, 25 mgd DPR processes at Weymouth
Property/Community Benefits	No	Yes

PWSC 2023 Cost Estimate

CPI (U) Los Angeles,
Long Beach, Anaheim

18-Jan	23-Aug
261.235	324.05

Approx. 24% increase

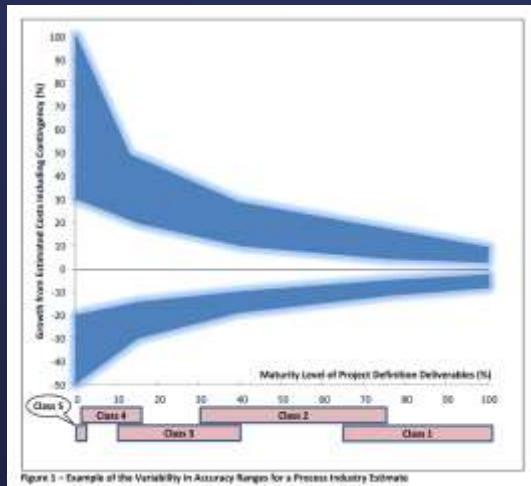
Multiple Factors Impact the 2023 Costs

- Updated costs are impacted by:
 - Current scope of facilities
 - Inflation/supply chain issues
 - Property and ROW considerations
 - Mitigation features & community benefits
 - Program partner facilities
 - Build America/Buy America Act guidelines
- Developed initial estimate of partner contributions
- Identified and estimated potential grants
- Included upsized pipe for Operation NEXT

Utilization of Appropriate Estimating Assumptions

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Cost Estimate Assumptions



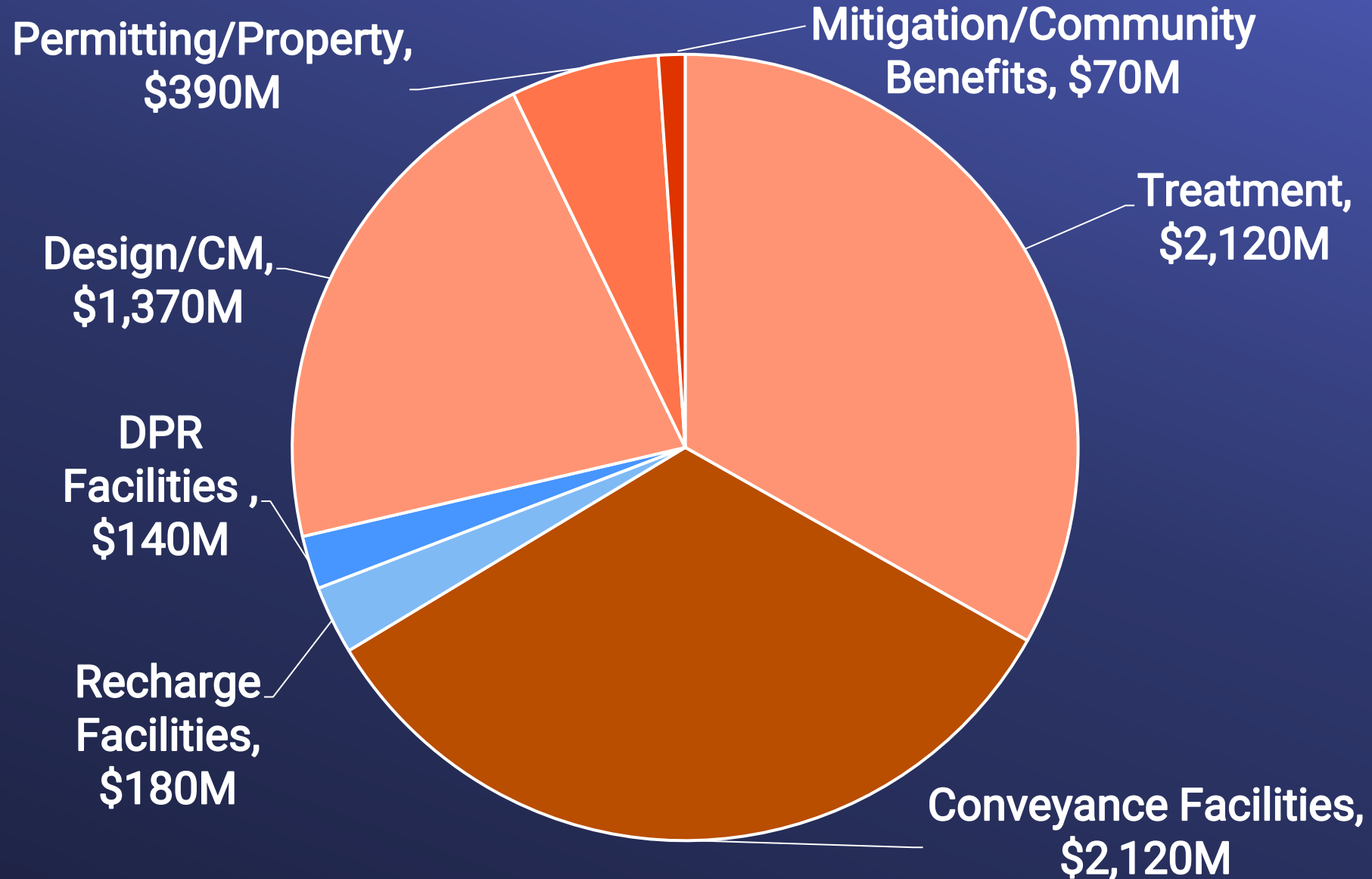
The AACE Cost Estimating Classification System can be lowered as the Program is better defined

- Costs estimated by significant categories
 - (Improvements to LACSD's Warren Facility, AWT, Conveyance, Recharge Facilities, O&M)
- Program Soft Costs:
 - Program Management – 5%
 - Design/Const. Mngt./other – 25%
- Program Contingency – 35%
- Cost estimates include elements of Class 4 and Class 5
- Accuracy of this cost estimate can range from about -20% (low) to +40% (high)

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PWSC Facility Costs (Phase 1)

Costs are in 2023 dollars and include a 35% contingency and no escalation

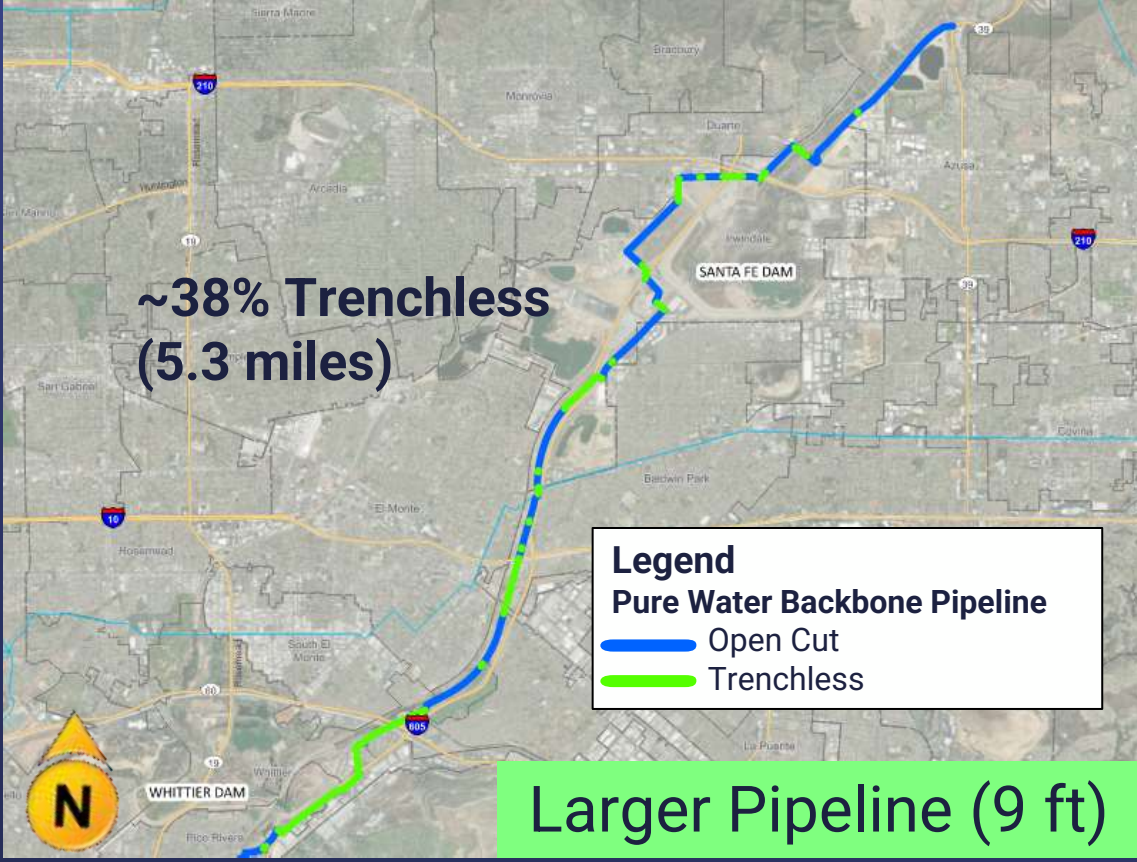


2023
PWSC Facility Costs
(Phase 1)

Description	Cost (\$M) ¹
Treatment Facilities	\$2,120
Conveyance Facilities	\$2,120
Recharge Facilities	\$180
DPR Facilities to Weymouth	\$140
Subtotal	\$4,560
Design/CM	\$1,370
Property/Permitting	\$390
Mitigation Measures/Community Benefits	\$70
Total	\$6,390

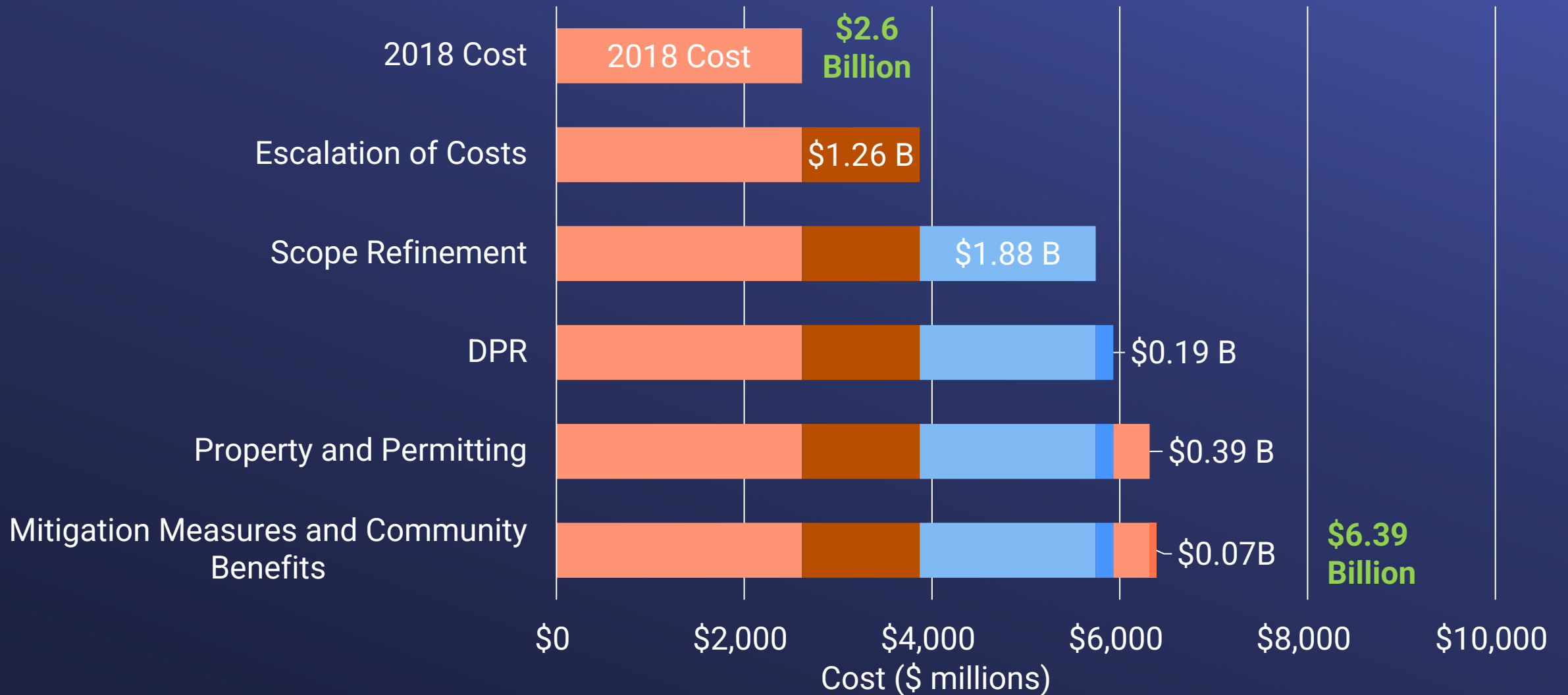
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Operation NEXT Impacts to Pipeline Infrastructure



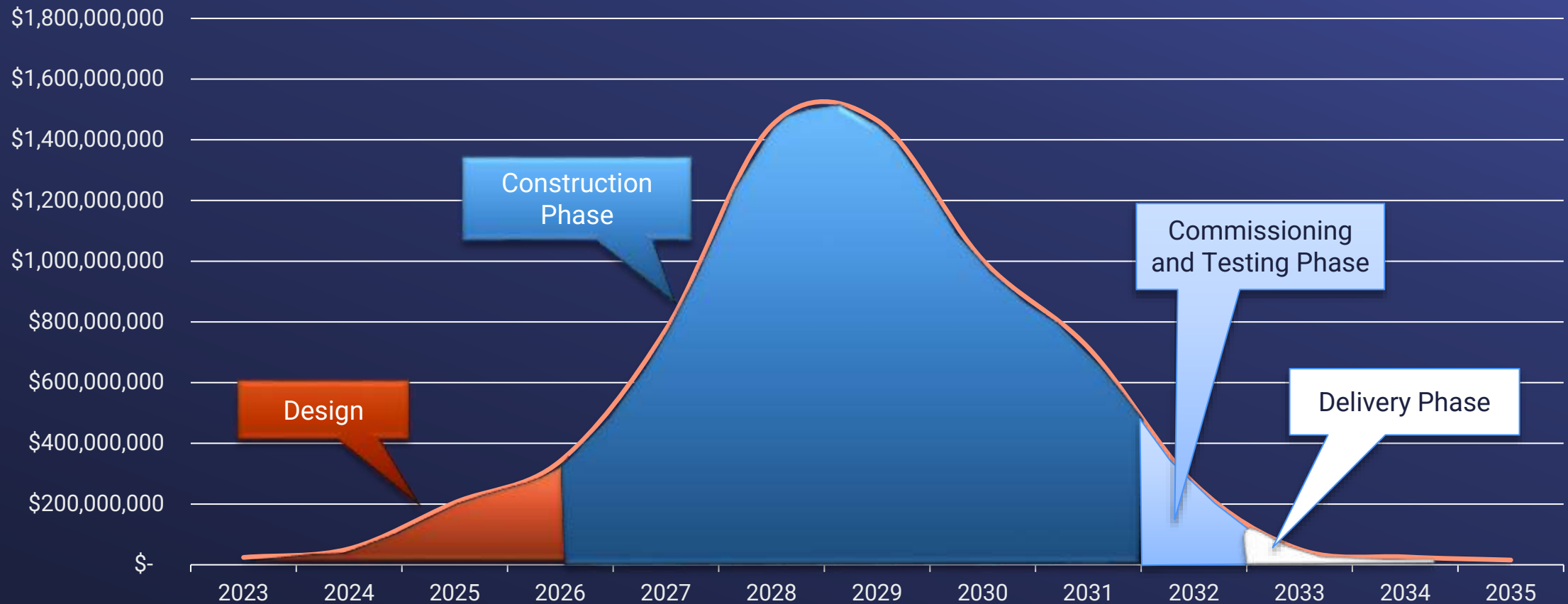
- Construction cost increases:
 - Adds about \$525M to pipeline cost over 14 miles
 - Additional tunneling, increased excavation, larger pipe

2023 Phase 1 Cost Comparison with the 2018 Costs



PWSC Phase 1 Cash Flow

- Escalated to mid-point of construction
- Escalated at 4.5% per year to 2030
- Phase 1 escalated cost: \$8.6B



O&M Costs are an Important Part of Determining the Unit Cost

2023
PWSC O&M
Costs
(Phase 1)

Facilities	Treatment (\$M) ¹	Conveyance (\$M) ¹
Power, Chemicals, Maintenance and Consumables	115	29
Major Equipment Replacement	12	1
Labor	50	2
Other	6	13
Subtotal	183	45
Total		228

¹ Costs are in 2023 dollars and include a 15% contingency

Metropolitan's Estimated Share of PWSC Costs

Total Funding by Type	Low Estimates (\$M)	High Estimates (\$M)	Comments
Capital Costs Phase 1	\$6,390	\$6,390	
State/Federal Grants	\$140	\$340	State Funds - \$80M T16 WaterSmart – \$5M Large Scale Water Recycling - TBD
Partner Carried Costs	\$1,660	\$2,490	LACSD – Warren Facility (JWPCP) LADWP – Operation NEXT upsizing Member Agencies – Recharge Facilities
Net Costs	\$4,590	\$3,560	
Out-of-Area Contributions	\$0	\$1,500	SNWA, Arizona DWP/CAP
Metropolitan's share of program costs	\$4,590	\$2,060	

Project and Financial Assumptions

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PWSC Unit Costs

Project Assumptions	
Project Start	2023
First Year Project Operational	2033 (10 years)
Design Capacity	115 MGD
Production Avg Yield	118 TAF/yr
Engineering & PM	25% + 5%
Contingency - Capital	35%
Contingency – O&M	15%

Financial Assumptions	
Escalation Rate	4%
Discount Rate	4%
% PAYGO	0%
Debt Issuance	
Fixed Interest Rate	4.5%
Term	30 years
Cost of Issuance	0.5%
Bond Reserve	0%

Assumptions in tables above were made solely for the purpose of developing initial program cost information and may be modified in the future

PWSC Unit Costs – Phase 1

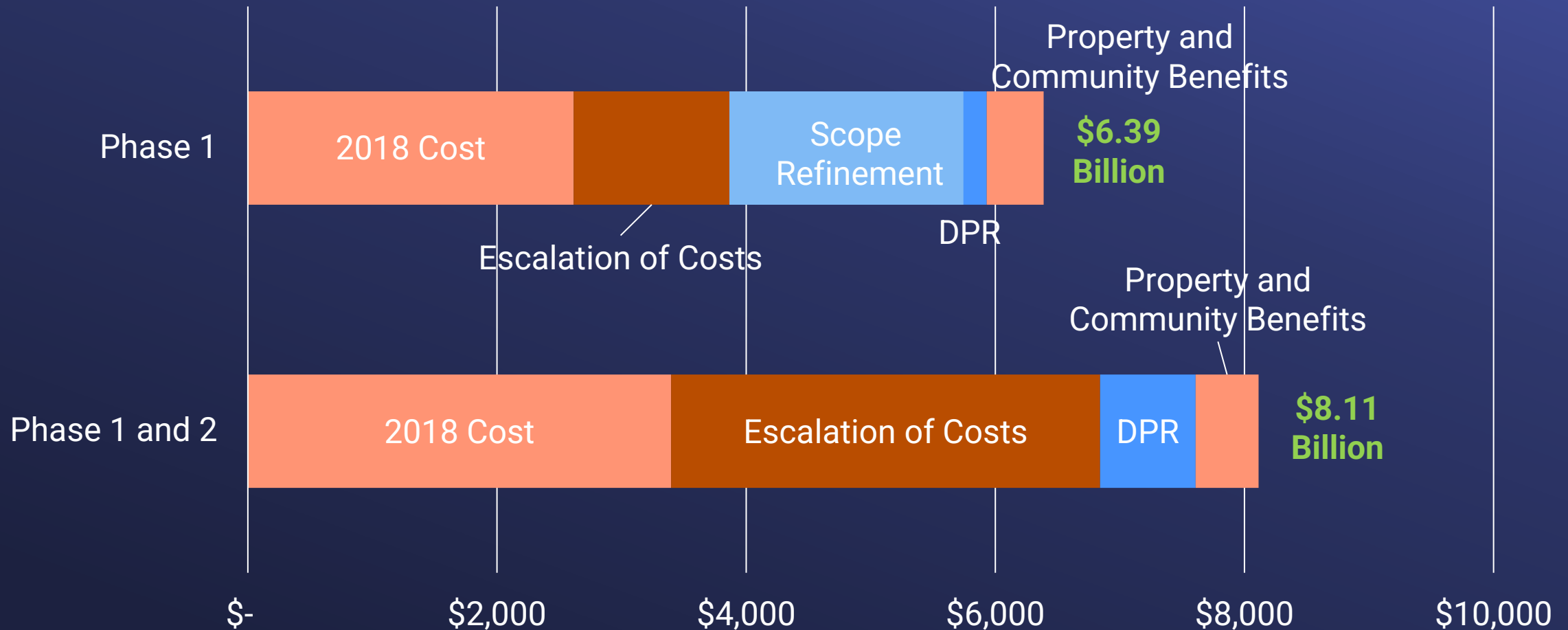
	Low Contribution Estimate	High Contribution Estimate
Unit Cost (\$/AF, 2023 dollars)		
Capital Costs	2,012	1,562
O&M Cost	1,612	1,258
Total Unit Cost	3,624	2,820

- Unit costs are in In 2023 dollars
- Unit costs are for when program is complete and fully operational
- Financing: 4.5%/yr for a period of 30yrs
- Yield: 118 TAF yield (92% online)

If the project could be financed at an average rate of **2.25%** interest rates, the unit rates would be reduced to **\$3,126/AF** and **\$2,433/AF**

PWSC Full Build-Out Cost Estimate (150 mgd)

- Estimates in 2023 dollars
- DPR application expanded from 25 mgd to 60 mgd
- Uncertainties with Phase 2 treatment process and location(s)
- Phase 2 potentially expands use of Raw Water Augmentation or initiates Treated Water Augmentation



Next Steps for Program Advancement

- Financial Aspects
 - Refine cost estimate
 - Continue pursuit of federal/state grants
 - Negotiate agreements/contributions with in-region program partners
 - Plan for contributions with SNWA and Arizona Parties
 - Develop alternative cost recovery plans for Board consideration
- Technical Aspects
 - Complete engineering studies
 - Complete CEQA process
 - Continue program development through preliminary designs and program management
- Seek Board authorization of a phased approach to the Program

