



Public Works Director's Report

PIES Committee – May 2026

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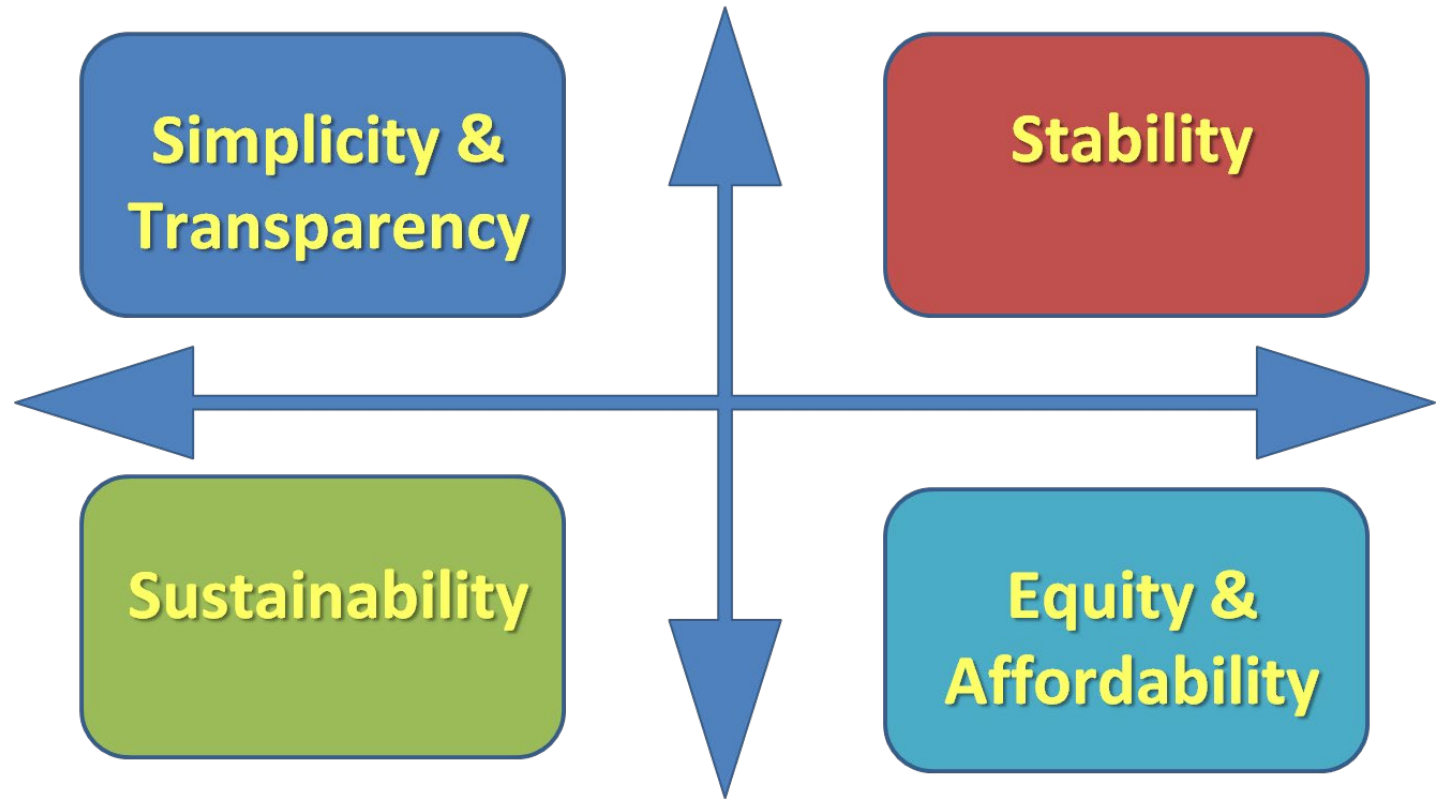


Proposed Utility Rates Schedule

Date	Description
March 2026 PIES	Overview on how rates are set
April 2026 PIES	Rate comparisons to other jurisdictions
May 2026 PIES	2027 & 2028 Rate Update Schedule
June 2026 PIES	Preview of rate information: Revenue requirements, cost of service
June 18, 2026, Study Session	Initial look at rate proposals for water, sewer, and solid waste
July 30, 2026, Study Session	Refined proposals for water, sewer & solid waste
August/September 2026	Begin review of rate ordinances
September/October 2026	Council approval of rates for 2027 & 2028



Rate Setting Principles






Understanding the Risks

- **WTE & CCA Compliance**
 - Funding is needed for Climate Commitment Act compliance. Estimated at \$2.8 M/year
- **Personnel costs**
 - Labor negotiations are ongoing with Local 270 & M&P
 - Employee health insurance costs haven't been finalized
- **Managing regulatory compliance**
 - Mandatory Clean Green Collection by 2030
 - PFAS, PCBs, more
 - Upriver Dam relicensing
 - New requirements are always on the horizon
- **The Pace of Infrastructure Investment**
 - Capital plans allow for moderate growth
 - Asset Management needs are growing
- **The Pace of Inflation**
 - Costs had been leveling off, but fuel prices are high and volatile





Status Update: Interim Actions Work Plan

SIA PFAS Site

May 2026



May 9 Event



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Event Results

Team distributed:

104 plus 98 filters

Didn't arrive in time

88 hard sided; 77 soft-sided

Filter Pitcher

Countertop Dispenser

Fill Station Containers



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Follow ups

- Filters and containers available at:
 - WTE Administration Building
 - City Hall
 - Spokane Regional Health District navigators
- 2 more people already picked up items this morning at WTE
- 11 fill station accounts have been created
- Notification when countertop units are available



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Next Steps

- Aggregate information to know who we have reached to date
- Begin more work:
 - Testing of wells in impacted area
 - Evaluation for Point of Entry Treatment Systems
- Draft of Long-Term Interim Action Work Plan (LTIAWP)
 - Due today, May 11
 - Focus is on “permanent” clean water solutions – Point of Entry Treatment Systems, connection to Municipal Water
- Continue with site assessment work and analysis



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Questions?