



2018 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 2018 Initiatives

- Initiative 1: Advise WECC on the implications of high levels of deployment of solar PV on the reliable operation of the bulk electric system.
- Initiative 2: Advise WECC on interdependencies between the natural gas and electric industries in the West and the implications for the reliable operation of the bulk electric system.



2018 Initiatives cont.

- Initiative 3: Encourage WECC to systematically assess the availability of Essential Reliability Services under a wide-range of future resource scenarios.
- Initiative 4: Encourage the Member Advisory Committee (MAC) at WECC and Peak Reliability to increase their focus on emerging reliability issues and to improve the processes used by the MAC to advise the Boards of Directors of WECC and Peak Reliability.



Budget and Assessment

- WIRAB's proposed 2018 Budget is \$1,067,785. This is \$161,295 (13%) less than last year's budget.
- WIRAB's proposed 2018 Assessment is \$711,026. This is a reduction of \$190,426 (21%) from last year's funding assessment
- WIRAB's proposed FTEs for 2018 remain constant at 5.5



WIRAB Draft 2018 vs. 2017 Budget

Expense Category	2017 Budget	Draft 2018 Budget	Change
Salaries	\$ 465,653	\$ 408,111	\$ (57,542)
Indirect	\$ 447,027	\$ 391,664	\$ (55,363)
Consultants	\$ 150,000	\$ 100,000	\$ (50,000)
Meetings/Teleconferences	\$ 66,900	\$ 72,720	\$ 5,820
Travel	\$ 99,500	\$ 95,290	\$ (4,210)
Total	\$ 1,229,080	\$ 1,067,785	\$ (161,295)

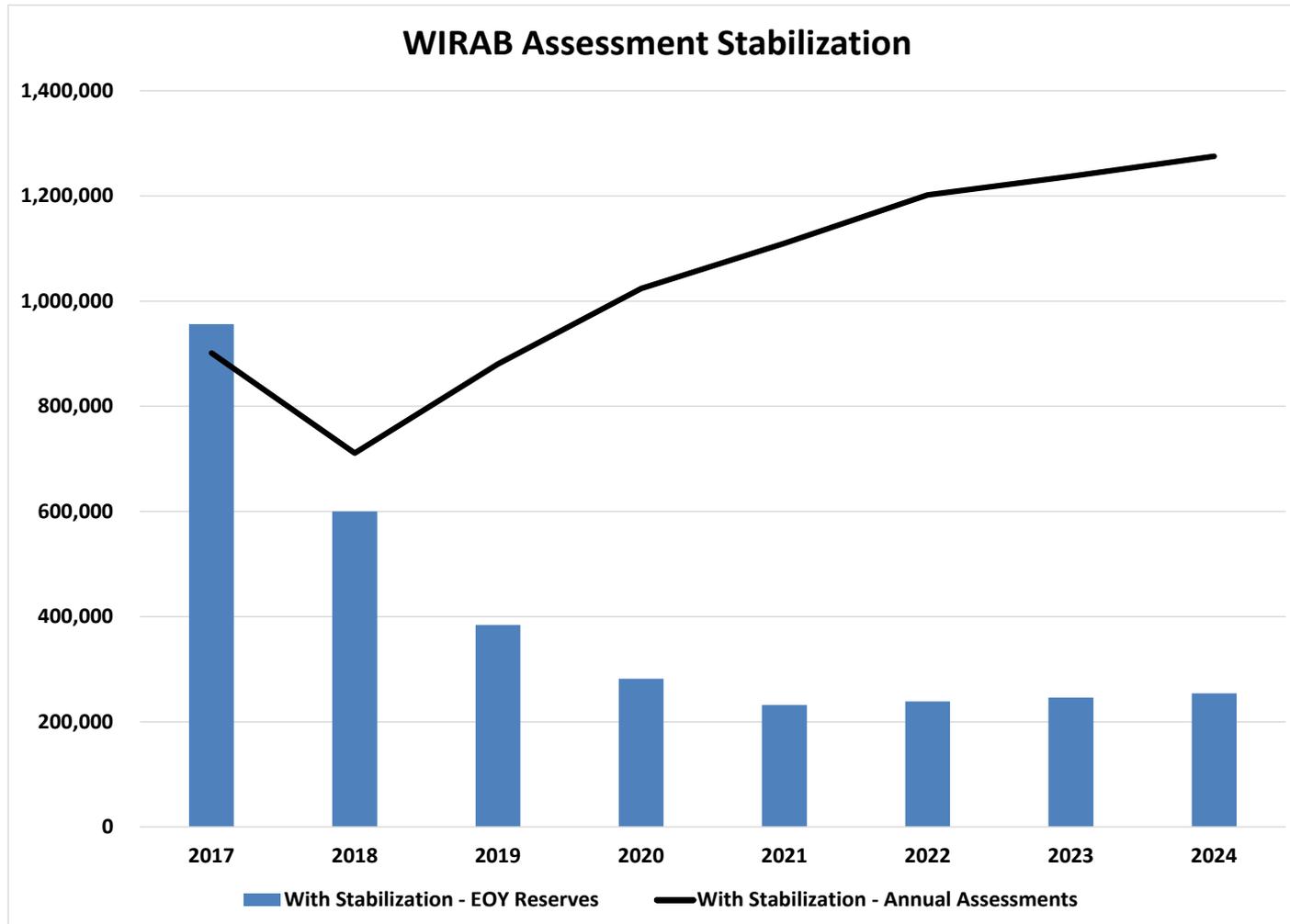


WIRAB Assessment Stabilization

- WIRAB's working capital reserve is projected to be \$956,109 on December 31, 2017.
- 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

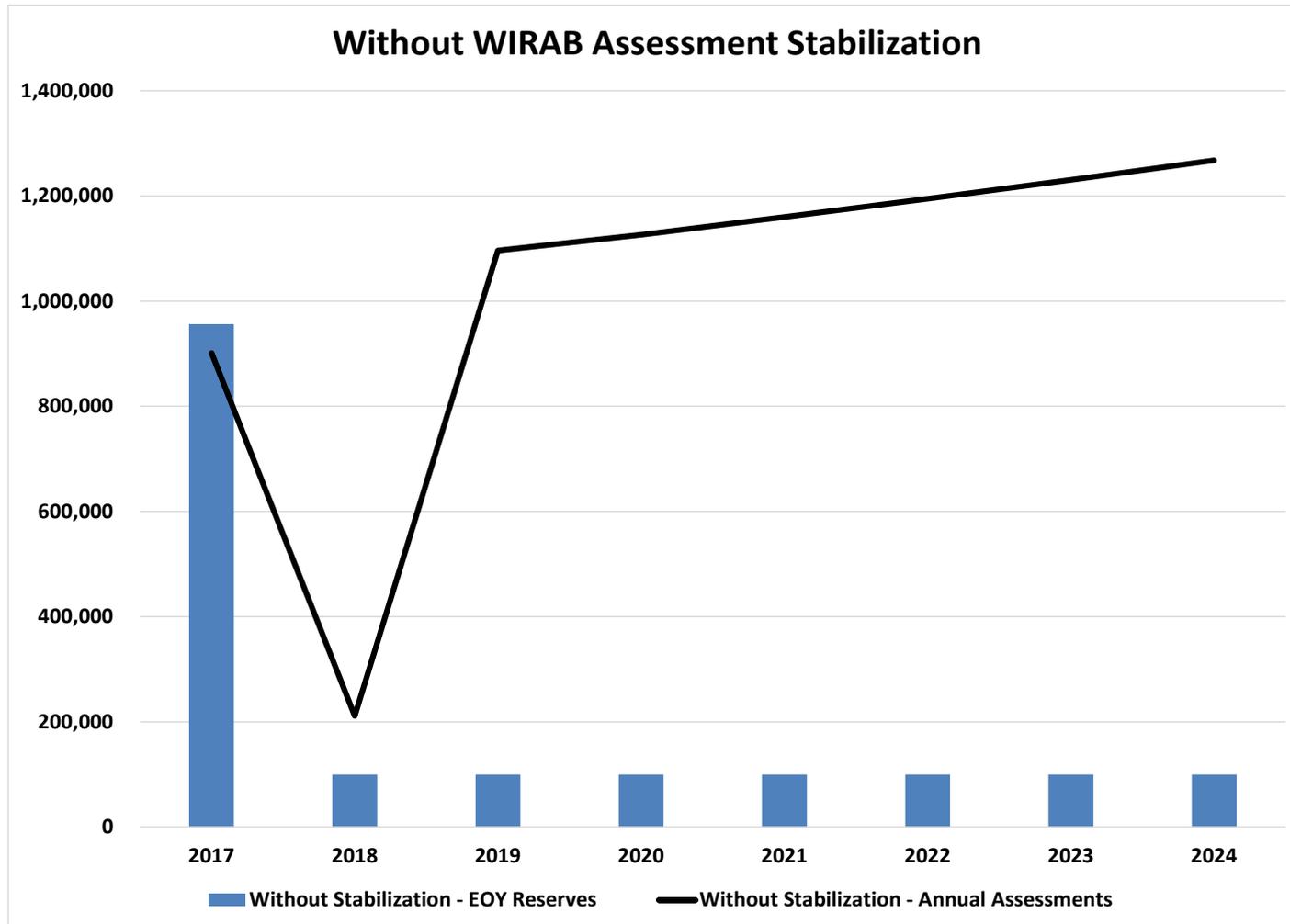


With Assessment Stabilization





Without Assessment Stabilization





Thank You!

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