



Water Quality Fee Increase Rulemaking 2019

Environmental Quality Commission meeting

Sept. 27, 2019

Madras, Oregon

Jennifer Wigal, Water Quality Deputy Administrator presenting

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Permitting program

Permit Categories:

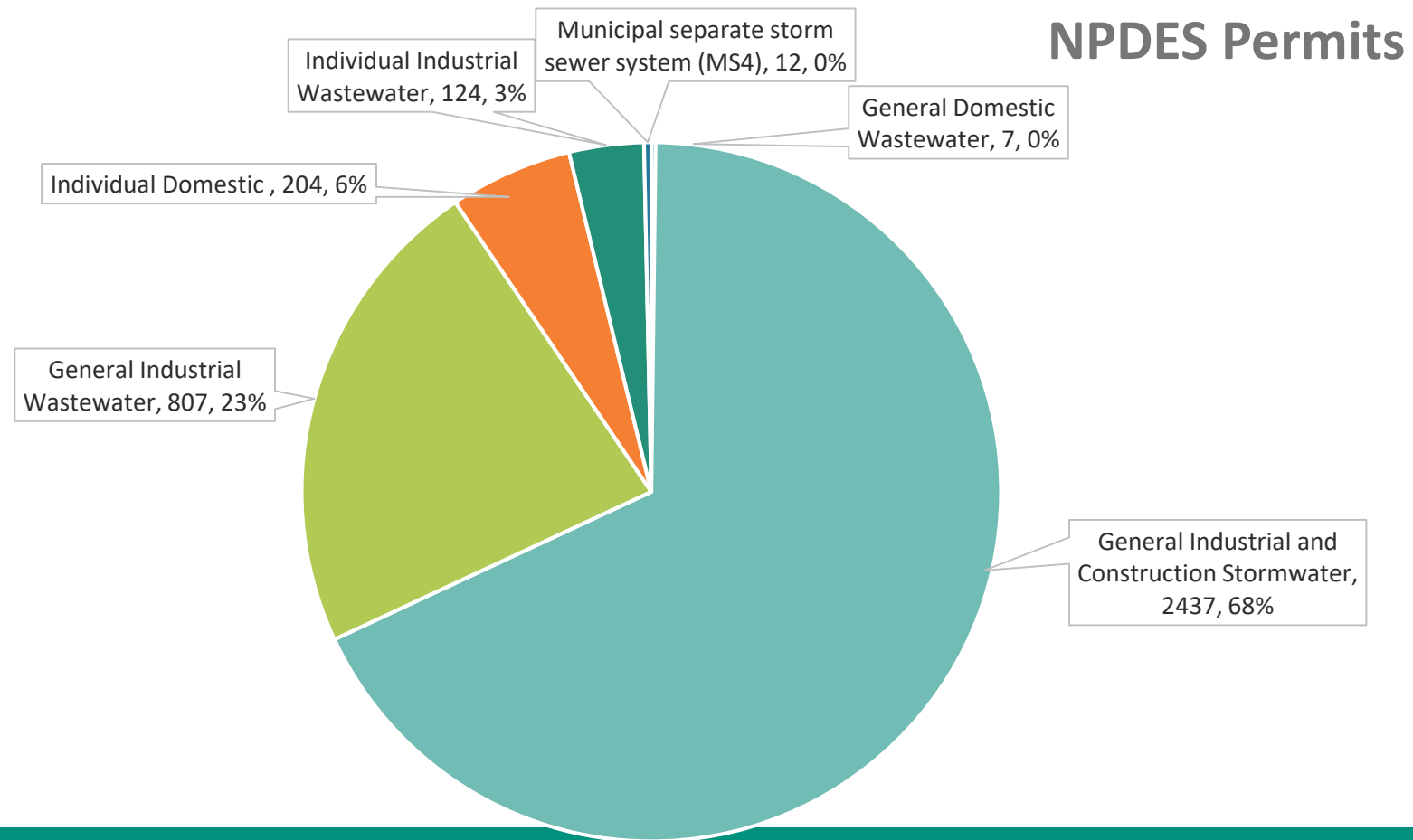
- Individual permits (NPDES and WPCF)
- General permits (NPDES and WPCF)

Permitted Types:

- Domestic wastewater (NPDES and WPCF)
- Domestic onsite (WPCF)
- Industrial wastewater (NPDES and WPCF)
- Stormwater (NPDES and WPCF)

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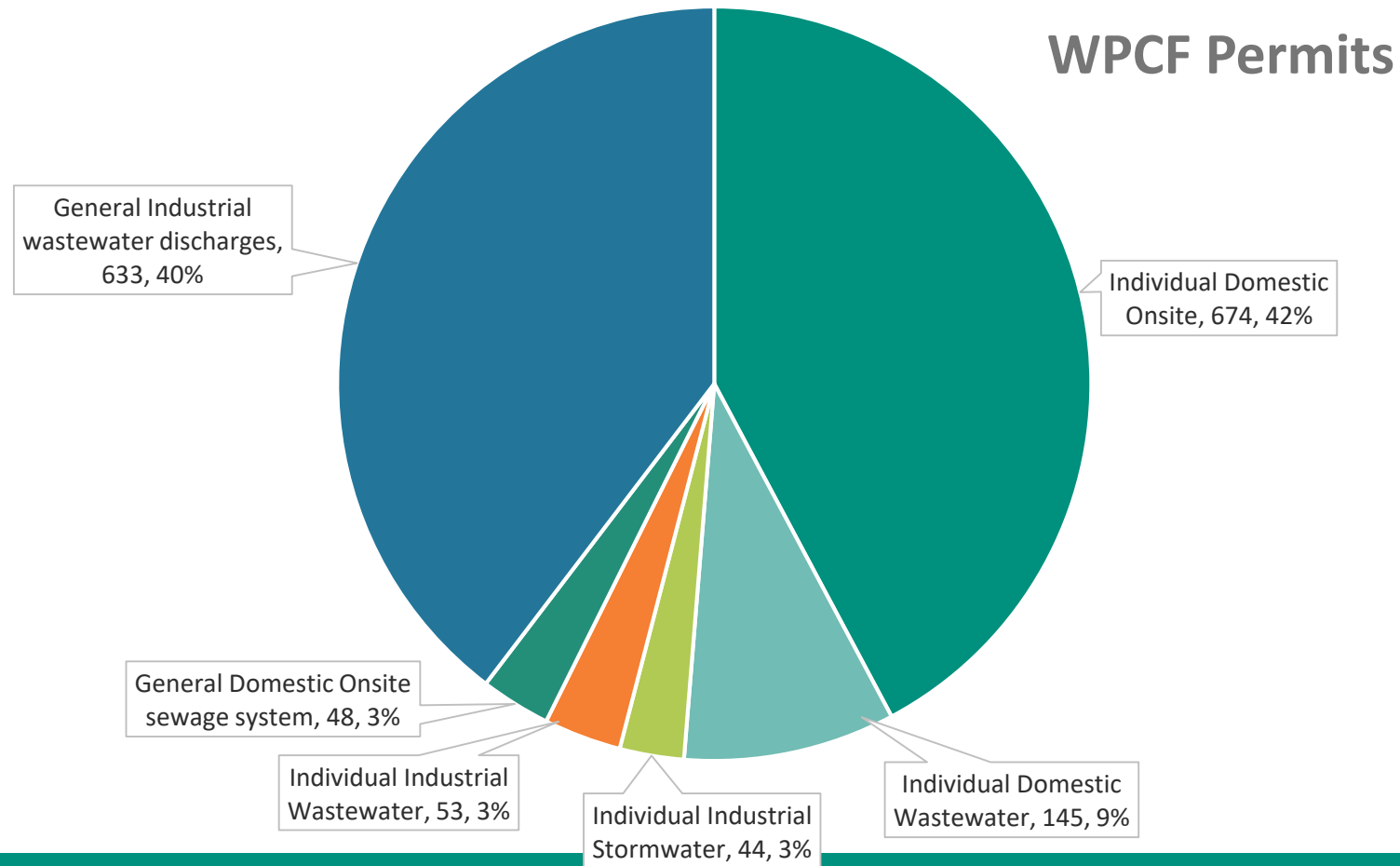
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Data as of Sept.2019

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Budget comparison

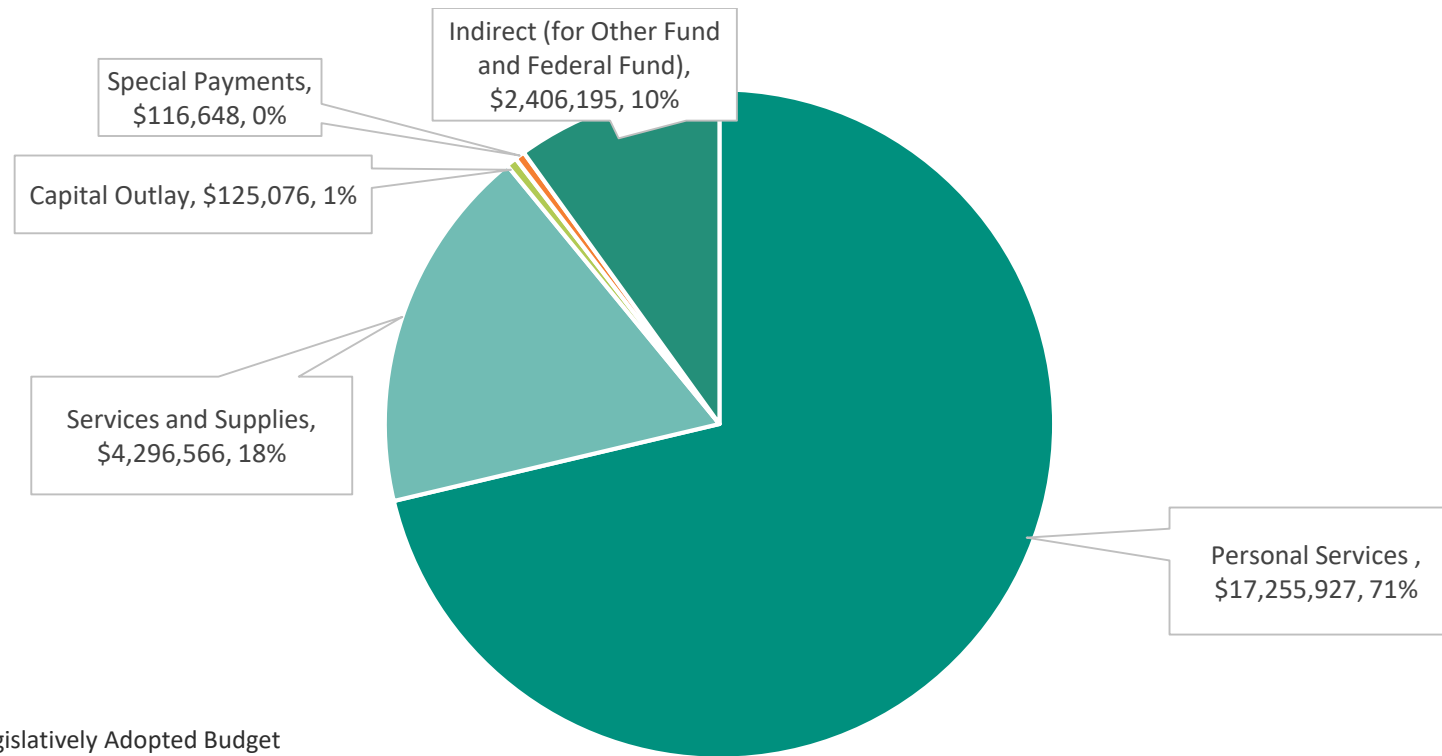
Budget Comparison* Table 1 - January 1, 2019 (Effective date of last fee increase: Oct. 1, 2018 EQC adopted fee changes: Sept. 13, 2018)				
Funding Source	2017-2019 Legislatively Adopted Budget		2019-2021 Legislatively Adopted Budget (Modified current service level and legislative adjustments)	
Program costs covered by fees	\$12,782,995	58%	\$14,254,336	59%
Program costs covered by General Fund and Lottery Fund	\$7,671,236	35%	\$8,229,707	34%
Program costs covered by Federal Funding	\$1,609,781	7%	\$1,716,369	7%

*Updated Sept.2019 to reflect Legislatively Adopted Budget

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Budget by major cost category

Wastewater Permitting Budget*
Legislatively Adopted Budget for 2019-21 excluding program enhancements



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Budget costs

Budget Costs*
Table 2, January 1, 2019
(Effective date of last fee increase: Oct. 1, 2018
EQC adopted fee changes: Sept. 13, 2018)

Budget Period	Cost per FTE
2017-19 Legislatively Adopted Budget	\$301,956
2019-21 Legislatively Adopted Budget (Modified current service level and legislative adjustments)	\$331,340
Percent increase over a two-year period	9.73%

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Overview of proposed changes

1. Fee increase for fiscal year 2020 by 3%.
 - Applied to NPDES and WPCF permit fees, OAR 340-045-0075 Tables A-I and OAR 340-071-0140 Table 9D.
2. Modification of language in OAR 340-045-0075(9)(a); Table 70F for the electronic reporting requirement waiver for NPDES and WPCF.
 - Clarifies the initial intent of the annual fee and waiver terminology to include the terms “temporary” and “permanent” waivers.

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DEQ recommends that:

The commission approve the proposed Water Quality fee increase rule amendments, as seen on pages 21 through 54 of the staff report for this agenda item.