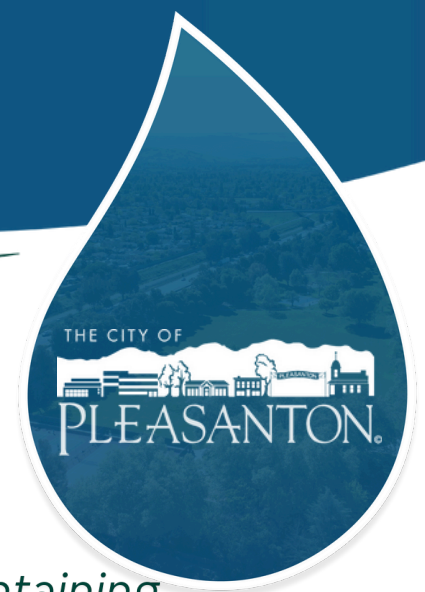


# ESTABLISHING WATER RATES



*Taking a Strategic, Progressive Approach to Maintaining Equitable Rates While Adequately Meeting Future Funding Needs*

## STEP 1

### WATER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (WSMP)

Acts as the City's **long-term planning document** outlining water system assets, capital improvement needs, and operations and maintenance requirements over the next 20 years.

Serves as **the foundation** for completing the 2026-2027 Water Rate Study in a financially and strategically sound manner.

## STEP 2

### WATER ENTERPRISE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS & PLANNING SCENARIOS

Identifies funding scenarios to serve as the **financial framework** for how the City will prioritize and fund critical water infrastructure projects.

Sets the City's **planned approach** while balancing financial responsibility, infrastructure investment, and ratepayer impacts to guide the Water Rate Study.

## STEP 3

### COMPREHENSIVE WATER RATE STUDY & RATE ADOPTION

Determines **recommended rates and rates structures** that align with the needs of the WSMP and the funding priorities determined by the Financial Analysis and Plan to ensure rates adequately reflect the City's cost of service.

Ensures financial sustainability, equitable cost distribution, and compliance with legal requirements for rate setting.