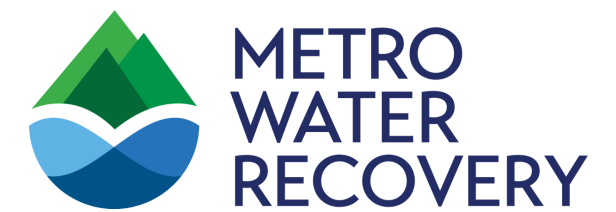


# Planning for Annual Charges



## A KEY PARTNERSHIP

The annual charges process is collaborative and one where connector input matters most. By effectively evaluating your service area you can ensure more accurate estimations.

## INPUT NEEDED

- **March:**
  - Annual Summaries Prior Year Report - [Review/provide input on accuracy of report.](#)
  - Annual Projections Next Year Report - [Make estimate adjustments here.](#)
- **November:**
  - Commercial Water Use Requests Sent to Connectors

## ANNUAL PROJECTIONS

[What to think about when finalizing projections.](#)

- **Focus on Your Flows:** Review your flow and load reports to ensure estimates are accurate.
- **Look at Trends:** Understand the changes that may occur - residential growth, commercial use, industry changes, COVID-19 - and their impact on your estimates.
- **Use Reports and Summaries:** Use the multiple data and estimate documents we provide throughout the year to evaluate and ensure accuracy for your service areas.

## ANNUAL CHARGES IMPACT

[What can cause changes in charges.](#)

- **Growth:** If your service area is growing - residents, businesses, industries - you will see an increase in all charge parameters.
- **Commercial:** Identify if companies in your area are projecting an increase or decrease in discharge, which could impact flows.
- **Planning:** Once you receive our projection reports, we need your input on estimates. Here you should review, compare and adjust based on the future of your service area.

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# The Annual Charges Process



## ANNUAL CHARGES

Fees assessed annually to cover the operating costs, debt service, and capital needs of Metro Water Recovery. The annual charge review process is driven by comprehensive cashflow analyses and are governed by state statutes, service agreements, and rules and regulations.

## CHARGE ALLOCATION

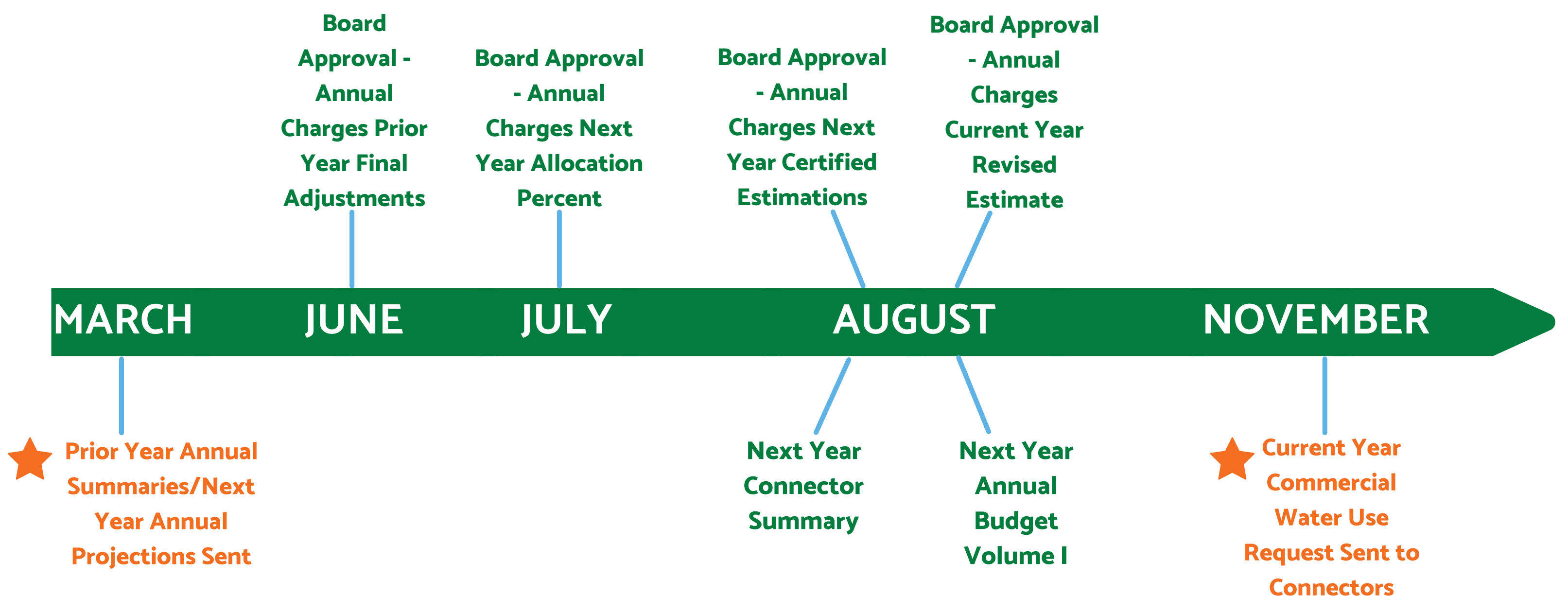
The unit cost is the same for each connector and approved by the board annually. Based on a collaborative feedback process, annual charges allocation to each connector differs based on the following parameters:

- FLOW
- BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND (BOD)
- SUSPENDED SOLIDS (SS)
- TOTAL KJELDAHL NITROGEN (TKN)
- CUSTOMER EQUIVALENT CONNECTION UNITS (CECU)

Note: The unit cost for each parameter is the same for every connector; the total units for each parameter changes with the revision of estimates and final adjustments.

## A KEY PARTNERSHIP

By effectively evaluating your service area and providing parameter input, you help ensure more accurate annual charge estimations. Together we determine the projections and adjustments for your service areas.



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