

— Division of Drinking Water

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UTAH DEPARTMENT of
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
**DRINKING
WATER**

Our Mission.

Safeguarding the quality and quantity of Utah's drinking water through balanced regulation.

99.7%

Population Served by
Approved PWS

**1,200 Public
Water Systems**

**1,300 schools to
protect children
from lead**

Ensuring all Utahns have access to safe and reliable drinking water



Drinking Water Standards

Bacteriological, metals, organic, inorganic, emerging contaminants



Adequate Water

Source and Storage

Infrastructure - aging and growth



Emergency and Technical Assistance

48 water systems had emergency incidents in 2023, 75 in 2024 to date

Outreach and Transparency

Stakeholder Involvement

Water Task Force
Many conference presentations

Director Update

Email to be sent to all
Public Water Systems
this week.



Drinking Water Amendments

(Proposed Legislation - Sponsored by Sen. Sandall)



**Fee
Authority**



**Minimize
Dependency
on Federal
Funding**



**Implemented
through the
Fee Schedule
Process or
Statute**

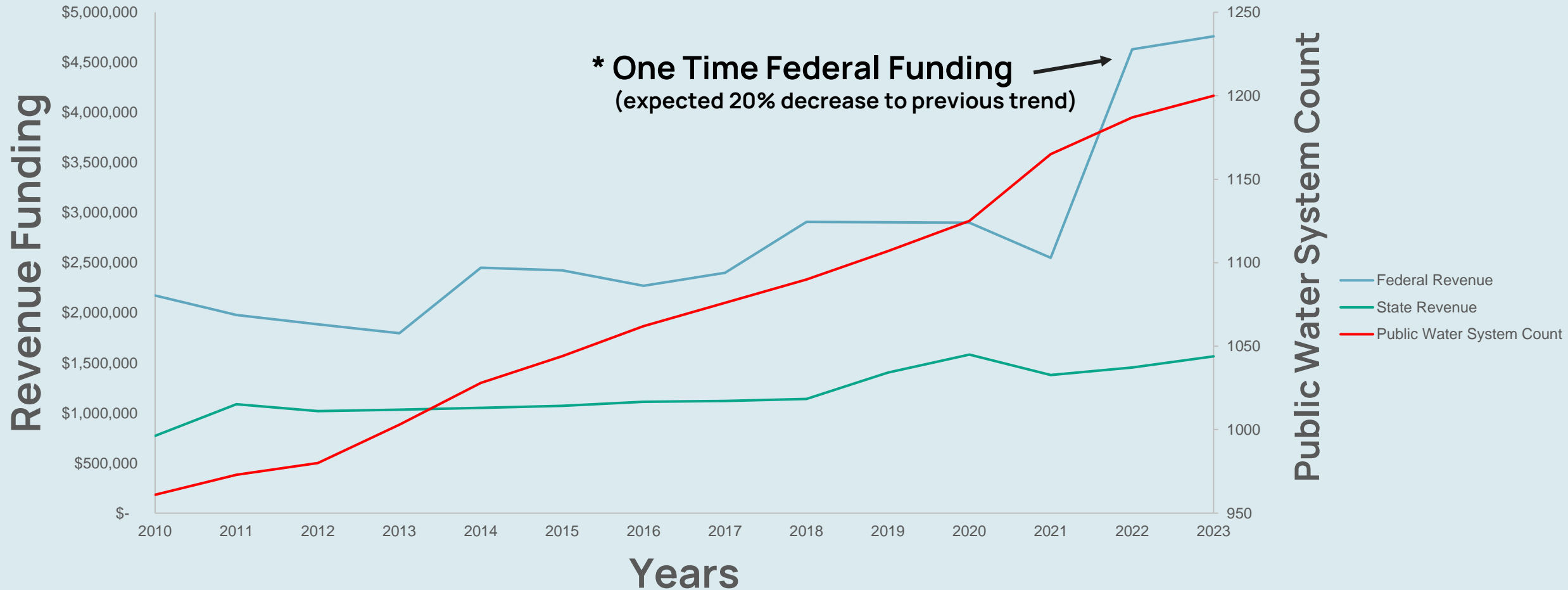


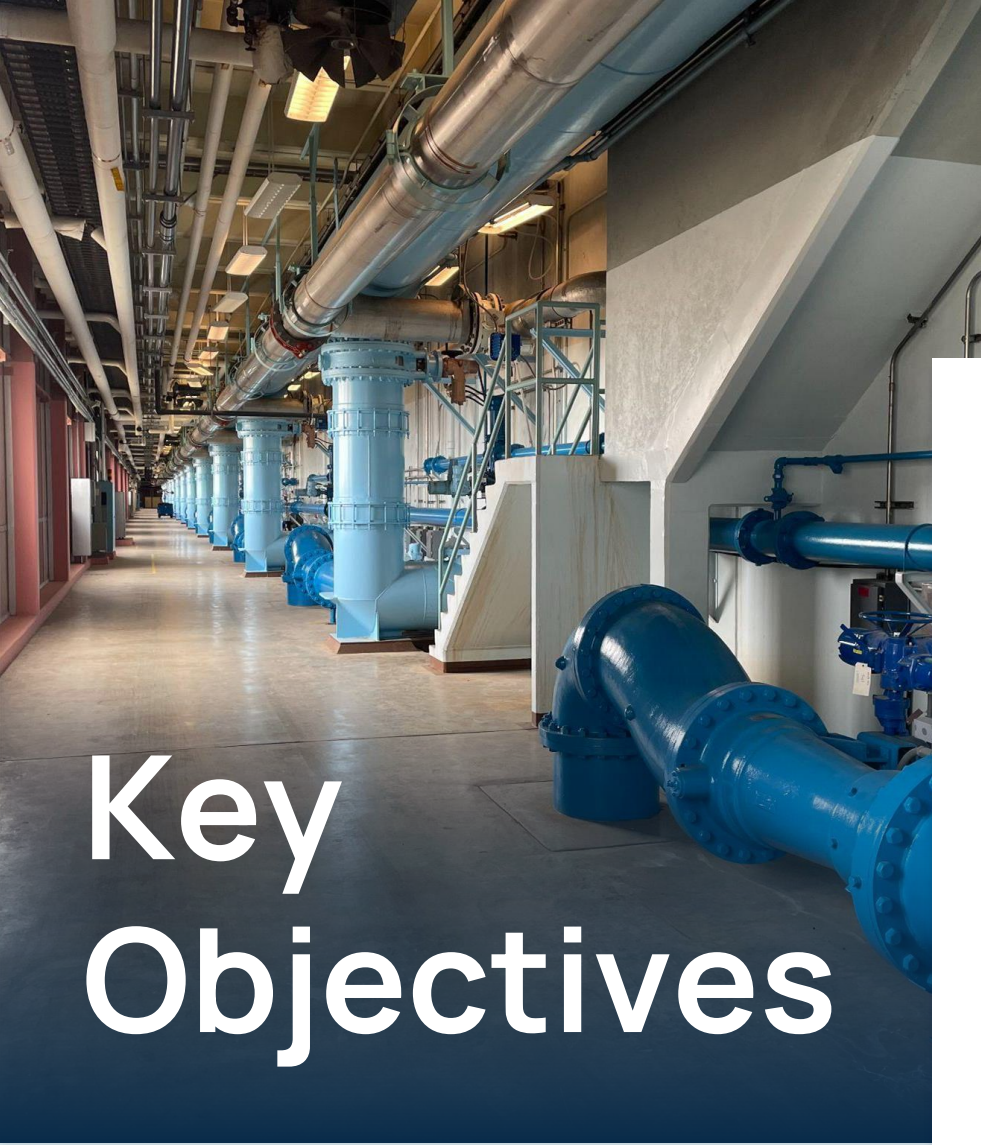
**Incentivization
for Conservation
& Better Water
Management**

Funding & PWS Trends

Funding and PWS over the last Fourteen years.

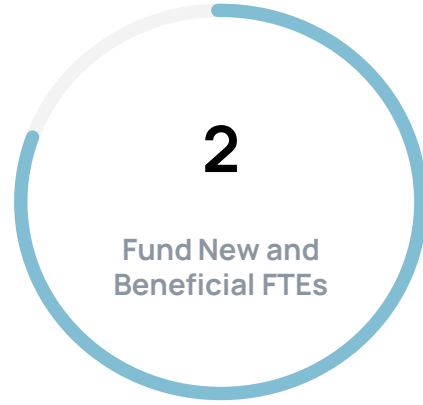
Funding & Public Water System Trends





Key Objectives

The Need for a Fee Authority



This Funding Supports Programs Important to Utah

5 Current Time-Limited Employees

Providing essential assistance to small and volunteer run systems. Critical need that this support continues.

2 New Staff Members

Needed to assist PWSs with increasing number of emergencies, water quality challenges, and increasing federal programs.

Options for Funding the Gap

Do Nothing

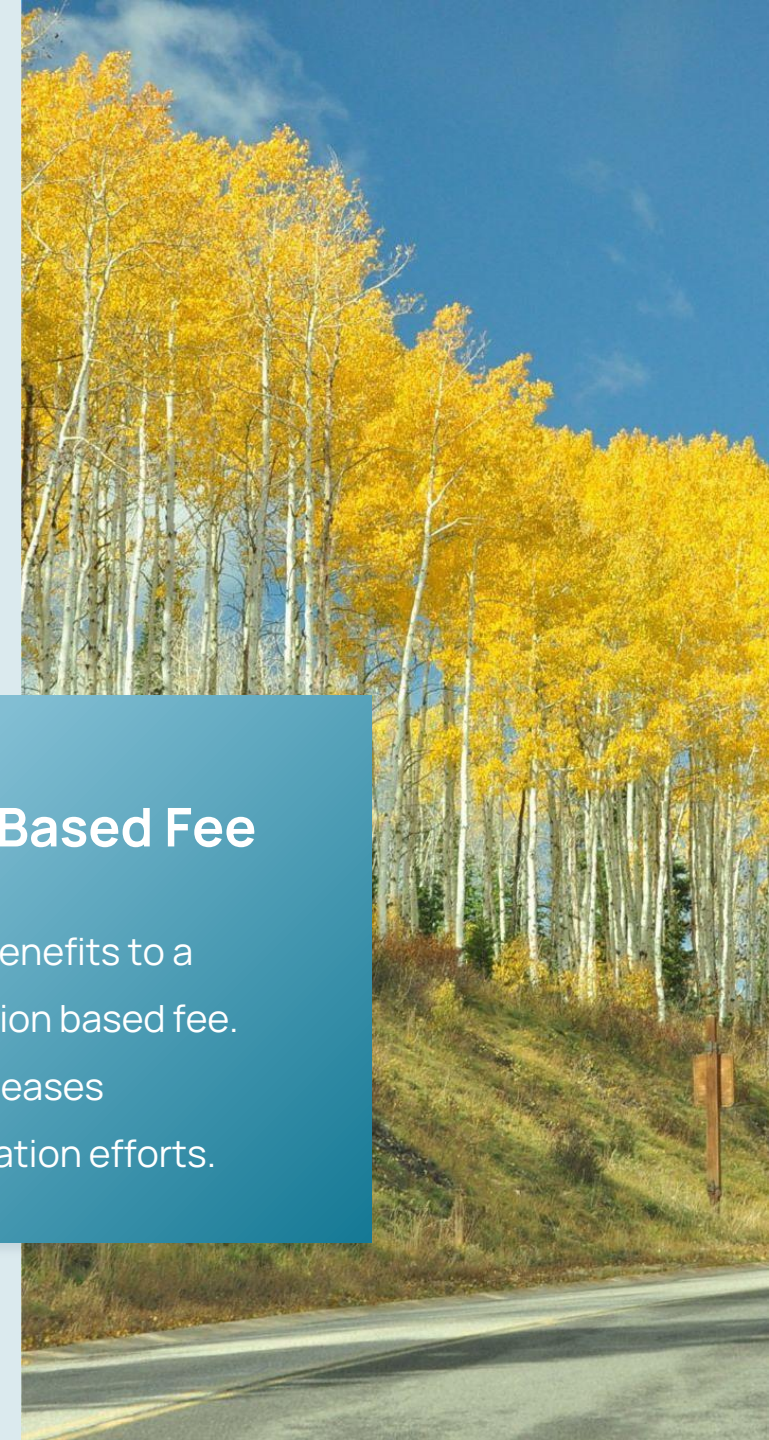
Leaves many small PWSs vulnerable and would increase rates of violations.

Connection Based Fee

Allows the fee revenue to grow as the water systems and state grow. Keeps the fee in lockstep with the demand for services.

Usage Based Fee

Similar benefits to a connection based fee. Also increases conservation efforts.



— Water Task Force

Preference
for funding
from general
funds vs fees





— Fee Comparison

Annual Connection Based Fee

Flat Fee Base (up to 50 ERC): \$30.00

Per ERC after 50: \$0.75/year

ERC = Equivalent Residential Connections

Annual Usage Based Fee

Flat Fee Base (up to 10 Million gallons): \$30.00

Per 1,000 gallons after 10M: \$0.006/year



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