FAIRVIEW WATER DISTRICT

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FAIRVIEW WATER DISTRICT
BUDGET MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

The proposed budget for the Fairview Water District for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 reflects a transition year for the District.

During fiscal year 2025-26, the District completed several important projects to improve the water system. Approximately $190,000 was used from the District's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) savings account to fund this work. These projects included restoring two wells and completing work on a third, restoring the exterior of the reservoir, making improvements to wellhouse facilities, purchasing operational equipment, and completing a water rate study.

Because these projects were funded with savings, the District is entering fiscal year 2026-27 with lower available cash reserves than in previous years. For this reason, the proposed budget takes a more cautious approach to spending. Capital improvement funding has been reduced for the coming year while the District operates without using as much of its savings.

Most day-to-day operating expenses remain similar to the previous year. Some adjustments have been made to reflect current staffing levels, typical spending patterns, and expected increases in areas such as insurance, employee benefits, and professional services. The District currently operates with four full-time employees who are responsible for operating, maintaining, and stewarding the water system.

At the time this budget was prepared, the Board of Commissioners was discussing a possible adjustment to water rates. Because no final decision had been made, the proposed budget does not include additional revenue from a potential rate change.

Overall, the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-27 is designed to maintain reliable water service for the District's customers while recognizing the District's current financial position following recent system improvements. Our goal continues to be to provide safe and reliable drinking water for all of our customers while managing public funds responsibly.

Additional notes have been included with the proposed budget to help explain individual line items and any changes from prior years.

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GENERAL FUND
RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS

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	Historical Data					Budget for Next Year 2026-27			
	Actual			Fund	DESCRIPTION				
	Second Preceding Year 2023-24	First Preceding Year 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	01	RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS	Proposed By Budget Officer	Approved By Budget Committee	Adopted By Governing Body	
					RESOURCES				
1	317622	292638	390000	01-4400	Available cash on hand	200000			1
2	18775	14835	15000	01-4164	Interest	4800			2
3									3
4	510977	502267	510000	01-4001	Revenue - Sale of Water	510000			4
5	0	0	500	01-4004	Revenue - Sales, Service, Labor	500			5
6	0	0	500	01-4006	Revenue - Late Payment Fee	1000			6
7	3244	0	2500	01-4162	Revenue - Miscellaneous Income	500			7
8	0	125000	0	01-4999	Transferred IN from Capital Fund	0			8
9									9
10									10
11									11
12									12
13									13
14									14
15	850618	934740	918500		**Total resources, except taxes to be levied**	716800	0	0	15
16			31000	01-4163	Taxes estimated to be received	32000			16
17	28995	30841			Taxes collected in year levied				17
18	**879613**	**965581**	**949500**		**TOTAL RESOURCES**	**748800**	**0**	**0**	18

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19					**REQUIREMENTS for OPERATIONS**				19
20									20
21					**PERSONNEL SERVICES**				21
22	3 FTE	4FTE	4 FTE		Total Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE	22
23	134985	98208	125000	01-7000	Payroll Benefits	130000			23
24	144971	220989	315000	01-7100	Payroll Wages & Taxes	310000			24
25	**279956**	**319197**	**440000**		**TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES**	**440000**	**0**	**0**	25
26									26
27					**MATERIAL AND SERVICES**				27
28	10177	13003	14000	01-7130	Insurance	16000			28
29	2188	438	10000	01-7135	Engineering, Easements, Surveys	5000			29
30	1713	2723	3000	01-7138	Compliance, Operating Costs	3000			30
31	30852	14272	16000	01-7139	Accounting, Auditing	23000			31
32	2667	4554	3000	01-7140	Legal Services	3500			32
33	902	1374	1500	01-7141	Licenses, Dues, Certifications, Memberships	1800			33
34	392	447	600	01-7154	Security & Forest Patrol	600			34
35	0	0	200	01-7155	County Lease Agreement	200			35
36	2108	15828	20000	01-7156	Contractor Services	25000			36
37	13265	11450	15000	01-7157	Contracted Services	14000			37
38	18151	39009	45000	01-7158	System Repair & Materials	45000			38
39	841	8666	10000	01-7159	Building Maintenance	5000			39
40	1767	0	0	01-7161	Stock Supplies, Materials, Expenses	0			40
41	1143	0	0	01-7162	Shop Supplies, Materials, Expenses	0			41
42	3650	0	0	01-7163	Rock, Paving, Trucking	0			42
43	1311	1131	6000	01-7164	Water Compliance, Reports, Testing	4000			43
44	1141	1110	3500	01-7166	Staff Training & Education	3000			44
45	7265	0	0	01-7167	Repairs & Service - Pumps, Wells	0			45

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46	1159	0	0	01-7168	Repairs & Service - Meters	0			46
47	45600	44944	55000	01-7170	Electricity	53000			47
48	1967	1413	3500	01-7195	Shop Truck Maintenance & Expenses	2500			48
49	4172	3575	6000	01-7196	Fuel	5000			49
50	861	550	1000	01-7215	Public Notices Published	900			50
51	434	522	1000	01-7216	Budget and Election Expenses	1000			51
52	724	980	3500	01-7221	Board of Commissioners Training & Other Expenses	3000			52
53	1686	3799	3000	01-7225	Communications	3000			53
54	4693	0	0	01-7226	Computer Support, Services, Maintenance	0			54
55	95	487	500	01-7247	Miscellaneous Expenses	800			55
56	7254	12161	20000	01-7250	Office, Administration, Postage Expenses	17000			56
57	853	0	0	01-7258	Small Equipment & Tools - Purchase, Repair, Maintenance	0			57
58	0	0	0	01-7260	Janitorial & Other Supplies	0			58
59	10	0	0	01-7270	Trash Pick-up & Hauling	0			59
60	0	0	0	01-7271	Employee Reimbursement - Gas, Mileage	0			60
61	67	79	300	01-7272	Charge-offs & Refunds	300			61
62	**169108**	**182515**	**241600**		**TOTAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES**	**235600**	**0**	**0**	62
63									63
64					**CAPITAL OUTLAY**				64
65	69080	5458	60000	01-7581	Capital Equipment and Tools	21000			65
66	0	23341	15000	01-7582	Capital Engineering, Easements, Surveys	5000			66
67	66817	183070	175000	01-7587	Capital Improvements & Repairs	45000			67
68	**135897**	**211869**	**250000**		**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY**	**71000**	**0**	**0**	68
69									69
70	**584961**	**713581**	**931600**		**TOTAL REQUIREMENTS for OPERATIONS**	**746600**	**0**	**0**	70
71									71
72					**UNALLOCATED REQUIREMENTS**				72

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	Second Preceding Year 2023-24	First Preceding Year 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	01	RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS	Proposed By Budget Officer	Approved By Budget Committee	Adopted By Governing Body	
73									73
74					**INTERFUND TRANFERS**				74
75	160000	0	0	01-7712	General Fund to Capital Project Fund	0	0	0	75
76	**160000**	**0**	**0**		**TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS**	**0**	**0**	**0**	76
77									77
78			17900	01-7800	Operating Contingency	2200	0	0	78
79			0		Reserved for Future Expenditure	0			79
80			0		Unappropriated Ending Balance	0			80
81	**160000**	**0**	**17900**		**TOTAL REQUIREMENTS NOT ALLOCATED**	**2200**	**0**	**0**	81
82									82
83	134652	252000			Ending balance (prior years)				83
84	**879613**	**713581**	**949500**		**TOTAL REQUIREMENTS**	**748800**	**0**	**0**	84

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FUND
RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS

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	Actual		Adopted Budget	Fund	DESCRIPTION	Proposed By	Approved By	Adopted By	
	Second Preceding Year 2023-24	First Preceding Year 2024-25	This Year 2025-26	01	RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS	Budget Officer	Budget Committee	Governing Body	
					RESOURCES				
1	80719	86951	94000	04-4400	Available cash on hand	94500			1
2	0	1678	3960	04-4008	Revenue - SDC LGIP Interest	4200			2
3	6232	1675	0	04-4009	Revenue - SDC Charges	4978			3
4									4
5	86951	90304	97960		Total resources, except taxes to be levied	103678	0	0	5
6			0		Taxes estimated to be received	0			6
7	0	0			Taxes collected in year levied				7
8	**86951**	**90304**	**97960**		**TOTAL RESOURCES**	**103678**	**0**	**0**	8
9					REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATIONS				9
10									10
11					MATERIAL AND SERVICES				11
12									12
13	0	0	25000	04-7200	Engineering, System Improvements	25000			13
14	0	0	0	04-7201	System Improvement Expenses	0			14
15	**0**	**0**	**25000**		**TOTAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES**	**25000**	**0**	**0**	15
16									16
17					CAPITAL OUTLAYS				17
18									18
19	0	0	50000	04-7505	Capital System Development Expenses	50000			19
20	**0**	**0**	**50000**		**Total Capital Outlays**	**50000**	**0**	**0**	20
21	0	0	75000		**TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATIONS**	**75000**	**0**	**0**	21
22									22
23					UNALLOCATED REQUIREMENTS				23
24									24
25			22960	04-7800	**Operating Contingency**	28678	0	0	25
26			0		Reserved for future expenditure	0	0	0	26
27			0		Unappropriated Ending Balance	0	0	0	27
28	0	0	0		**TOTAL REQUIREMENTS NOT ALLOCATED**	0	0	0	28
29	86951	90304			Ending balance (prior years)				29
30	**86951**	**90304**	**97960**		**TOTAL REQUIREMENTS**	**103678**	**0**	**0**	30

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS

**Account closed in FY 2024-25

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	Actual		Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	Fund	DESCRIPTION	Proposed By Budget Officer	Approved By Budget Committee	Adopted By Governing Body	
	Second Preceding Year 2023-24	First Preceding Year 2024-25		01	RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS				
					RESOURCES				
1	125000	0	0	05-4400	Available cash on hand	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	0	05-4164	Interest	0	0	0	2
3	0	0	0	05-4165	Transferred IN from Capital Fund	0	0	0	3
4	**125000**	**0**	**0**		Total resources, except taxes to be levied	**0**	**0**	**0**	4
5			0		Taxes estimated to be received	0	0	0	5
6	0	0			Taxes collected in year levied				6
7	**125000**	**0**	**0**		**TOTAL RESOURCES**	**0**	**0**	**0**	7
8					REQUIREMENTS for OPERATIONS				8
9					Capital Outlay				9
10	0	0	0	05-7501	Well Development	0	0	0	10
11	0	0	0	05-7503	Valley View Height Improvements	0	0	0	11
12	0	0	0	05-7504	Wilson/Fairview Intertie	0	0	0	12
13	**0**	**0**	**0**		**Total Capital Outlay**	**0**	**0**	**0**	13
14	**0**	**0**	**0**		**Total Requirements for Operations**	**0**	**0**	**0**	14
15					Unallocated Requirements				15
16					**Interfund Transfers**				16
17	125000	0	0		Capital Projects Fund to General Fund	0	0	0	17
18	125000	0	0		Total Interfund Transfers	**0**	**0**	**0**	18
19			0		Unappropriated Ending Balance	0	0	0	19
20	125000	0	0		TOTAL REQUIREMENTS NOT ALLOCATED	0	0	0	20
21	0	0			Ending balance (prior years)				21
22	**250000**	**0**	**0**		**TOTAL REQUIREMENTS**	**0**	**0**	**0**	22

FAIRVIEW WATER DISTRICT - Fiscal Year 2026-27		
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Notes		
FUND	**FUND NAME**	**BUDGET NOTES**
GENERAL FUND - RESOURCES		
01-4400	Available cash on hand	The available cash estimate for fiscal year 2026-27 reflects the District's current liquid funds. At the time the budget was prepared, the District had a balance of approximately $160,000 in its Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) savings account and a monthly average of $35,000-$40,000 in its general fund checking account. The balance of this fund is lower than the prior year's estimate due to significant funds being used to complete several major capital improvements. These included restoring the exterior of the reservior, rebuilding two wells and finishing a third, making improvements to wellhouse facilities, purchasing operational equipment, and completing a water rate study.
01-4164	Interest	This line reflects interest earned from the District's LGIP savings account. Because we used a portion of those savings this year, we expect interest earnings to be lower next year.
01-4001	Revenue - Sale of Water	This line represents revenue that the District receives from water sales. The Board has discussed the possibility of adjusting water rates, but no decision had been made when this budget was prepared. Because of that, no increase in water revenue has been included in the proposed budget.
01-4004	Revenue - Sales, Service, Labor	No changes have been made to this line.
01-4006	Revenue - Late Payment Fee	Late payment fees were re-implemented in September 2025. I have provided a conservative estimate based on the partial data currently available.
01-4162	Revenue - Miscellaneous Income	This category is used infrequently and the amount has been reduced to better reflect typical activity.
01-4999	Transferred IN from Capital Fund	The Capital Fund account was closed in fiscal year 2024-25. No funds have been budgeted in this category.
01-4163	Taxes estimated to be received	There has been a small increase to tax revenue annually for the last several years, and this line reflects the approximate amount of property tax revenue received during the current fiscal year.
GENERAL FUND - PERSONNEL SERVICES		
01-7000	Payroll Benefits	This line includes employee health insurance and retirement benefits. Costs are slightly higher this year because another employee has been added to the District's insurance coverage and because PERS contribution rates are expected to increase. The District contributes to PERS as required by law but does not pay employee contributions on behalf of current staff.
01-7100	Payroll Wages & Taxes	This line includes employee wages and associated payroll taxes. While payroll taxes and processing costs may increase slightly, the overall amount has been reduced based on current payroll expenses. The District did not have a fourth full-time employee for the entire 2025-26 fiscal year, and staff do not have a full year of payroll data for comparison. Future wage adjustments may be discussed with the Board as part of employee retention efforts.
GENERAL FUND - MATERIALS & SERVICES		
01-7130	Insurance	The District has experienced an increase in liability insurance costs and anticipates additional increases during fiscal year 2026-27.
01-7135	Engineering, Easements, Surveys	This line has been reduced as the District does not foresee significant engineering or surveying work during the upcoming year.
01-7138	Compliance, Operating Costs	No changes have been made to this line.

FUND	FUND NAME	BUDGET NOTES
01-7139	Accounting, Auditing	This category reflects accurately the cost of the District's annual financial audit and services provided by its contracted financial advisor. The budget has been increased to reflect rising costs under the current auditing contract.
01-7140	Legal Services	This line has been increased slightly to allow for the possibility of additional legal services that may arise during the coming fiscal year.
01-7141	Licenses, Dues, Certifications, Memberships	A small increase has been made to account for expected changes in licensing and membership fees.
01-7154	Security & Forest Patrol	No changes have been made to this line.
01-7155	County Lease Agreement	No changes have been made to this line.
01-7156	Contractor Services	Because the District does not have all the equipment needed to perform every job in-house, we continue to rely on local contractors. This line has been increased to better reflect our needs.
01-7157	Contracted Services	The addition of a fourth full-time employee will allow the District to complete more work internally. We have reduced this line to reflect this.
01-7158	System Repair & Materials	This line covers the parts and supplies needed to repair and maintain the District's water system. No changes have been made to this line.
01-7159	Building Maintenance	No major building projects are planned for the coming year. This line has been reduced to cover only routine maintenance and small repairs.
01-7161	Stock Supplies, Materials, Expenses	This fund is no longer in use.
01-7162	Shop Supplies, Materials, Expenses	This fund is no longer in use.
01-7163	Rock, Paving, Trucking	This fund is no longer in use.
01-7164	Water Compliance, Reports, Testing	Several major compliance tests were completed during fiscal yar 2025-26. As a result, expected costs for fiscal year 2026-27 have been reduced.
01-7166	Staff Training & Education	Staff are completing much of their required training during the current fiscal year. This line has been reduced to reflect the expected reduction in costs for next year.
01-7167	Repairs & Service - Pumps, Wells	This fund is no longer in use.
01-7168	Repairs & Service - Meters	This fund is no longer in use.
01-7170	Electricity	This line has been reduced due to the installation of more efficient well assemblies and an expectation of reduced electrical costs.
01-7195	Shop Truck Maintenance & Expenses	This category has been reduced based on recent historical spending levels.
01-7196	Fuel	Fuel expenses have been reduced slightly based on recent usage trends.
01-7215	Public Notices Published	Historical spending in this category has consistently been lower than the budgeted amount. Our projection has been adjusted accordingly.
01-7216	Budget and Election Expenses	No changes have been made to this line.
01-7221	Board of Commissioners Training & Other Expenses	This amount has been reduced while still providing sufficient funds for training and related expenses based on historical spending amounts.
01-7225	Communications	No changes have been made to this line.
01-7226	Computer Support, Service, Maintenance	This fund is no longer in use.

FUND	FUND NAME	BUDGET NOTES
01-7247	Miscellaneous Expenses	This category has been increased to allow flexibility for minor purchases that do not land within other categories.
01-7250	Office, Administration, Postage Expenses	This line covers general office expenses such as supplies, postage, garbage service, and janitorial needs. Several smaller administrative categories were combined into this line in previous budgets. Based on recent spending, we felt this amount could be reduced slightly.
01-7258	Small Equipment & Tools - Purchase, Repair, Maintenance	This fund is no longer in use.
01-7260	Janitorial & Other Supplies	This fund is no longer in use.
01-7270	Trash Pickup & Hauling	This fund is no longer in use.
01-7271	Employee Reimbursement - Gass, Mileage	This fund is no longer in use.
01-7272	Charge-offs & Refunds	No changes have been made to this line.
GENERAL FUND - CAPITAL OUTLAY		
01-7581	Capital Equipment & Tools	The amount in this category has been reduced due to the reduction of savings funds used for capital purchases during fiscal year 2025-26.
01-7582	Capital Engineering, Easements & Surveys	This category has been reduced due to limited capital project activity during fiscal year 2026-27.
01-7587	Capital Improvements & Repairs	This line has been reduced significantly. Several large projects were completed during fiscal year 2025-26, which required using a portion of the District's savings. Because those projects are now finished and available funds are lower, capital spending has been reduced for the coming year.
GENERAL FUND - UNALLOCATED REQUIREMENTS		
01-7712	General Fund to Capital Project Fund	No changes have been made to this line.
01-7800	Operating Contingency	Contingency is a small reserve used for unexpected expenses during the year. This amount is lower than usual because the District used savings this year to complete several major infrastructure projects.
SDC - RESOURCES		
04-4400	Available cash on hand	This line represents the available cash in the District's System Development Charge (SDC) accounts. These funds are held in a separate SDC checking account and an LGIP savings account that was established during fiscal year 2025-26.
04-4008	Revenue - SDC LGIP Interest	This line reflects the interest earned on the District's SDC LGIP savings account. As the balance in this account grows over time, we expect interest earnings to increase as well.
04-4009	Revenue - SDC Charges	This line represents SDC's collected when new connections are made to the water system. The amount assumes at least two new hookups during the year at $2489 each.
SDC - MATERIAL & SERVICES		
04-7200	Engineering, System Improvements	No changes have been made to this line.
SDC - CAPITAL OUTLAYS		
04-7505	Capital System Development Expenses	No changes have been made to this line.