
District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority

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Description	FY 2015 Approved	FY 2016 Proposed	% Change from FY 2015
Operating Budget	\$515,959,000	\$541,605,000	5.0

Note: Prior year actuals are not reported for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA), also known as DC Water, because the agency does not use the District's financial system for its actual transactions.

The vision of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) is to be a world-class water utility, with the mission to exceed expectations by providing high quality water services in a safe, environmentally friendly, and efficient manner.

History: In 1996, the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority was created by District law, with the approval of the United States Congress, as an independent authority of the District government with a separate legal existence. In June 2010, the agency adopted a new logo and brand name, DC Water, while its official name remained District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority. Beginning in FY 2013, for accounting purposes, DC Water was no longer reported as a component unit of the District government.

Governance: DC Water's Board of Directors establishes policies and guides the strategic planning process. The Board is composed of eleven members and eleven alternates, representing the District, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland and Fairfax County in Virginia. District members establish policies, set rates and charges for District services. The entire Board votes and establishes policies for joint-use services. The General Manager/CEO reports to the Board and manages the operations and performance of the enterprise.

The DC Water's FY 2016 Board-approved budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2016 Proposed Gross Funds Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

Table LA0-1 contains the proposed FY 2016 agency budget compared to the FY 2015 approved budget.

Table LA0-1
(dollars in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Approved FY 2015	Proposed FY 2016	Change from FY 2015	Percent Change*
Enterprise and Other				
Enterprise and Other Funds	515,959	541,605	25,646	5.0
Total for Enterprise and Other	515,959	541,605	25,646	5.0
Gross Funds				
	515,959	541,605	25,646	5.0

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

Note: If applicable, for a breakdown of each Grant (Federal and Private), Special Purpose Revenue type and Intra-District agreement, please refer to **Schedule 80 Agency Summary by Revenue Source** in the **FY 2016 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2016 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table LA0-2 contains the proposed FY 2016 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2015 approved budget.

Table LA0-2
(dollars in thousands)

Comptroller Source Group	Approved FY 2015	Proposed FY 2016	Change from FY 2015	Percent Change*
11 - Regular Pay - Continuing Full Time	100,970	101,759	789	0.8
14 - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	28,778	31,642	2,864	10.0
15 - Overtime Pay	5,796	6,633	837	14.4
Subtotal Personal Services (PS)	135,544	140,034	4,490	3.3
20 - Supplies and Materials	36,187	35,951	-236	-0.7
30 - Energy, Communication and Building Rentals	30,416	35,018	4,602	15.1
40 - Other Services and Charges	28,831	30,740	1,909	6.6
41 - Contractual Services - Other	76,944	79,243	2,299	3.0
50 - Subsidies and Transfers	26,687	20,744	-5,943	-22.3
70 - Equipment and Equipment Rental	1,028	1,465	437	42.5
80 - Debt Service	180,322	198,410	18,088	10.0
Subtotal Nonpersonal Services (NPS)	380,415	401,571	21,156	5.6
Gross Funds				
	515,959	541,605	25,646	5.0

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

Program Description

Service Area: Providing more than 640,000 residents and 17.8 million annual visitors in the District of Columbia with retail water and wastewater (sewer) service, DC Water has a total service area of approximately 725 square miles. In addition, DC Water treats wastewater for approximately 1.6 million people in neighboring jurisdictions, including Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland and Fairfax and Loudoun Counties in Virginia.



Drinking Water Quality: With a strong emphasis on water quality, DC Water maintains an annual flushing program, regulatory and voluntary water quality testing, and ongoing system upgrades. In partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Washington Aqueduct, DC Water ensures a high quality treatment process for delivering outstanding drinking water throughout the year.

Pumped and Treated Water Storage: During Fiscal Year 2014, DC Water pumped an average of 95 million gallons of water per day. In addition, DC Water stores 61 million gallons of treated water at its eight facilities. The Washington Aqueduct stores an additional 49 million gallons.

Water Distribution System: DC Water delivers water through 1,350 miles of interconnected pipes, four pumping stations, five reservoirs, three water tanks, 43,860 valves, and 9,343 fire hydrants.

Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant: Blue Plains, located at the southernmost tip of the District, is the largest advanced wastewater treatment facility in the world, covering 153 acres along the Potomac River. Blue Plains treats an annual average of 300 million gallons per day (MGD) and has a design capacity of 370 MGD, with a peak design capacity to treat more than one billion gallons per day.

Sewer System: 1,800 miles of sanitary and combined sewers, 22 flow-metering stations, nine off-site wastewater pumping stations, 16 stormwater pumping stations, 12 inflatable dams and a swirl facility comprise the DC Water sewer system.

Program Structure Change

DC Water has no program structure changes in the FY 2016 proposed budget.

FY 2016 Proposed Operating Budget and FTE, by Program and Activity

Table LA0-3 contains the proposed FY 2016 budget by program and activity compared to the FY 2015 approved budget.

Table LA0-3

(dollars in thousands)

Program/Activity	Dollars in Thousands			Full-Time Equivalents		
	Approved FY 2015	Proposed FY 2016	Change from FY 2015	Approved FY 2015	Proposed FY 2016	Change from FY 2015
(1000) WASA						
(1100) WASA	515,959	541,605	25,646	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal (1000) WASA	515,959	541,605	25,646	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Proposed Operating Budget	515,959	541,605	25,646	0.0	0.0	0.0

(Change is calculated by whole numbers and numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Note: For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for the activities within this agency’s programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity** in the **FY 2016 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer’s website, and the DC Water website at www.dewater.com.

FY 2016 Proposed Budget Changes

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority’s (DC Water) FY 2016 gross budget is \$541,605,000, which represents a 5.0 percent increase over the FY 2015 approved budget of \$515,959,000. The budget is comprised entirely of Enterprise and Other funds.

Agency Budget Submission

On February 5, 2015, DC Water’s Board of Directors voted to approve its FY 2016 budget, which is a net increase of \$25,646,000 over the FY 2015 approved budget. The proposed budget continues to focus on transparency, accountability, and commitment to environmental stewardship.

Increase: The budget includes an overall net increase of \$25,646,000. This amount is comprised of increases of \$18,088,000 that allows DC Water to meet its financial goal by funding its debt service payment for bond issuance and various cash financed capital improvements, \$4,602,000 for increased utility costs, \$4,490,000 in the personal services budget to maintain a high performance workforce, \$2,299,000 for contractual services, \$1,909,000 for procurement of water, and \$437,000 for increase in equipment purchase necessary for operational needs. This adjustment also includes other proposals that enable DC Water to align its budget with programmatic need by identifying savings in key areas. The proposed savings are reflected in reductions of \$5,943,000, based on projected disbursements regarding the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) to the District of Columbia, and \$236,000 for chemical and supplies.

Mayor's Proposed Budget

No Change: The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's budget proposal reflects no change from the agency budget submission to the Mayor's proposed budget.

District's Proposed Budget

No Change: The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's budget proposal reflects no change from the Mayor's proposed budget to the District's proposed budget.

FY 2015 Approved Budget to FY 2016 Proposed Budget, by Revenue Type

Table LA0-4 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2015 approved budget and the FY 2016 proposed budget.

Table LA0-4
(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
ENTERPRISE AND OTHER FUNDS: FY 2015 Approved Budget and FTE		515,959	0.0
Increase: To align resources with operational goals	WASA	25,646	0.0
ENTERPRISE AND OTHER FUNDS: FY 2016 Agency Budget Submission		541,605	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
ENTERPRISE AND OTHER FUNDS: FY 2016 Mayor's Proposed Budget		541,605	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
ENTERPRISE AND OTHER FUNDS: FY 2016 District's Proposed Budget		541,605	0.0
Gross for LA0 - Water and Sewer Authority		541,605	0.0

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