Partnerships to Reduce the Impacts from COVID-19 on the Water Sector

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COVID-19 Priorities

- Protect Staff
 - Work remotely where possible since March 16th
 - Constant communication
 - Enhanced workspace cleaning
- Protect Treatment Process
 - Worker screening
 - Evaluate supply chain
- Continue Capital Improvement Program
 - Spur economic development
- Advance Science
 - Wastewater Surveillance for COVID-19



Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

Emergency Declaration Update

- Polymer used in sludge thickening and dewatering
- Contracted for trailer tankers to be stored onsite with polymer (all at JI by 5/4/20).
- 3 to 4 days of permanent storage increased to 11 to 12 days with trailer tankers







Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

Be Safe! Be Understanding! Be Kind!



Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

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Patrick Decker, President & CEO, Xylem

July 8, 2020

July 2020

Deepening Our Commitment to Sustainability Through Our 2025 Signature Goals



SAVE 16.5 billion+ cubic meters of water* through advanced technologies



PREVENT 7 billion+ cubic meters of polluted water *





Use 100% **RENEWABLE** energy and process water recycling at major facilities



ENSURE 100% of employees have access to clean water and safe sanitation



GIVE 1% of employees' time and company profits to water-related causes



*Cumulative goals

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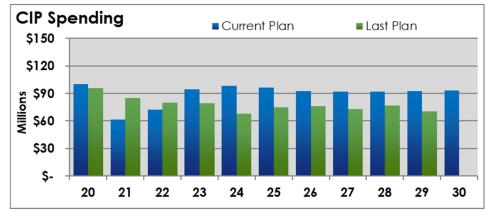


Strategies to Minimize Capital Spending Reductions

Use More Debt to Lower Rate Increases and Keep Cash

Cash/Debt	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026 ->
50/50	6.80%	7.00%	6.50%	6.25%	6.25%	3.50%
40/60	5.30%	5.50%	5.75%	5.75%	5.75%	4.00%

Communicate Future Impacts of Near-Term Reductions



Use Continency Planning Before Making Changes

Q: Would the CIP be scaled back in the event of revenue shortfalls?

A: Contingency plans to delay targeted CIP projects have been made in order to achieve a reduction in CIP expenditures. If we see significant revenue shortfalls, then selected CIP projects will be delayed to match the shortfall.

Use Planning Tools That Can Keep Up



- 24/7 simultaneous access with version control
- Efficient data management and automation
- Quickly evaluate changes & develop scenarios
- Side-by-side scenario comparisons
- Graphical representations of KPI's

"Comparing scenarios created so easily in FAMS saved a significant amount of time and helped us make decisions in a timely manner."

-City of Olathe, Kansas



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Consider "Integrated Planning"

COVID-19

Communities are seeing significant impacts to sales taxes, income tax, use fees, excise taxes, and state shared revenues. Be aware of that and look to adapt utility rate plans around community needs to the extent possible to mitigate resident and business total financial impacts for community services.



FY 21 Revenue Requirement Increases

Where FY 21 Rates Are Right Now

- Lower Than Projections of 2020 Rate Study
 - Balance current economic conditions and sustainability
 - Typical Bills: 2-3% less in aggregate, \$2-5 / month less

Water	2.25%
Wastewater	7.25%
Reclaimed Water	0.00%
Stormwater	10.07%
Sanitation	3.00%

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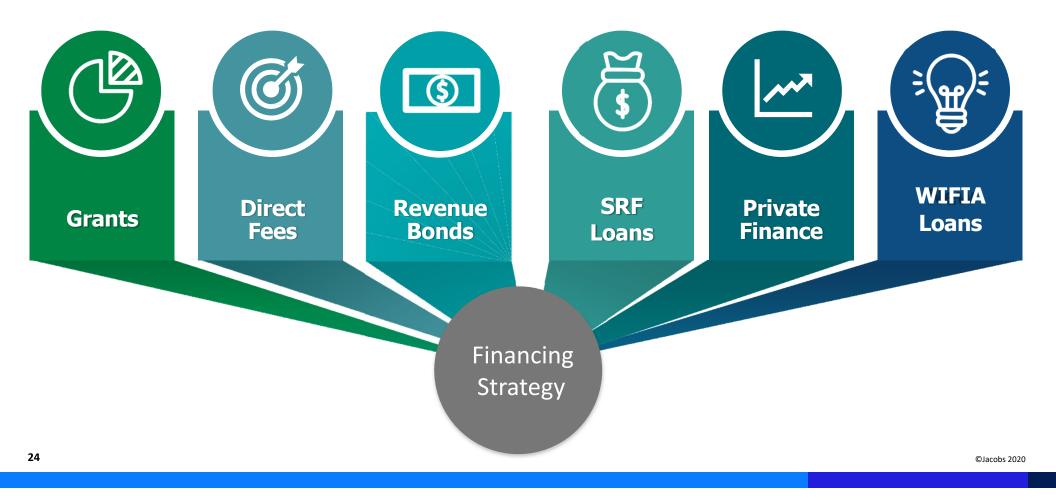
July 8, 2020 Mike Matichich Financial Services Consulting Lead

Scenarios Help Define COVID-19 Responses

SCENARIO

EXTERNAL DRIVERS	FLATTENING THE CURVE	MIDRANGE	LAISSEZ FAIRE	
ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND FINANCE	Market uncertainties result in unclear interest rates and restricted access for many.	Less complete early recovery results and restricted access for some.	More support for companies to generate earlier recovery, so greater access to capital.	
OPERATIONS AND EFFICIENCY	Focus on essential operations; ability to perform operations affected by remote teleworking, furloughs, access to work sites, and supply chain.	Impacts on efficiency from regulatory constraints, significant disease in the population, and revenue challenges, but less pronounced.	Ability to perform operations affected by worker safety issues with widespread, sustained disease in the population.	
CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND SERVICE LEVELS	Significant near-term reduction in demand for service as a result of mandated lockdowns and voluntary company closures.	Mid-range impact on demand for service.	Some reduction in near-term demand for service, but more moderate than in scenarios with widespread mandated lockdowns.	
AFFORDABILITY	Customer issues related to illness and unemployment; and need for emergency bill relief for growing unemployed base.	Combination of illness and financially based needs for emergency bill assistance.	Many customers needing emergency assistance with bills due to rapid growth in significantly ill customers.	
WORKFORCE AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT	Immediate impacts on staffing, production and needed organizational changes from physical distancing; impacts extended over 6 to 8 months.	Mid-range impacts due to necessary workforce changes and new work practices.	Significant staff impacts due to extended illness period, casualties, and disruption; innovation and restructuring for needed change.	

A wider range of financing options in response to revenue short-falls



Municipal Bonding Only vs WIFIA/Bonding Hybrid

Loans through the Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (WIFIA) program offer an opportunity to delay repayment, which may be useful as part of response to the economic downturn caused by the pandemic.



(in millions)

Annual Payment on \$350 M Capital

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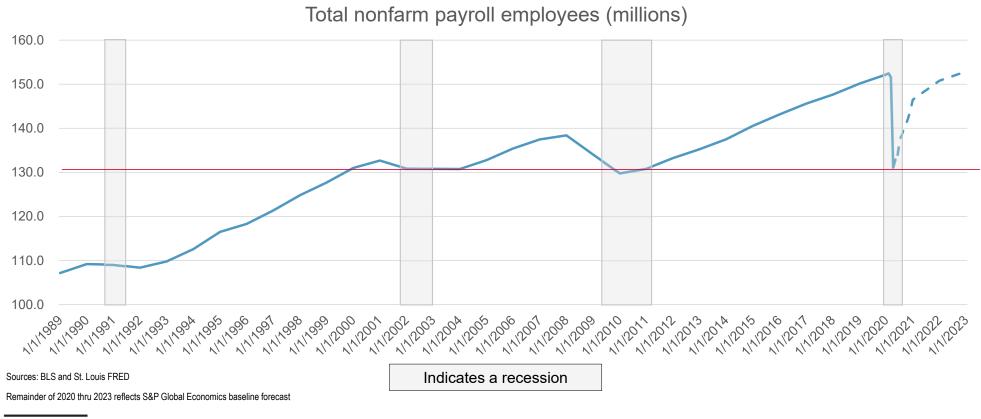


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Decades of Job Growth Disappeared in Just Two Months



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Macroeconomic Conditions

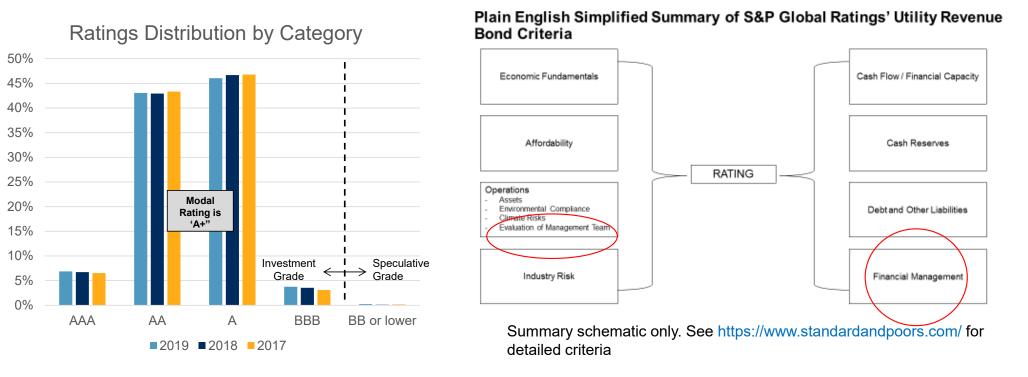
S&P Global Economics U.S. Outlook: June 2020

BASELINE	2020 By Quarter					Annualized Estimates			
Key indicator	2019	Q1e	Q2e	Q3e	Q4e	2020e	2021e	2022e	2023e
Real GDP (percentage change)	2.3	(5.0)	(33.6)	22.2	8.9	(5.0)	5.2	3.0	2.8
Unemployment rate (%)	3.7	3.8	13.4	10.9	8.9	9.3	7.2	5.3	4.3
State and local government purchases	1.6	0.2	(16.7)	0.5	(0.3)	(2.6)	(0.6)	0.5	0.7
CPI	1.6	2.1	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.4)	0.3	1.6	2.2	1.9
DOWNSIDE									
Key indicator		Key T	akeaways	<u>:</u>					
Real GDP (percentage change)		 Economic fundamentals 			ls	(8.7)	3.7	5.2	3.3
Unemployment rate (%)			won't return to pre-			9.8	8.9	6.2	5.1
State and local government purchases			 pandemic levels for at least several years High unemployment will persist 			(2.1)	(0.7)	0.0	0.6
CPI						0.6	0.7	1.7	2.2
UPSIDE		•							
Key indicator			ending by	state and	llocal				
Real GDP (percentage change)			governments probably won't even keep up with			(3.8)	4.7	2.8	2.7
Unemployment rate (%)		wo				8.7	6.6	4.8	3.6
State and local government purchases		inf	inflation until beyond 2023			(2.1)	(0.7)	0.4	0.7
CPI						0.4	2.2	2.0	2.0

S&P Global Ratings Source: S&P Global Economics: "The U.S. Faces A Longer And Slower Climb From The Bottom" (June 25, 2020)

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Conferences & Events

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