

Edwards Aquifer Authority

2027 Proposed Operating Budget

Public Meeting
October 19, 2026



2027 Proposed Revenue

Revenue: Aquifer Management Fees

Agricultural rate remains at \$2/AF as set forth in the Edwards Aquifer Authority Act.

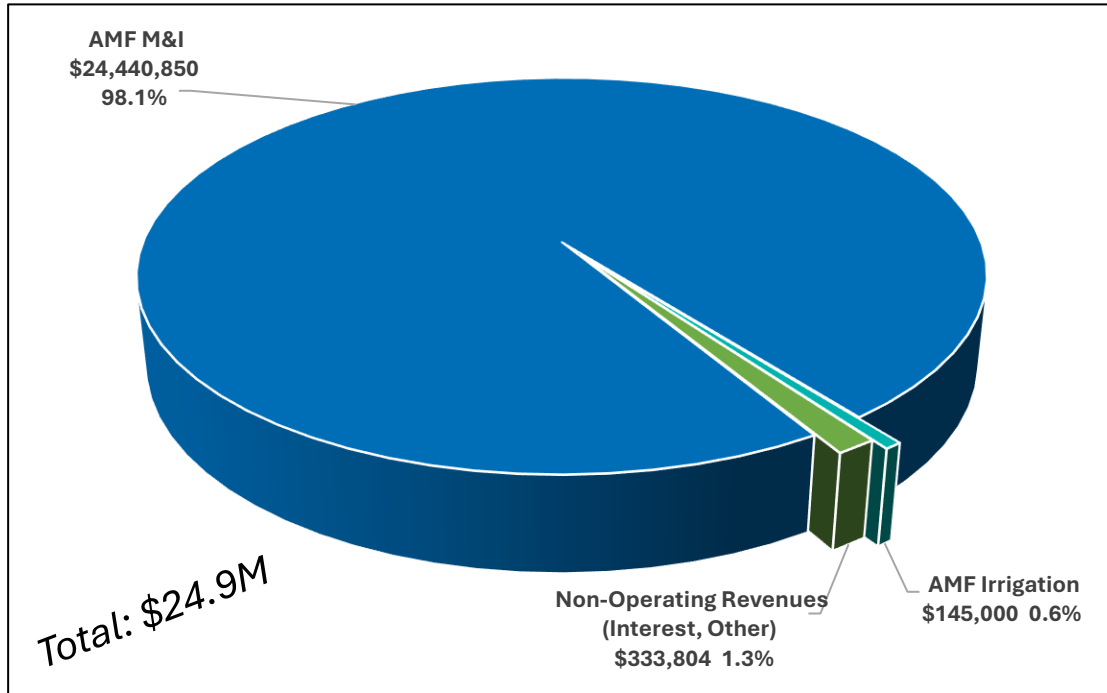
Municipal & Industrial (M&I) *combined* rate increases from **\$97/AF** to **\$104/AF**.

	2026		<i>Proposed 2027</i>
EAA General Fund AMF	\$62	➔	\$70
EAHCP Program AMF	\$35	➔	\$34
<i>TOTAL – COMBINED AMF</i>	\$97	➔	\$104

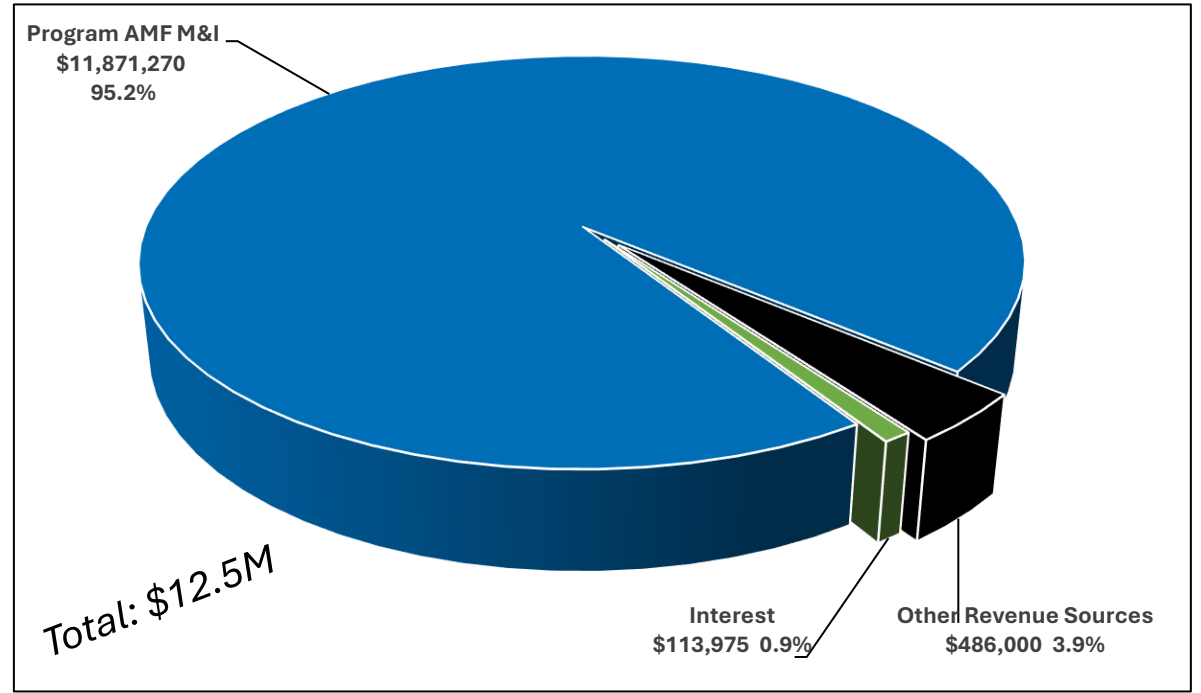
Manage, Enhance & Protect

2027 Proposed Revenue Sources, by Fund

General Fund



EAHCP Fund



Total Estimated Combined Revenue

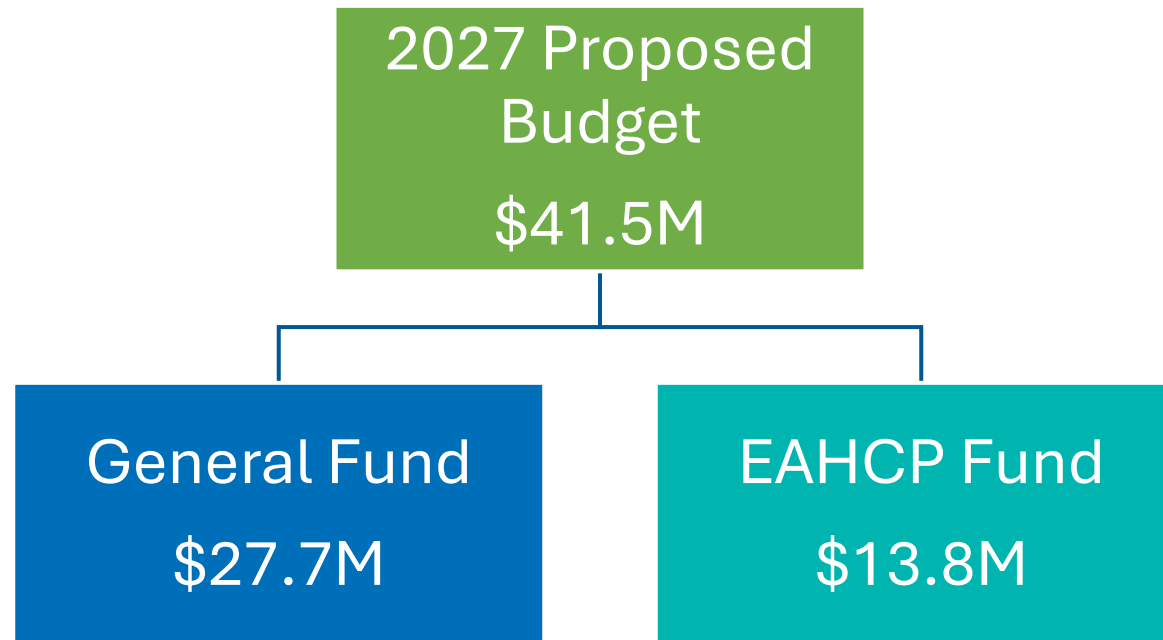
Total Revenue
\$37.4M

M&I AMF Fees
Irrigation AMF Fees
EAHCP Other Revenue Sources
Interest, Other

\$	%
\$36,312,120	97.1%
145,000	0.4%
486,000	1.3%
447,779	1.2%
\$ 37,390,899	100.0%

2027 Proposed Expenses

Operating Expenses/Capital/Debt Service



General Fund - 2027 Proposed Budget Highlights *

General/Operational Expenses

EAA water leases	\$ 420,000	Modeling updates	\$ 225,000
USGS data collection	395,000	Automated meter reading (support/equipment)	224,000
Outreach (social media/advertising/other services)	355,000	Telecommunication services	198,100
Water quality sustainability	350,000	Property, casualty, liability and workers compensation insurance	177,500
Employee cost-of-living adjustments (incremental)	318,876	Employee benefits (retirement, health, dental, etc.) (incremental)	163,064
Employee merit adjustments (incremental)	318,876	Legislative services	150,000
Attorney services (as necessary)	300,000	Education Outreach Center (EOC) programmatic consulting	145,000
Conservation initiatives	300,000	EOC – Morgan’s Wonderland Camp – Facility rent	144,787
Laboratory services	290,000	Electrical services (building)	128,867
Water quantity sustainability	250,000	Cloud services	100,000
Diffuse recharge research	250,000	Edwards Aquifer Conservancy	100,000
Field Management research/research properties	250,000		

General Fund - 2027 Proposed Budget Highlights *

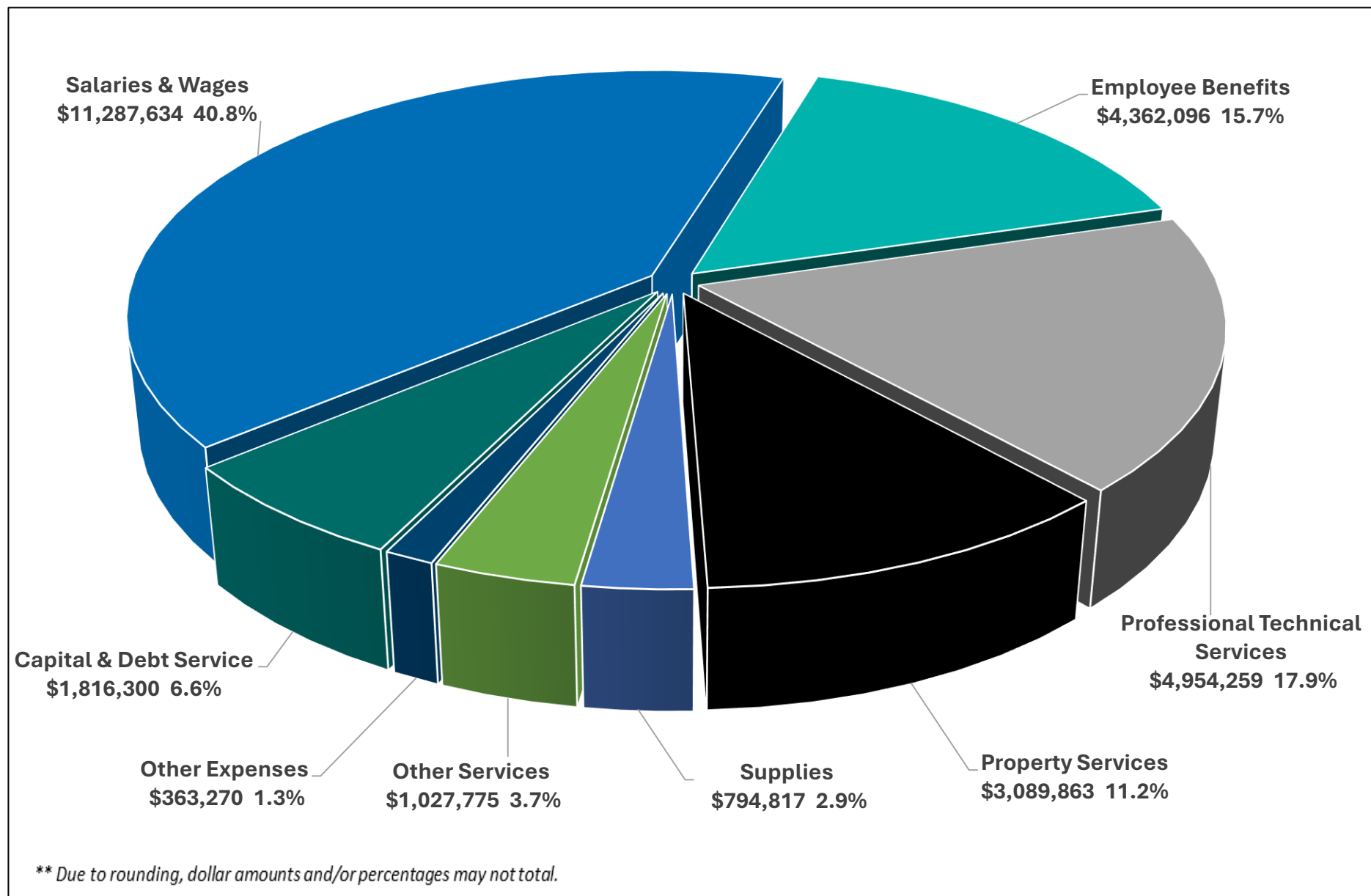
Capital/Debt Service Related Expenses

Improvements to EAA buildings and research properties	\$ 645,000
Debt service (building note principal)	275,000
Water sampling/logging/monitoring equipment	267,500
Hydrologic Model - GIS Layers - Recharge Estimation	222,000
Computer hardware/software	163,000
Vehicle leases (9); Off-road easement monitoring vehicle (1)	148,800

General Fund

2027
Proposed
Expenses,
By Category

Total
\$27.7M



EAHCP Fund

2027
Proposed
Expenses,
By Measure

Total
\$13.8M

Springflow Protection
\$8,700,986 63.2%

Program Administration
\$1,657,702 12.0%

Refugia
\$1,482,766 10.8%

Modeling & Research
\$250,000 1.8%

San Marcos Springs
\$851,029 6.2%

Comal Springs
\$826,730 6.0%

*** Due to rounding, dollar amounts and/or percentages may not total.*

2027 Estimated Ending Fund Balances



- **General Fund Reserve**

- **\$22,957,330**

- Designated \$ 4,214,312

- Abandoned Well Assistance 489,311

- Conservation/Aquifer Protection 3,725,001

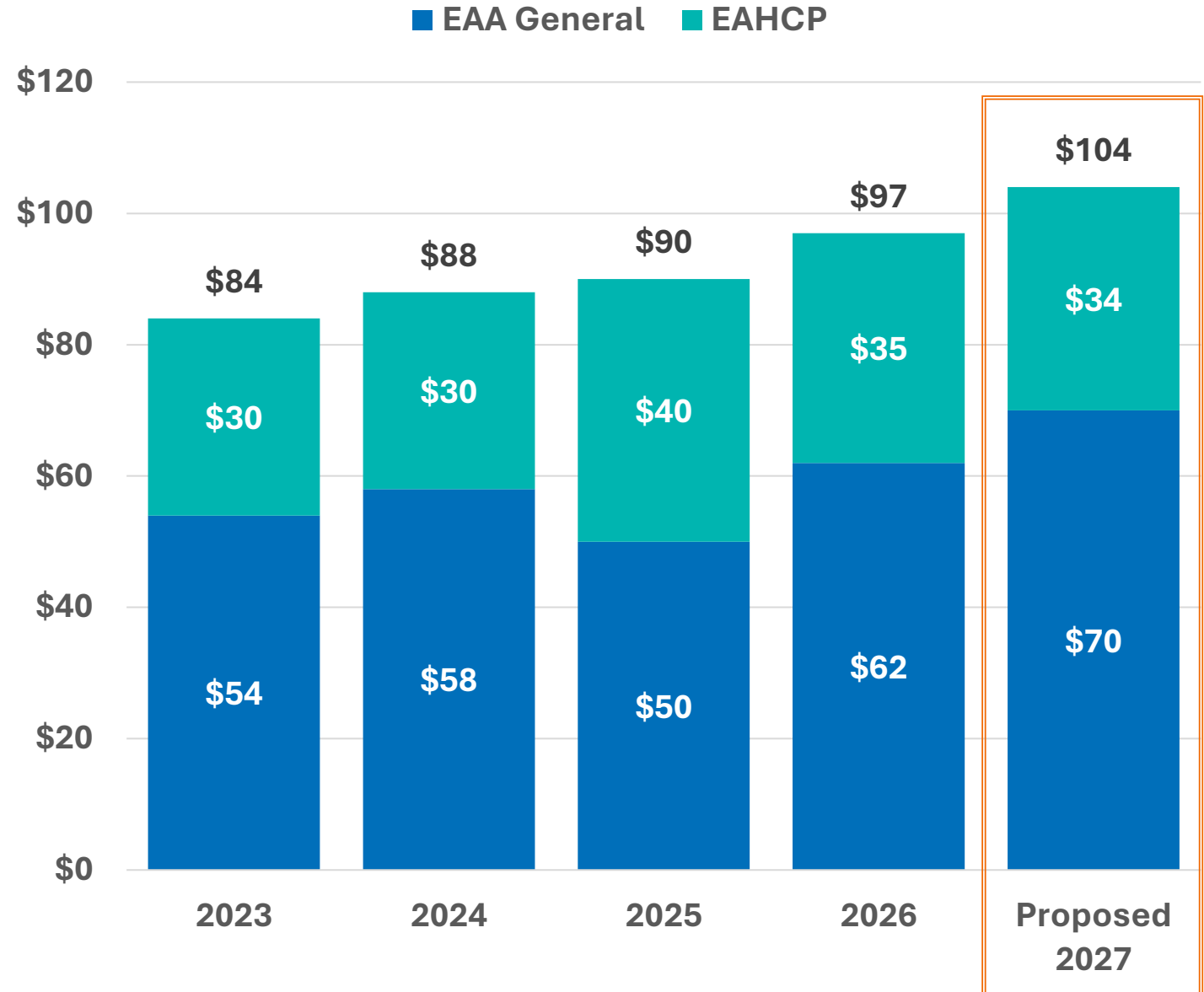
- Undesignated \$18,743,018

- **EACHP Fund Reserve**

- **\$6,300,344**

M&I Rate Trends

General Fund AMF & EAHCP Program AMF

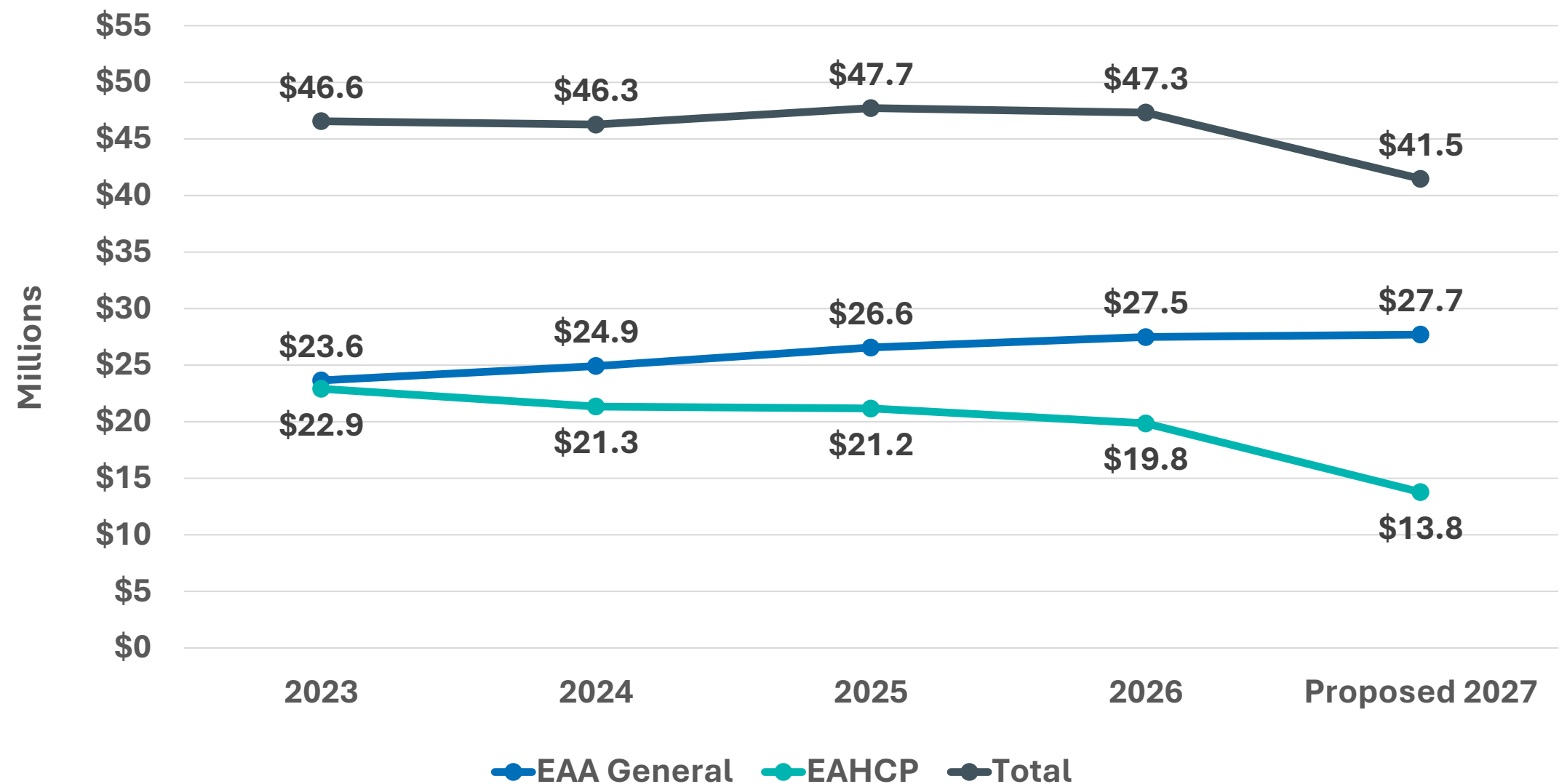


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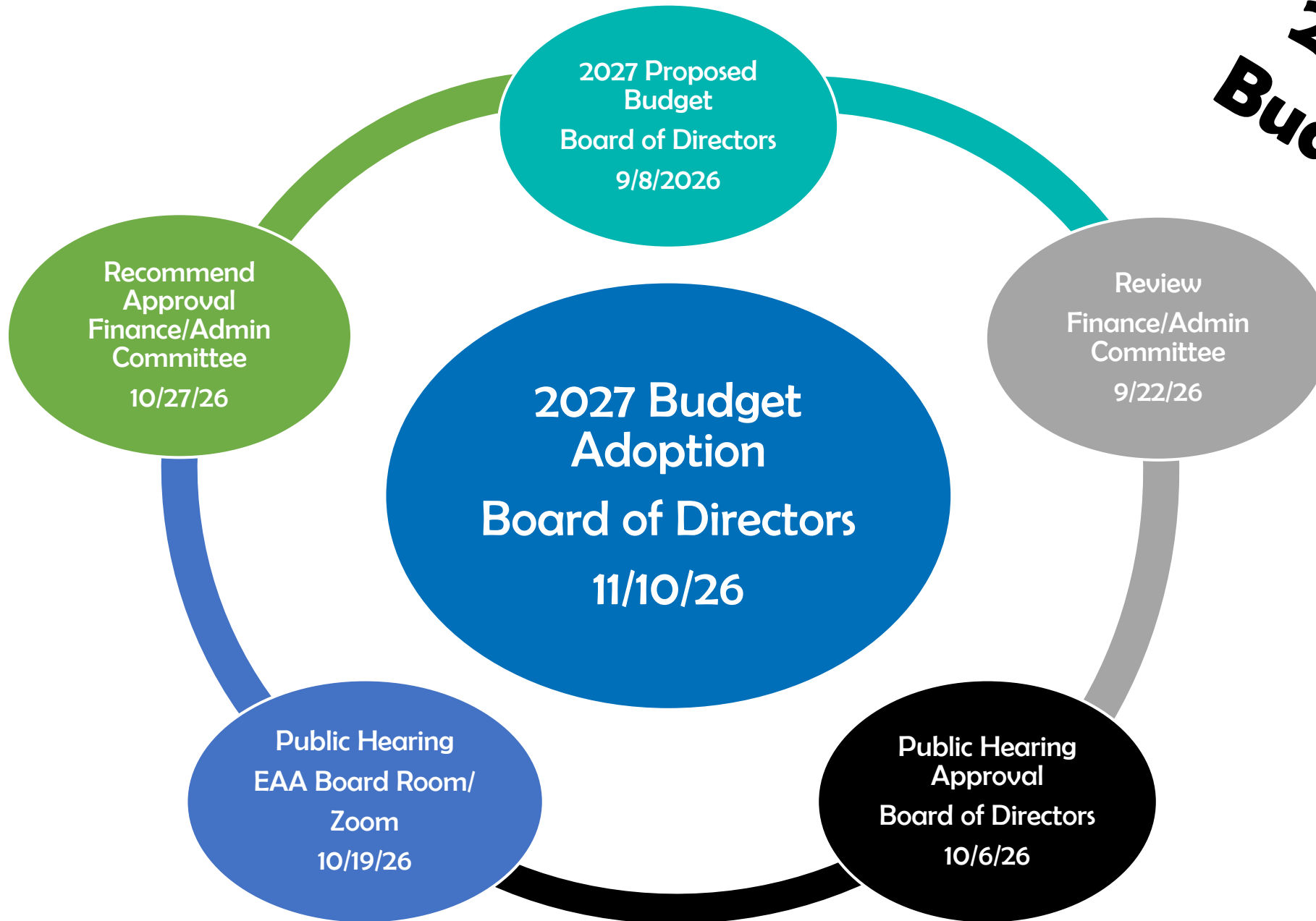
M&I rate increases limited to 8%, per year.

Irrigation permit holders pay \$2/AF, per statute. Above rates are for Municipal & Industrial permit holders only.

EAA Budget Expense Trends *



2027 Proposed Budget Schedule



WRITTEN COMMENTS

Deadline: October 22, 2026



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ORAL COMMENTS

To provide oral comments, requests must be submitted by 5p the day prior to the meeting date. Submit requests **via email/call to: jesparza@edwardsaquifer.org or 210.477.5116**



EAA Finance/Administrative Committee Meeting
October 27, 2026; 10:30a
Submit request via by 5p, 10/26/26



EAA Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2026; 1:00p
Submit request via by 5p, 11/09/26

Questions?

Thank You!