



# **2021 Draft Business Plan and Budget Review**

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# WIRAB - Regional Advisory Body

- Section 215(j) of the FPA authorizes WIRAB to advise FERC, NERC, WECC 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 2021 Initiatives

- Initiative 1: Advise WECC to improve its assessment of resource adequacy to ensure that state and provincial regulators, FERC, and NERC have access to accurate, consistent, and timely information to inform capacity expansion decisions in the West.
- Initiative 2: Advise WECC to assess the reliability benefits and risks in implementing dynamic line ratings (DLRs) throughout the Western Interconnection.



## 2021 Initiatives cont.

- Initiative 3: Advise Western Reliability Coordinators on opportunities to improve operational performance metrics to ensure consistency, to identify best practices, and to strive for exceptional reliability in the West.
- Initiative 4: Advise WECC to perform comprehensive and forward-looking assessments of the provision of essential reliability services as many states and provinces set goals addressing a possible “100% clean” or zero carbon energy future in the West.



## Budget and Assessment

- WIRAB's proposed 2021 Budget is \$1,215,100 a \$40,100 (3.2%) decrease from WIRAB's 2020 budget.
- WIRAB's proposed 2021 Assessment is \$986,300; no change from WIRAB's 2020 funding assessment.
- WIRAB's proposed FTE's for 2021 is 4.75.



# WIRAB Draft 2021 vs. 2020 Budget

Expe Category	2020 Budget	Draft 2021 Budget	Change
Salaries	\$478,300	\$453,300	(\$25,000)
Indirect	\$534,100	\$512,200	(\$21,900)
Consultants	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Meetings/Teleconferences	\$56,100	\$56,100	\$0
Travel	\$86,700	\$93,500	\$6,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,255,200</b>	<b>\$1,215,100</b>	<b>(\$40,100)</b>



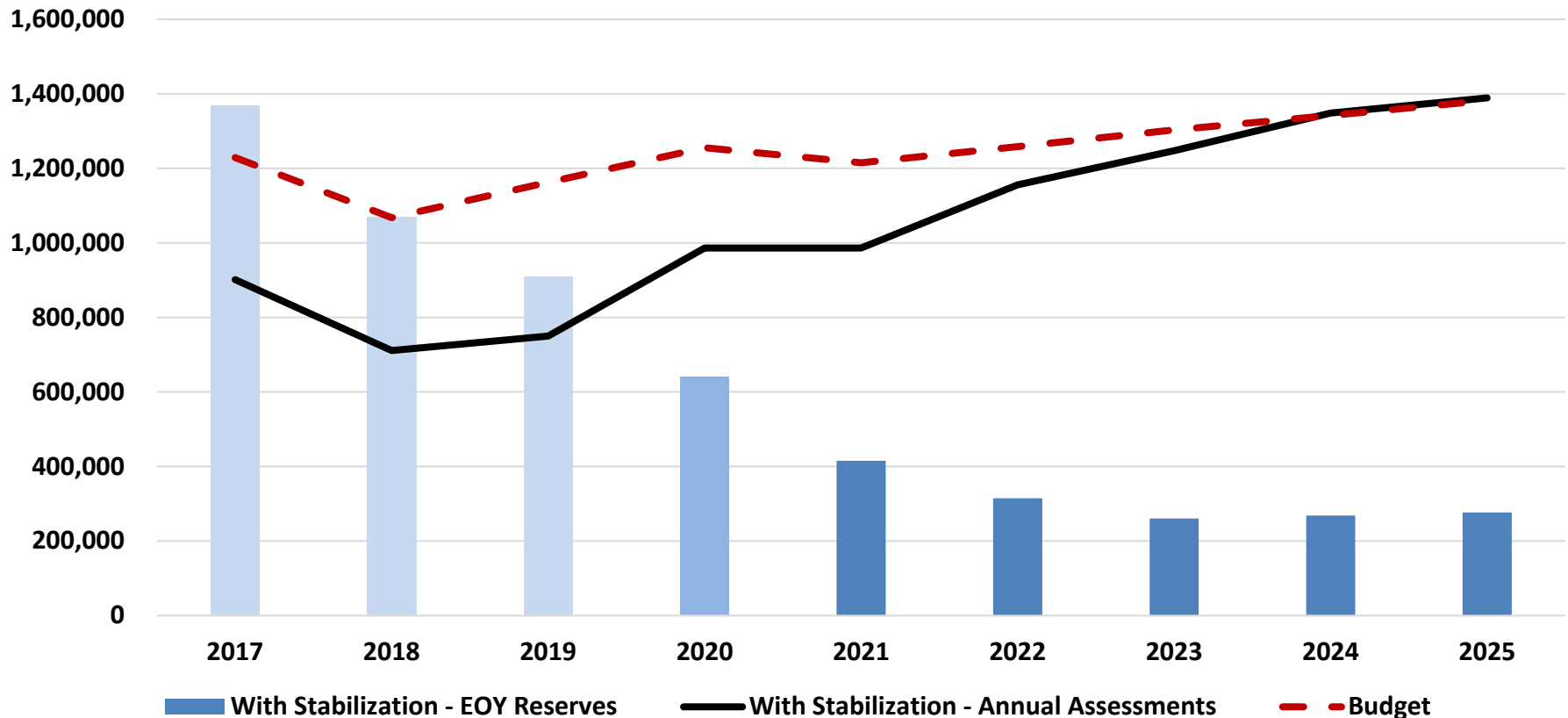
# WIRAB Assessment Stabilization

- On December 31, 2020, WIRAB projects its working capital reserve will be \$642,700.
- WIRAB's desired working capital reserve for December 31, 2021 is \$415,400; 34% of WIRAB's proposed 2021 budget.



# With Assessment Stabilization

## WIRAB Assessment Stabilization







**Thank You!**

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