

Thurston PUD
2026 Proposed EPA/WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Budget

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EPA/WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Projected Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 159,969
Expenditures	
Regulatory Water System Testing / Sampling	\$ 11,172
Chemicals - Pre Bag Filters	\$ 488
20% Contingency on 2026 Expenditure Estimates	\$ 2,332
Total	\$ 13,992
Funding Sources	
EPA/WA State Emerging Contaminant Remediation Surcharge	\$ 194,376
Potential Claims Settlements	\$ -
Total	\$ 194,376
EPA/WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Projected Ending Fund Balance	\$ 340,353

¹The EPA/WA State Emerging Contaminant Remediation Surcharge is subject to Board of Commissioners approval of the 2026 Rates, Fees, Charges and Surcharges.

2026 Proposed EPA & WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Budget

The EPA & WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Budget includes expenses related to costs and funding sources associated with emerging contaminants the District is mandated to remediate by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Washington State. In April 2024, EPA set drinking water standards (maximum contaminant levels (MCLs)) for six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The District was an early adopter and completed PFAS testing on all group A water systems. The PFAS tests resulted in eight (8) water systems with PFAS over the MCLs requiring treatment. In 2024 and 2025, the District secured Grant funding of \$6.9 million from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for the installation of PFAS remediation treatment systems at eight (8) water systems. The remediation treatment system will require ongoing operations and maintenance including multiple regulatory testing annually, chemicals replenishments and/or replacement and purchased power (electricity).

2026 Proposed EPA & WA State Emerging Contaminants Remediation Budget – Expenditures Explanations

Expenditures: This line represents the ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses including regulatory water system PFAS testing and sampling and chemical replenishments or replacements. Expenses to be paid with claim settlement proceeds and/or proposed Group A Water System Emerging Contaminant Remediation surcharge (subject to Board adoption of the 2026 Proposed Rates, Fees, Charges and Surcharges).

2026 Proposed EPA & WA Emerging Contaminants Remediation Budget - Funding Sources

EPA/WA State Emerging Contaminant Remediation Surcharge: District staff is proposing an Emerging Contaminant Remediation Surcharge of \$1.78 on all Group A Water System customers to fund for the ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses, capital costs for replacement and disposal of the PFAS treatment plant media. This surcharge is subject to Board adoption of the 2026 Proposed Rates, Fees, Charges and Surcharges.

Potential Claim Settlements: District staff is pursuing class action lawsuits with national companies. Any claim settlements received will be deposited in a separate interest-bearing bank account to fund expenses related to PFAS remediation.