

Clean Water Commission

Clean Water Program Funding

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Current Situation

- Current fee generates \$5.2M per year.
- Fee has remained unchanged for 14 years.
- **Unfunded Federal and State mandates** increase with each new Permit.
- **\$3.6M** due over six years (paid in 5) to pay for **litigation settlement** (2015-2019).
- Since 2000 management of stormwater facilities has grown from less than 400 facilities to over 900.



Operational Costs

Clean Water Program requires **\$6.8M per year** to operate and comply with NPDES Permit

- 1) New rural rate (outside the UGA)
- 2) New urban rate (inside the UGA)
- 3) Litigation surcharge
- 4) Polluters fee
- 5) System development fee



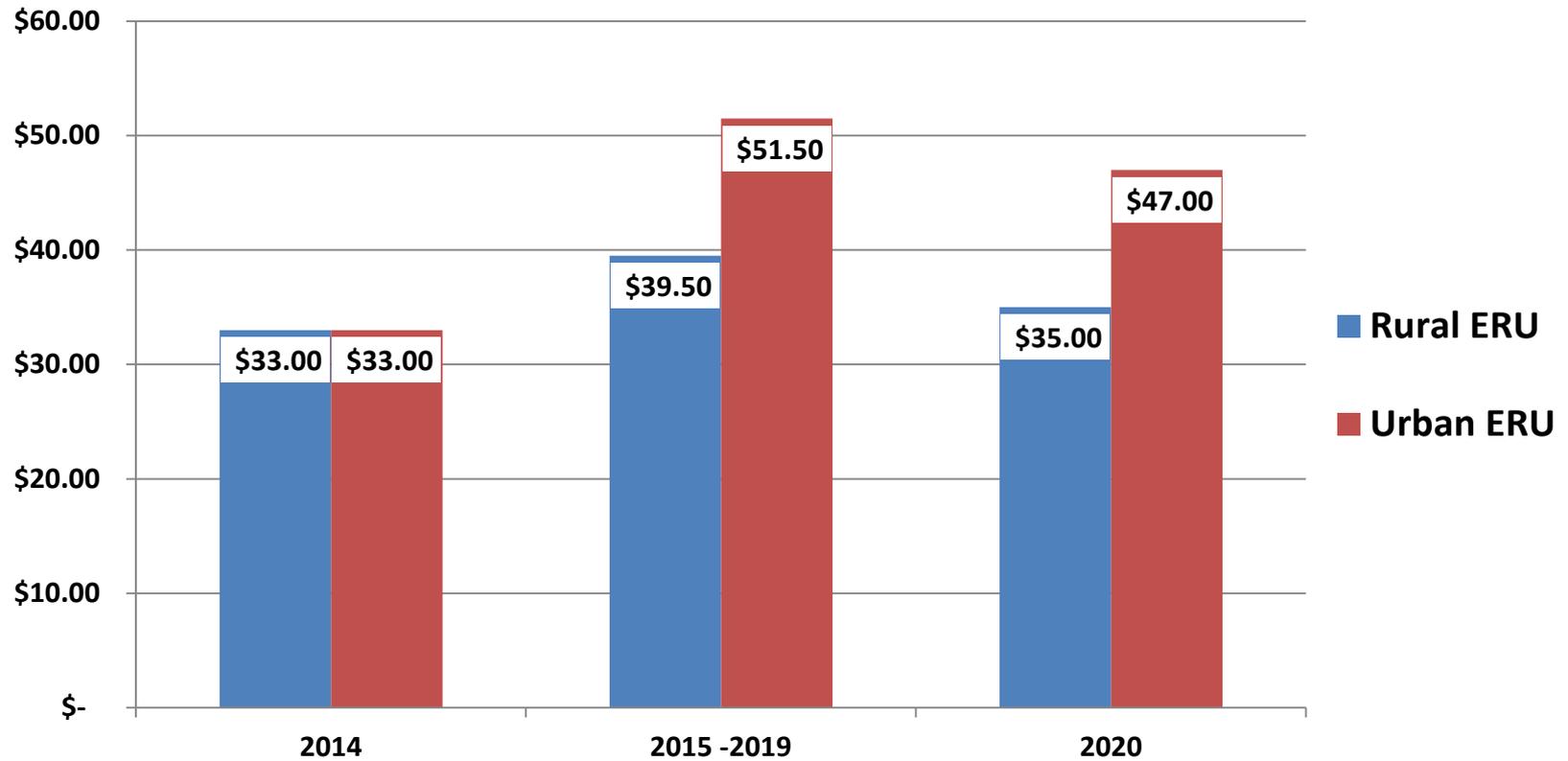
New Fee and Litigation Surcharge

New rates, polluter fees and litigation surcharge covers \$6.8M annual operational costs and \$3.6M settlement costs.

- New rural rate \$35 (outside UGA+\$2; large-lot discounts remain the same)
- New urban rate \$47 (inside UGA+\$14)
- Litigation \$4.50 surcharge (per ERU) for a term of 5 years



New Fee and Litigation Surcharge



Polluters Fee and Connection Fee

- **Newsprint Fee** 1 cent per paper.
Columbian, Reflector, Washougal/Camas Post, Variety Post, Auto Trader.....\$120,000+ per year (minimum)
- **Connection and Development Fee**, revenue contingent upon fee schedule, with the expectation of covering the costs of future stormwater facilities being added to the program



We Need Your Help

We request the Clean Water Commission recommend this revenue package to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration.

Thank you.

