Financial Management Strategies

Financial management strategies ensure critical financial objectives are integrated into organizational decision making and operations. The following outlines the financial management strategies that will generally guide financial planning:

- Set reserve target ranges based on guidelines, determining multi year funding strategies for one-time projects or to stabilize revenue requirements
- Balance debt repayment across time, correlating debt term commitments to asset life based on guideline
- Optimize fees for service revenues and stabilize tax rates to fund operations, maintenance, growth and asset utilization
- One-time variances resulting in surplus transferred to reserve to fund future capital liabilities or reduce future revenue requirements and only applied to reduce tax rates in rare circumstances where the offset is sustainable and stable

Board approved financial policies and guidelines such as the Asset Management Policy, Capital Reserve Guidelines, Operating Reserve Guidelines and Debt Term Guideline inform financial planning in a standard way at a service level whereas the strategies given above provide general corporate direction.