

# SJW Group

## **COAST TO COAST** Investor Presentation - January 2022

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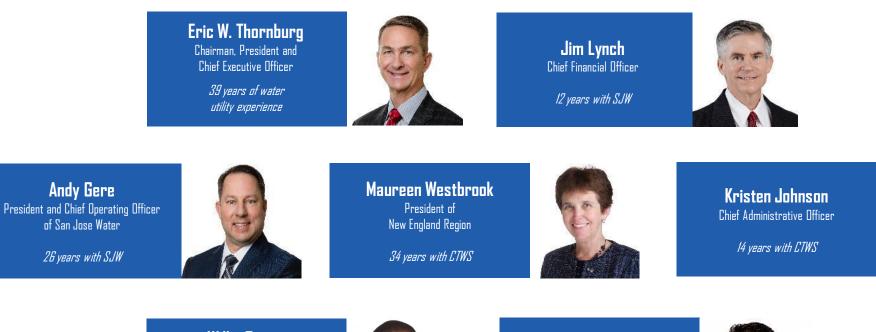
#### Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

In this presentation, the Company will be discussing the non-GAAP financial measure of Adjusted EBITDA, which is adjusted from results based on GAAP. This non-GAAP financial measure is provided to enhance the investors' overall understanding of the Company's current financial performance and the Company's prospects for the future. We have presented Adjusted EBITDA because we believe it serves as an appropriate measure to be used in evaluating the performance of our business and help our investors better compare our operating performance over multiple periods and that the exclusion of the amounts eliminated in calculating Adjusted EBITDA can provide a useful measure for period-to-period comparisons of our core business performance.

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## Experienced Leadership Team with Record of Execution, Regional Focus and Dedication

Leveraged expertise across the multistate platform with a commitment to local markets



**Willie Brown** Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Effective May 31, 2021

14 years with SJW



Andrew Walters Chief Corporate Development Officer and Integration Executive

8 years with SJW



## Key Investment Highlights

Growth – Capital and Customers

- Robust 5-year capital investment plan of \$1.3B in water/wastewater infrastructure, subject to regulatory approval
- Texas operation more than tripled in size between 2006 and 2020, organic growth exceeding 10% annually
- Closed on Kendall West and Bandera East utilities in 4Q 2022, Texas Country Water approval expected 1Q 2022

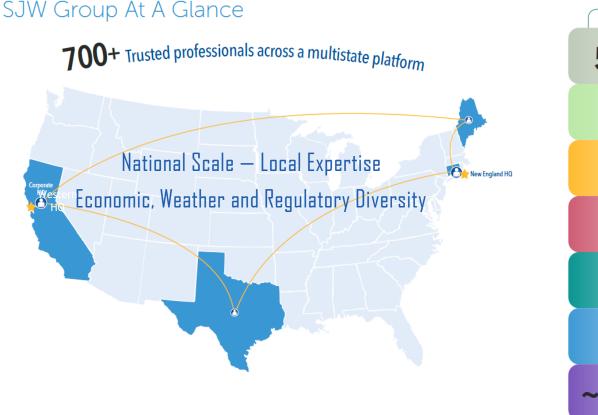
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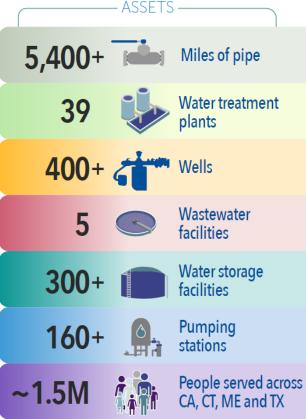
- Regulatory lag is minimized by forward test year in CA and infrastructure replacement surcharge mechanisms in CT and ME, and soon in TX
- Going forward, will attempt to stagger rate filings for SJW's large utilities and target filings every 3-4 years
- Weather diversity
- Reducing carbon emissions Science-based target to reduce Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions 50% by 2030
- Fostering environmental stewardship 100% environmental compliance and 15% non-revenue water target
- Leading ISS ESG ratings ISS Environmental (5), Social (3), Governance (1)
- Supporting supplier responsibility Adopted vendor code of conduct, recognized excellence in supplier diversity, and committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Industry-leading dividend growth, exceeding 10% over the past 5 years
- 77 consecutive years paying a dividend
- Increased 53 consecutive years

Commitment to ESG

Strong Dividend Track Record

## SJW Group Profile





### Large National Pure-Play Water/Wastewater

<u>Market Data<sup>1</sup></u> As of January 7 2022, unless otherwise noted

- \$3.6 Billion Total Enterprise Value
- \$2.1 Billion Market Capitalization
- 1.9% Dividend Yield
- 158% 5-Year Total Shareholder Return (12/31/2020)
- \$565 Million Operating Revenue in 2020

#### Resources

As of December 31, 2020, unless otherwise noted

- 390,000 Service Connections
- \$1.7 Billion Rate Base<sup>2</sup>

## SJW Group at a Glance: Pure-Play Water



#### San Jose Water

- Regulated California water utility
- Serving San Jose and the greater Silicon Valley metropolitan area
- · Growth supported by a robust need for infrastructure replacement and forward test year



#### **Connecticut Water**

- Regulated Connecticut water utility
- Serves portions of 60 communities that are predominantly suburban and rural
- Timely recovery of distribution asset capital additions through the Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment (WICA) surcharge



#### Maine Water

- Regulated Maine water utility serving 21 cities and towns
- "Best in Class" Water Infrastructure Charge (WISC) infrastructure surcharge

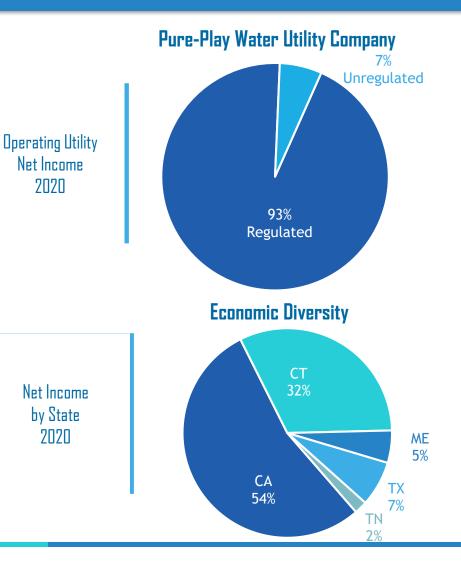


#### SJWTX (Canyon Lake Water Service Company)

- Regulated Texas water utility
- Located in three of the top five fastest-growing counties in the U.S.



- Nonregulated
- Tax-advantaged, income-producing properties for future disposition as capital needs warrant; currently unlevered



2020

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### Our Foundation

#### **Shareholders**

- Leverage regulatory compact
- Infrastructure investment and earning a return "of and on" investments
- Focus on core water and wastewater
- Maintain constructive regulatory relationships
- Deliver growth that adds shareholder value

#### Environment

- Passionate about stewardship and the value of water
- Protect and manage water and watershed for sustainability in order to serve current and future generations
- Use available ratemaking tools to encourage conservation
- Leverage technology to minimize water loss
- A water service provider not a water seller
- Invest in sustainability and reduce carbon footprint

#### Customers/Communities

- Provide high-quality water
- High level of community engagement
- Deliver world-class service
- Customer financial assistance programs
- Be a positive force in the community
- Promote conservation and wise use of water resources

#### Employees

- Passionate employees delivering a life-sustaining service
- Values-based, team-oriented approach
- Healthy, safe and secure workplace
- Invest in education and leadership development for our water professionals

## Growth Strategy

### **Capital Expenditures (CapEx)**

- Investment in water utility infrastructure and earning a return "of and on" that investment
- Five-year plan to invest \$1.3 billion in water/wastewater infrastructure, subject to regulatory approval

### **Constructive Regulatory Environment**

- Experienced and highly regarded regulatory teams working cooperatively with state commissions to align customer and shareholder interests
- Infrastructure surcharge mechanisms in Connecticut, Maine and Texas, forward-looking test year in California

### Acquisitions

- Opportunistic
- Water and wastewater systems
- National footprint for growth



### Infrastructure Investment Drives Rate Base Growth

SJW Group CapEx

\$250 -				millions R: 16.4%		<b>*</b> \$400	\$239
\$200 -						\$199	
\$150 -		\$129	\$141	\$136	\$134	_	
\$100 -	\$96	_		_			_
\$50 -	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 Estimated

### Infrastructure Surcharge Mechanisms Forward Test Year

Reduced Regulatory Lag

State	СТ	ME	ТХ							
Mechanism	WICA	WISC	DSIC							
Allowed Surcharge	10%	20%	TBD							
CA is a forward test year state, which minimizes regulatory lag										

	More than \$125 million allocated to pipe and main replacements						
2021 CapEx	<ul> <li>California achieved its \$320 million 3-year capital program authorized by the CPUC in its 2018 general rate case application</li> </ul>						
	• \$169.2 million, or 71%, of 2021 planned CapEx invested as of September 30, 2021						

## 2022 CapEx



## Acquisition Growth and Opportunities

### 2010 – 2020 Customer Growth

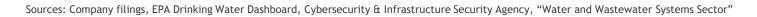
- 25+ acquisitions by SJW Group and subsidiaries
- 65% customer growth ~154K new customers
- Transformational growth with CTWS in 2019

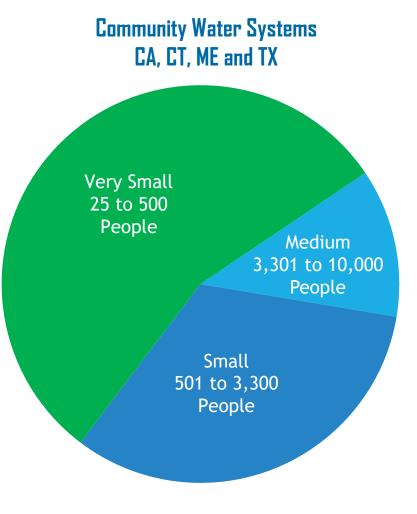
### **2021 Acquisitions**

- SJWTX completed acquisitions of Kendall West, Bandera East, and Clear Water Estates
  - Completed acquisitions represent over 1,800 service connections
  - Clear Water Estates first fair market value acquisition in Texas by any utility
- Connection growth nearly quadrupled between 2006 and 2021 to over 24,000 water and wastewater connections

### **Opportunities**

- More than 8,400 community water systems in CA, CT, ME and TX
- More than 16,000 publicly owned wastewater systems nationwide





## Capital-Supportive Regulatory Environments



• Future test year

Streamlined rate case

WICA

• WISC

WRA

- Balancing and memorandum accounts
- Cost of Capital proceeding outside of general rate case
- Water cost of capital adjustment mechanism

• Water revenue adjustment (WRA) mechanism

200-day statutory time frame for rate proceedings



ME



- Recovery of reasonable operating costs and a fair rate of return
- Adjustment mechanism for wholesale water cost
- Fair Market Value legislation passed in 2019
- Infrastructure surcharge in development



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### 2022 - 2024 Rate Case

- GRC filed on January 4, 2021
- Requesting \$88 million increase in revenues over 3 years
- Requesting authorization of \$435 million 3-year capital budget
- New rates, if approved, expected to be effective in 2Q 2022
- Interim rates to be in place on January 1, 2022

#### **Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Application**

- All-party settlement submitted to CPUC for adoption
- Approximately \$100 million over the next four years for AMI deployment
- Separate from 2021 GRC capital budget request
- Decision on settlement agreement expected in 2Q 2022



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### **Cost of Capital Filing**

- Seeking revenue increase of \$6.4 million
- ROE of 10.3% requested and increased equity portion of capital structure
- Proposed decrease in cost of debt
- New rates expected in 3Q 2022

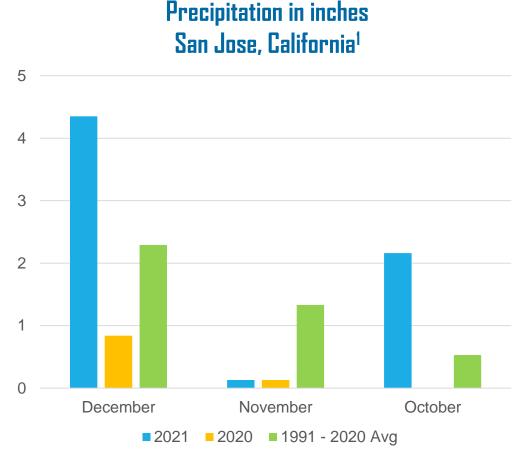
### Drought Response

• Water Conservation Memorandum Account, Water Conservation Expense Memorandum Account and other mechanisms employed to encourage conservation while allowing the company the opportunity to earn its authorized return



## Promising Start to California 'Rainy' Season

- Typical 'rainy' season November through March
- Above average precipitation in two of the three months at the end of 2021
- Favorable compared to October through December 2020
- Still need to drive conservation
- Cautiously optimistic



<sup>1</sup>Source: National Weather Service



\$9.9 million total additional revenue in 2022 plus \$500k expense to capital

Total Revenue Requirement authorized in the Connecticut GRC increased \$7.3 million or 7.1%

Additional \$2.6 million in revenues through WICA

### 2021 Rate Case

- Final decision issued by Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) on July 28, 2021
- Authorized \$5.2 million increase in annual revenues
- Allowed approximately \$500,000 annual IT expenses to be recorded as CapEx
- Final ruling by PURA on request to reconsider certain tax matters in GRC on November 17, 2021
- Authorized \$2.1 million in additional revenues

#### Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment (WICA)

- Final decision issued by PURA on December 22, 2021
  - Approved request for approximately \$22 million in completed projects
  - Included certain projects not considered in GRC due to capital additions deadline
  - \$2.6 million in annual revenues
  - Effective January 1, 2022

### Biddeford/Saco Division - Three-Step General Rate Case

- Step 1 rate-smoothing mechanism implemented in July 2021
  - Mitigates customer rate shock
- Step 2 of GRC for Biddeford-Saco Division filed on September 8, 2021
  - Requesting \$6.9 million increase in revenue
  - Related to new Saco River Drinking Water Treatment Facility replacing 1884 plant
  - \$60 million generational investment
  - Decision expected in 2Q 2022 in line with facility completion
- Step 3 of GRC expected to be filed second half of 2022

### 1Q Rate Case Filings

- Rate case filings planned in 4 divisions before March 31, 2022
  - Required under the settlement agreement with the Maine Public Utilities Commission regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act





Texas had the highest population growth of any state in 2020 Census

SJWTX serves three of the five fastest growing counties in the nation<sup>1</sup>

### 2021 Acquisitions

- Completed acquisition of Clear Water Estates Water System in 2021
  - First acquisition requesting treatment under Fair Market Valuation legislation
  - Authorized rate base average of three appraisals
- Completed acquisition of Kendall West and Bandera East utilities on December 17, 2021 following approval by the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUCT)
  - Over 1,600 water/wastewater service connections

#### **Pending Acquisition**

- PUCT staff recommended approval of the acquisition of Texas Country Water without a hearing on 12/8/2021
  - Final PUCT approval expected in 1Q 2022

#### **Regulatory Advances**

- House Bill 1484 signed into law effective September 1, 2021
  - Rates applied to certain water or sewer systems after sale or purchase of the system

<sup>1</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau population growth in counties with a population of at least 10,000, 2010 - 2019

## Commitment to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Sustainability

#### Environmental

- Dedicated board sustainability committee
- ISS environmental rating of "5" (among the best of water utility peers)
- Continue focus on use and protection of over 10,000 acres of watershed land
- GHG inventory completed and set new goal of 50% reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 2030



#### Social

- Assistance programs for customers
  - Payment arrangements
  - Low-income customer rates
- Supplier diversity program
- World-class customer satisfaction
- Adopted Vendor Code of Conduct in 2021
- ISS social rating of "3" (tied for best among water utility peers)
- Active Environmental Health and Safety Committee
  - Coordinated response to COVID-19
  - Construction Safety Award (CT) 18 straight years
  - Workplace violence prevention program
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council
- CEO Pledge CEO Action for Diversity and Inclusion

#### Governance

- Human rights policy
- Employees participate in ethics, conduct and cybersecurity training
- 50/50 Women on Boards "Gender Balanced" company
- ISS governance score is a "1" (best score possible)

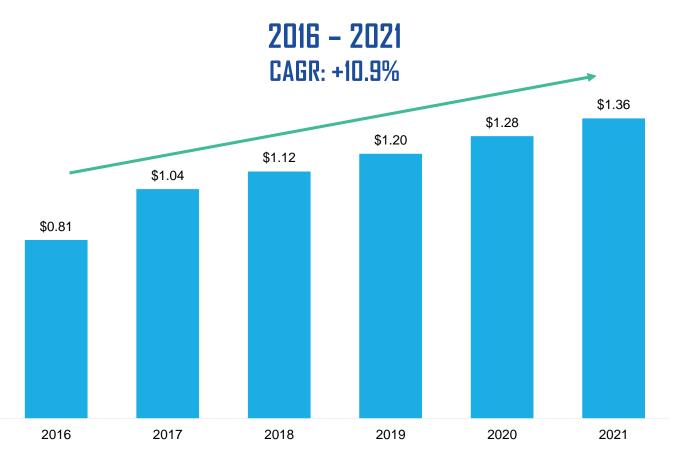




### Stable and Consistent Dividend Growth

#### Dividend

- 6.3% increase in annual dividend over 2020
- \$1.36 per share (annual)
- Continuously paid dividends for more than 77 years
- Annual dividend increase for 53 consecutive years



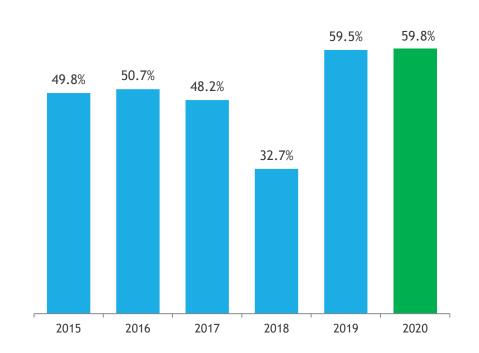
Includes \$0.17/share special dividend declared in November 2017 and paid in December 2017

### Financial Highlights: SJW Group

#### \$225,000 \$212,481 \$200,000 \$175,000 \$154,805 \$148,312 \$146,634 \$150,000 \$139,228 \$122,194 \$125,000 \$100,000 \$75,000 \$50,000 \$25,000 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

#### Adjusted EBITDA (in thousands)

#### **Debt to Capitalization**

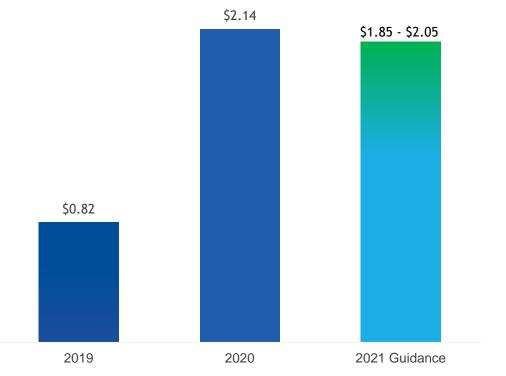


#### Non-GAAP Financial Information

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### **EPS and Total Return**

#### 2019 - 2020 Diluted EPS



#### 5-Year Total Shareholder Return<sup>1</sup>



Source: Company filings, investor presentations

<sup>1</sup>Assumes \$100 was invested in SJW Group common stock and the S&P 500 Index on December 31, 2014, and assumes reinvestment of dividends

#### The Infrastructure Replacement Era

Opportunity for well-managed, customer-centric, investor-owned water and wastewater

#### Water

- At least \$473 billion needs to be invested to replace aging drinking water infrastructure
- 50,000 water systems
- 85% of population served by municipalities
- About two-thirds of public spending since the 1980s has been made by state and local governments

#### Wastewater

- At least \$271 billion needs to be invested to replace aging wastewater infrastructure
- 14,700 wastewater systems
- 97% of population served by municipalities
- Federal funding of capital investment dropped from 63% to 9% between 1977 and 2017

#### Proposed budget cuts money needed for 'critical' repairs to Flint Wastewater Treatment Plant

Over 700 cash-strapped cities halt plans to repair roads, water systems or make other key investments

Updated Jun 12, 2019: Posted Apr 30, 2019

The coronavirus has forced many municipalities to halt or cancel major purchases and infrastructure improvements, according to new data from the National League of Cities.

#### American Society of Civil Engineers 2021 Infrastructure Report Card



#### Framingham's water & sewer funds are \$2.5 million in the hole. Cut budgets or raise rates?

Jeannette Hinkle MetroWest Daily News Published 5:04 p.m. ET Dec. 8, 2020 | Updated 5:05 p.m. ET Dec. 8, 2020

Sources: American Society of Civil Engineers, 2021 Infrastructure Report Card; AWWA, Buried No Longer; EPA, 2018 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Assessment; EPA, 2012 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey

- Deliver exceptional service to families and communities
- Protect employee and public health
- Grow regulated water and wastewater utility business
- Invest capital (CapEx) to serve customers and conserve natural resources
- File timely infrastructure surcharges and general rate cases
- Steward constructive regulatory relationships
- Increase shareholder value through prudent acquisitions
- Maintain the momentum of the CTWS integration
- Support supplier diversity
- Conduct our business while honoring the highest ethical standards
- Focus on water and wastewater service, not sales
- Be a positive force in the communities where we live, work and serve

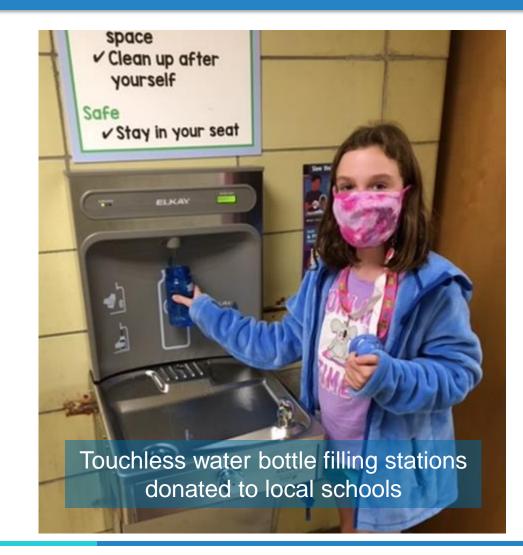


## Our Mission

"Trusted, passionate and socially responsible professionals delivering lifesustaining, high-quality water and exceptional service while protecting the environment, enhancing our communities and providing a fair return to shareholders."

## COVID-19 Response for Customers and Communities

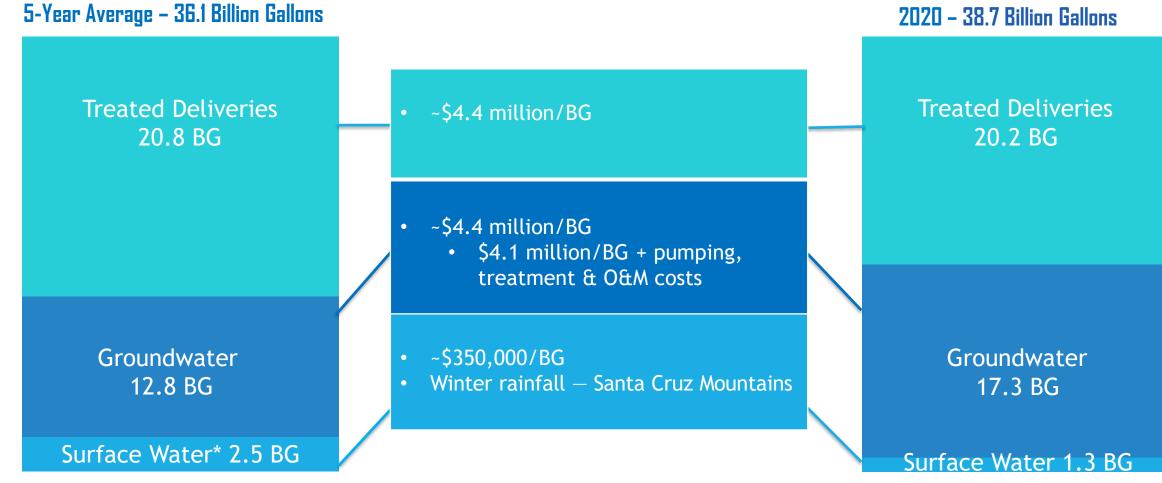
- Offered payment arrangements and assistance for customers experiencing financial challenges
- Waived certain fees and deposits
- Suspended billing-related shut-offs, consistent with state regulatory jurisdictions
- Increased local support of organizations providing food, shelter and healthcare needs
- Water Rate Assistance Program for income-eligible customers in effect in California and Connecticut



#### Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

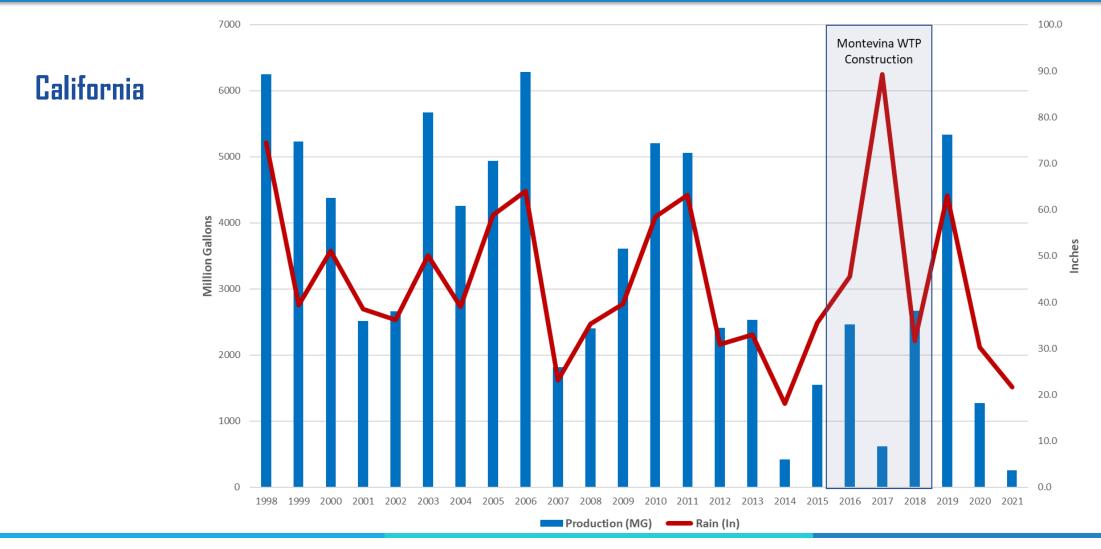
		For the Year Ended December 31 (in thousands)										
			<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>
Net Income		\$	61,515	\$	23,403	\$	38,767	\$ 59,204	\$	52,839	\$	37,882
Add (Subtract):												
	Income Attributable to the noncontrolling interest	\$	-	\$	224	\$	-	\$ 1,896	\$	-	\$	-
	Income Tax Expense Interest Expense		8,380	\$	8,454	\$	10,065	\$ 35,393	\$	33,542	\$	23,272
			54,255	\$	31,796	\$	24,332	\$ 22,929	\$	21,838	\$	22,186
	Interest Income	\$	-	\$	(6,536)	\$	(155)	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
	Depreciation and Amortization	\$	89,279	\$	65,592	\$	54,601	\$ 48,292	\$	44,625	\$	40,740
EBITDA		\$	213,429	\$	122,933	\$	127,610	\$ 167,714	\$ 1	152,844	\$	124,080
	Write-off of Regulatory Asset Account	\$	-	\$	9,386	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
	CTWS Merger-Related Expenses	\$	-	\$	15,768	\$	18,610	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
	Post-CTWS Merger Integration Costs		-	\$	4,860	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
	Merger-Related Customer Credits	\$	-	\$	2,767	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
	Loss (Gain) on Sale of Equity Investment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	423	\$ -	\$	(3,197)	\$	-
	Loss (Gain) on Sale of Utility Property	\$	-	\$	20	\$	(9)	\$ (12,499)	\$	-	\$	-
	Gain on Sale of Real Estate Investments	\$	(948)	\$	(929)	\$	-	\$ (6,903)	\$	(10,419)	\$	(1,886)
Adjusted EBITDA			<u>212,481</u>	\$	154,805	\$	146,634	\$ 148,312	\$	139,228	\$	122,194

## San Jose Water – 2020 Supply Mix



\*Surface water production reduced by Montevina WTP Construction, which occurred between 2016 and 2018 at a cost of more than \$60 million

## Water Supply – Historic Surface Water Production vs. Rainfall



### California

- Water <u>Revenue</u> Adjustment Mechanism (WRAM) eliminated by CPUC in future rate cases
- CPUC favors Water <u>Rate</u> Adjustment Mechanism (Monterey-WRAM)
- Tracks revenue in each rate tier against revenue at uniform rate
  - Resulting difference can be requested for recovery in next General Rate Case

### M-WRAM Example

(Not based on actual rates or tiers)

Month	Usage (ccf)	Quantity Rate	Quantity Rate	Dollars at	Dollars at	Difference	Total
		Tiers	Uniform	Tiers	Uniform		
January	100	1.75	2.00	175.00	200.00	(25.00)	
	500	2.00	2.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
	200	2.25	2.00	450.00	400.00	50.00	25.00

## Emerging Water-Quality Issue

### PFAS

- Used since the 1940s
  - Stain/grease repellant, nonstick cookware, firefighting foams, food packaging and more
- No federal "standard" or maximum contaminant level (MCL)
  - U.S. EPA "Health Advisory level" 70 parts per trillion for PFAS (combination PFOA and PFOS)
  - EPA developing MCL for PFOA and PFOS
- Some states, including Maine, adopting state-specific MCLs or standards
- PFAS can be removed through treatment

