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Dear Boulder Tomorrow Members,

I appreciated the opportunity to talk with you at your May 17 meeting. I am writing to provide you with answers to the two questions you asked that required some follow-up research on my part:

- 1) What is the size of the Water Utility's savings account, and
- 2) How many gallons of water does the city organization (city departments) use each year?

I'm assuming your first question refers to how much money the Water Utility has left over each year after paying for required expenses and setting aside necessary amounts in reserve accounts. We have a variety of reserve accounts that have been established due to legal requirements (i.e., revenue bond requirements) as well as city-policy requirements (i.e., emergency operations). The balance amount is referred to as surplus or as "Fund Balance minus reserves."

I've shown below the actual surplus for the past five years, as well as the projected surplus for the future five years. The reason the actual surplus amounts are larger than projected surplus amounts is because the city budgets dollars for capital projects in the year the project is approved even though the actual expenditures may occur over several years. For example, a capital project may require \$10 million in 2002 in order to fully award a construction contract. However, if only \$7 million is spent in 2002, the remaining \$3 million becomes an actual surplus at the end of 2002 even though it will be carried-over into 2003 and fully spent. Every year there are projects whose construction period may cross years.

The reason the actual surplus for the years 2002-2006 is so high is because in 2001, a revenue bond for approximately \$29 million was issued for the Lakewood Pipeline Project. Because of contract disputes and litigation, the financial aspect of the project was not resolved until 2006 and reflected in the 2007 Budget. As you can see below, the Water Utility Fund returns to smaller projected surplus by 2009.

2011	\$ 1,527,753	projected
2010	\$ 1,803,838	projected
2009	\$ 2,649,621	projected
2008	\$ 5,243,628	projected
2007	\$ 6,834,705	projected
2006	\$26,578,895	actual
2005	\$21,641,078	actual
2004	\$23,125,952	actual
2003	\$28,020,236	actual
2002	\$37,103,164	actual


Listed below is the number of gallons of water the city organization has used each year for all of its buildings and grounds (parks, street medians, etc). This does not include water used by the Fire Department from hydrants, or untreated ditch water used by the city organization for outdoor irrigation purposes:

Metered Water Use (x1,000 gallons)

	<u>City</u> <u>Organization</u>	<u>All Other</u> <u>Customers</u>	<u>Total Use</u>
2006	267,620	6,101,244	6,368,864
2005	249,308	5,500,740	5,750,048
2004	230,508	5,059,355	5,289,863
2003	286,303	5,547,852	5,834,155

Again, thanks for the opportunity to talk to you!

Sincerely,



Ned Williams
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