



2019 Business Plan and Budget Review

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Section 215(j) of the Federal Power Act

- Authorizes WIRAB to advise FERC, NERC, WECC (and Peak Reliability) on the following:
 - Governance of an existing or proposed Regional Entity within the region;
 - Whether reliability standards proposed to apply within the region are just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest;
 - Whether fees proposed to be assessed in the region are just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest; and
 - Any other responsibilities requested by the Commission.



WIRAB 2019 Initiatives

- Initiative 1: Advise WECC on the implications of high levels of distributed solar photovoltaic (PV) deployment on the reliable operation of the bulk electric system.
- Initiative 2: Encourage WECC to systematically perform reliability assessments evaluating the availability of Essential Reliability Services under a wide range of future resource scenarios.



2019 Initiatives cont.

- Initiative 3: Encourage all Reliability Coordinators in the Western Interconnection to coordinate outages, study seams issues, and share information to maintain or improve the overall reliability of the Bulk Electric System.
- Initiative 4: Encourage WECC to share key findings and insights from its Event Analysis and Situational Awareness Program in public briefings with Western policymakers and regulators in an effort to increase awareness of the causes of system events and the actions that can be taken to prevent recurrences of the events.



Budget and Assessment

- WIRAB's proposed 2019 Budget is \$1,162,700. This is \$94,915 (8.9%) more than last year's budget.
- WIRAB's proposed 2019 Assessment is \$750,000. This is an increase of \$38,974 (5.5%) from last year's funding assessment
- WIRAB's proposed FTEs for 2019 are 5.0



WIRAB Draft 2019 vs. 2018 Budget

Expense Category	2018 Budget	Draft 2019 Budget	Change
Salaries	\$ 408,111	\$ 436,500	\$ 28,389
Indirect	\$ 391,664	\$ 442,200	\$ 50,536
Consultants	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Meetings/Teleconferences	\$ 72,720	\$ 84,000	\$ 11,280
Travel	\$ 95,290	\$ 100,000	\$ 4,710
Total	\$ 1,067,785	\$ 1,162,700	\$ 94,915

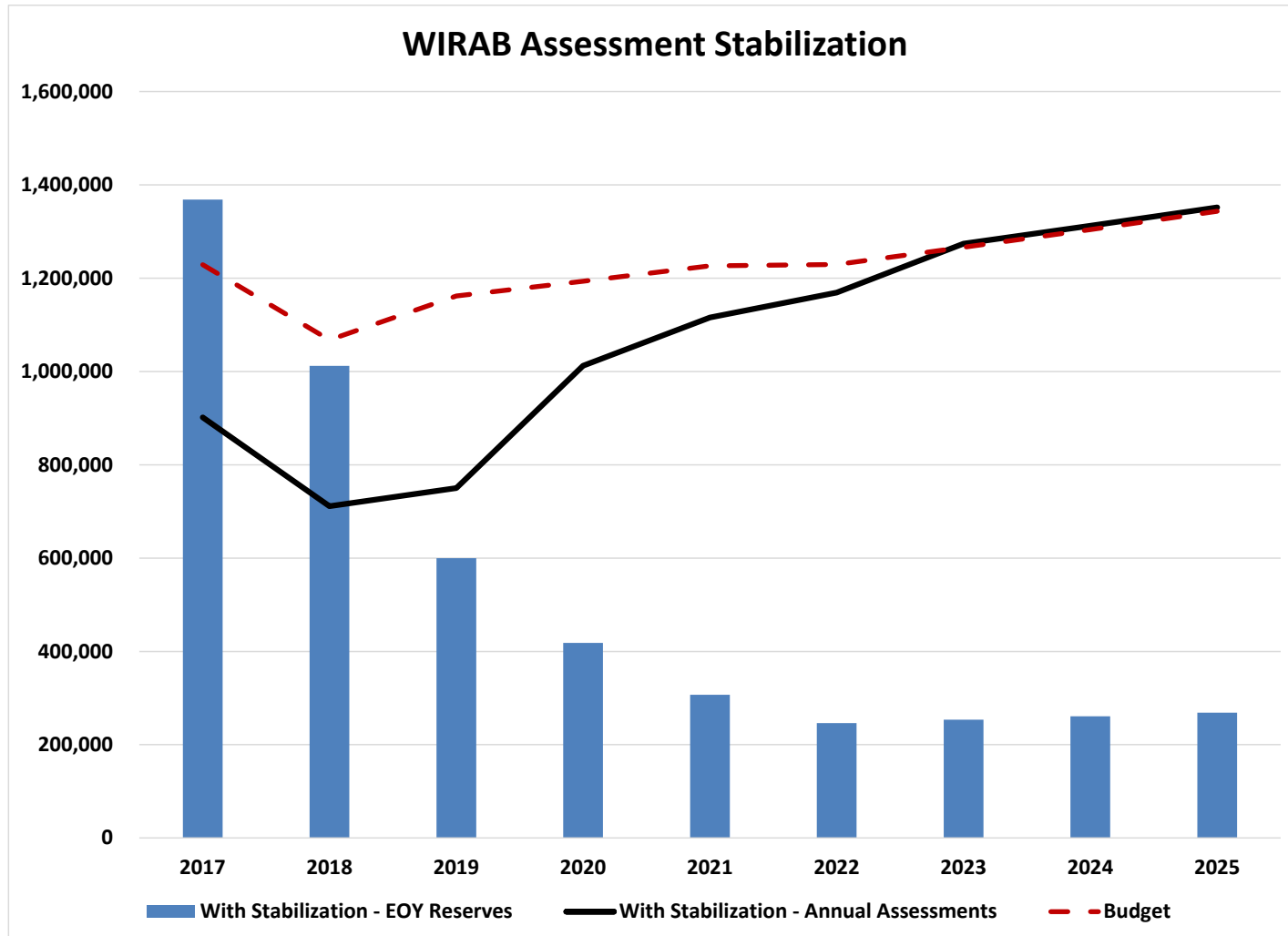


WIRAB Assessment Stabilization

- WIRAB's working capital reserve is projected to be \$1,012,100 on December 31, 2018.
- Factors that combined to create this level of reserve include:
 - Budget increases in 2015 and 2016;
 - Personnel turnover in 2015 and 2016;
 - Static working capital reserve target; and
 - Reserve balance reporting error in 2017.

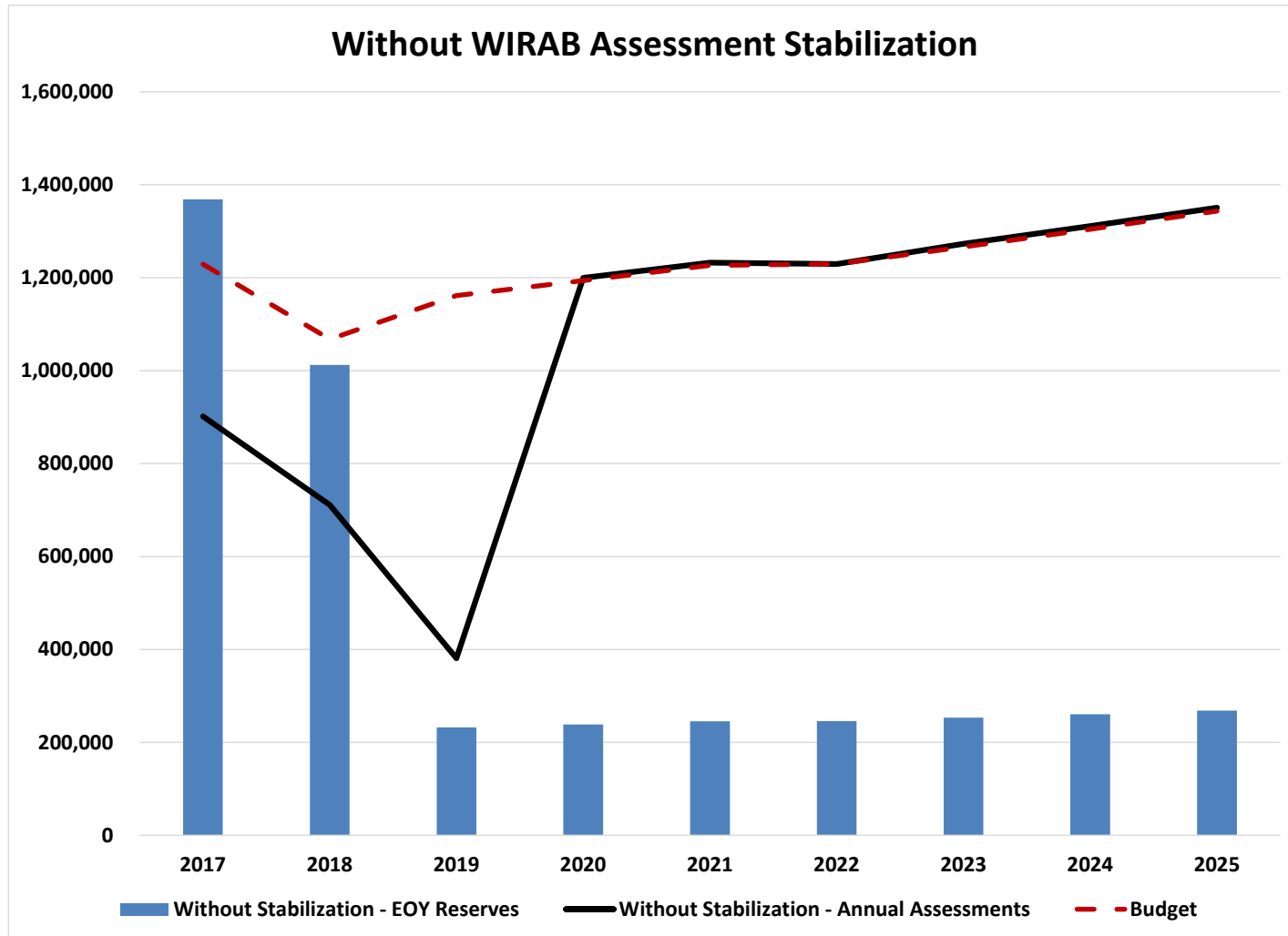


With Assessment Stabilization





Without Assessment Stabilization





Proposed WIRAB Schedule

Post Draft for Public Comment:	May 11, 2018
Comment Deadline:	May 23, 2018
WIRAB Decision:	May 25, 2018
Submit Final to NERC:	July 3, 2018



Thank You!

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