

# Seismically Resilient Transformation of Medford Water

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# Agenda

- Medford Water Background and History
- Program Drivers
- Program Definition, Summary of Work
- Funding Approach
- Program Highlights

# Background and History

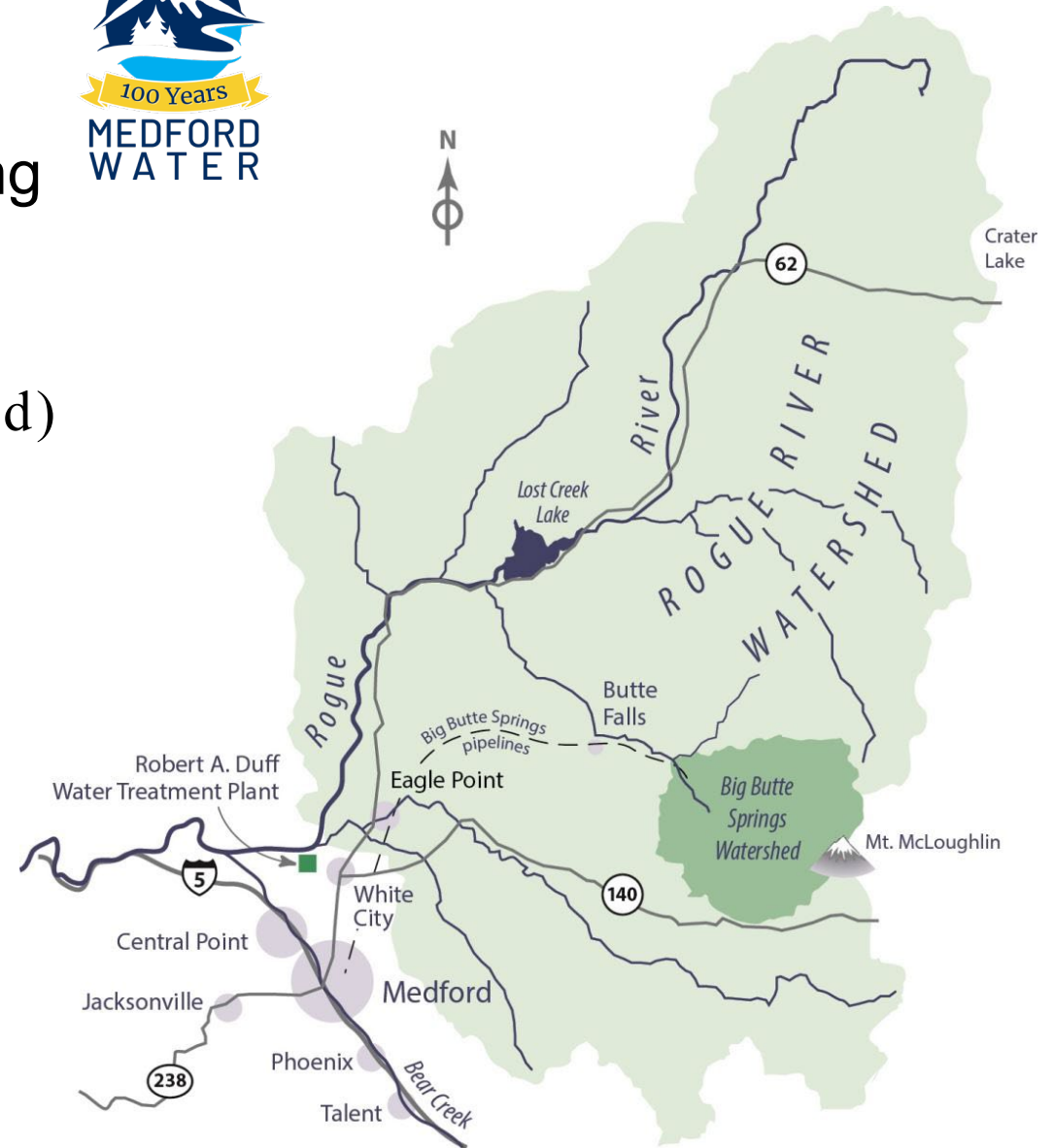
## Background - Medford Water

- Water Commission formed in 1922
- Formed by charter by and through the City of Medford
- Big Butte Springs source began conveying water 30 miles to the Capital Hill Reservoir complex
- BBS #2 Pipeline Completed 1955
- System demand still increasing
- Second water source at Rogue River in 1968



# Background - Medford Water

- 140,000 customers in Medford and surrounding communities
- Two sources:
  - Duff Water Treatment Plant, Rogue River (45 mgd)
  - Big Butte Springs (26.4 mgd)
- Capacity: 71.4 mgd nominal



# Duff Water Treatment Plant History

- 1968
- 1978
- 1983
- 1998
- 2001
- 2003
- 2009-2010
- 2017
- 2020-2021

Solids Lagoons

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Reservoir

Floc/sed basins

Filters

Admin

Chem

Ozone

CO2

Maintenance

FWPS

## Background – History of Proactive Projects

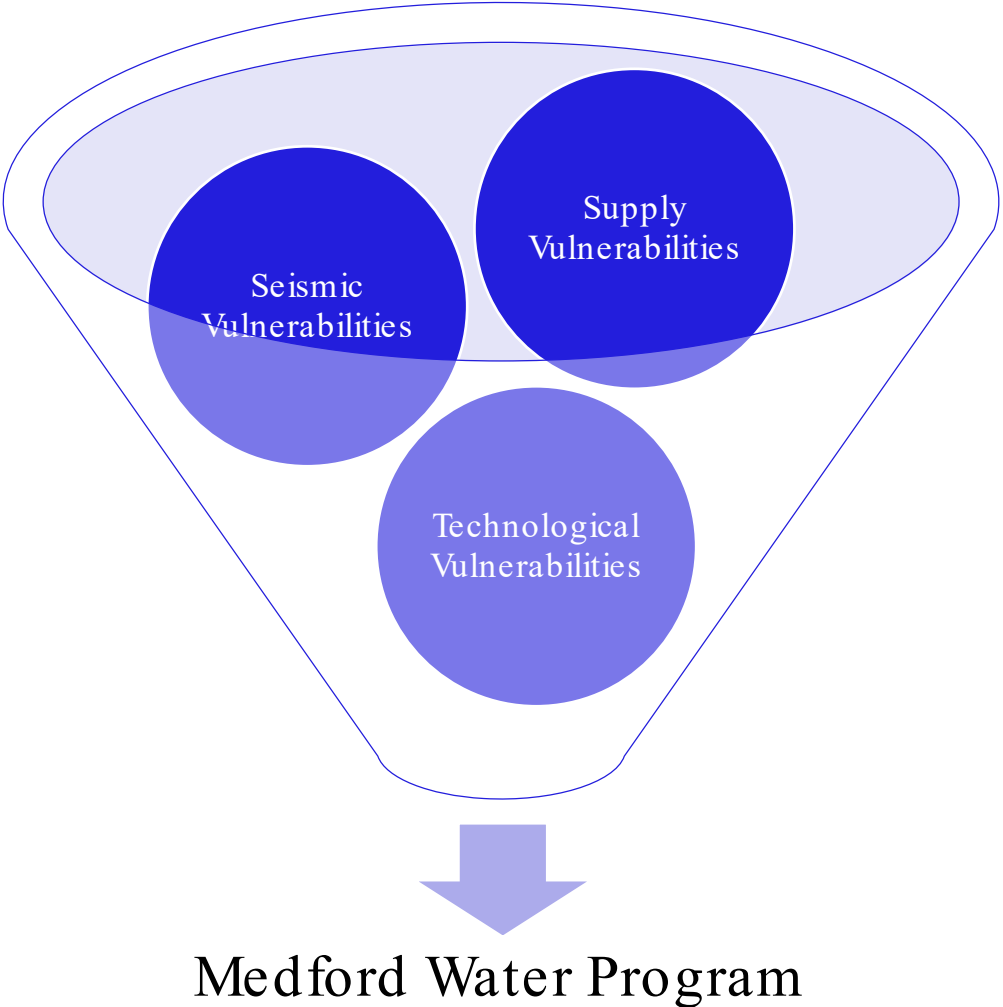
- Medford Water prides themselves on being a proactive and progressive organization. Long history includes:
  - Springs development
  - Tee Screens – replaced in 2010 ahead of regulatory requirements
  - Ozone Project – first large system in Oregon (around same time as SPU Tolt WTP)
  - Seismic Resiliency Studies



# Program Drivers



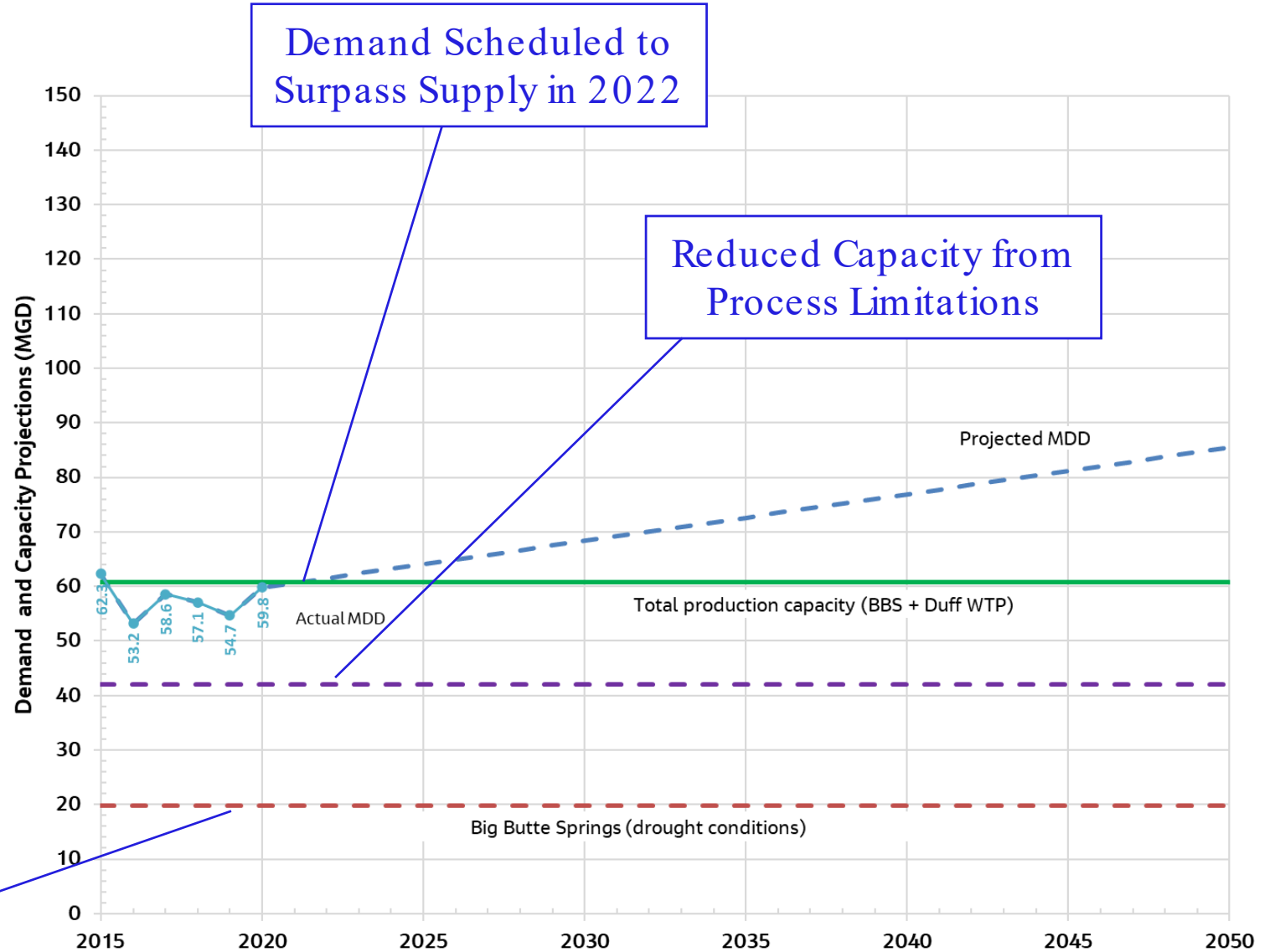
# Program Drivers



# Supply Vulnerabilities

- Demand outpacing supply
  - Big Butte Springs capacity is below 26.4 mgd due to drought
  - Duff WTP capacity is limited to less than nominal 45 mgd (for various reasons)

★ *Goal to provide 65 mgd firm capacity from WTP*

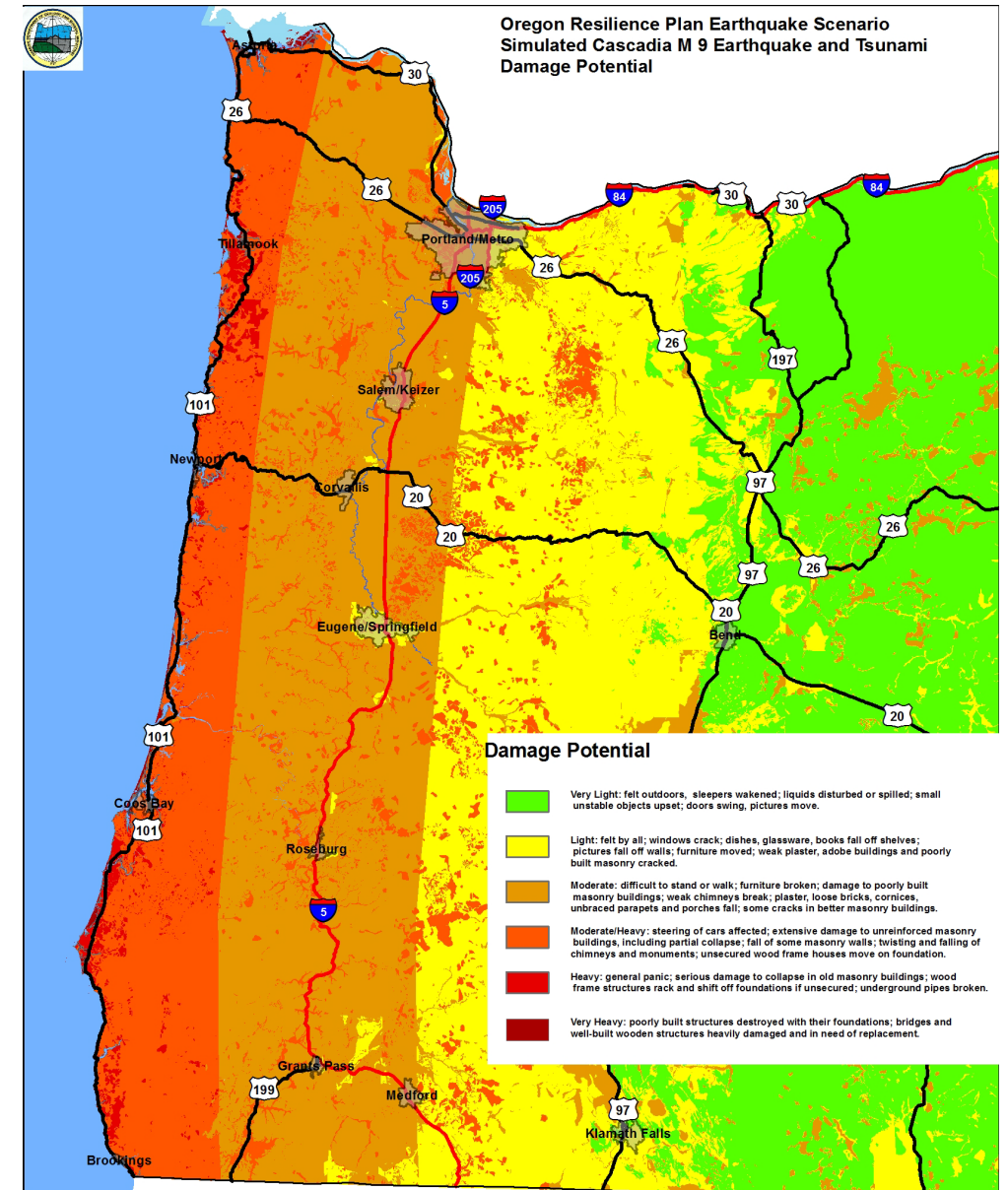


Reduced Capacity from Drought

# Seismic Vulnerabilities

- Duff WTP is the resilient supply but includes many 50+ year old facilities
- Review of WTP elements as part of Seismic Risk Assessment
- Lack of resilient transmission and storage to weather a large seismic event

★ *Goal to provide 23 mgd flow to customers following Cascadia earthquake event*



# Technological Vulnerabilities

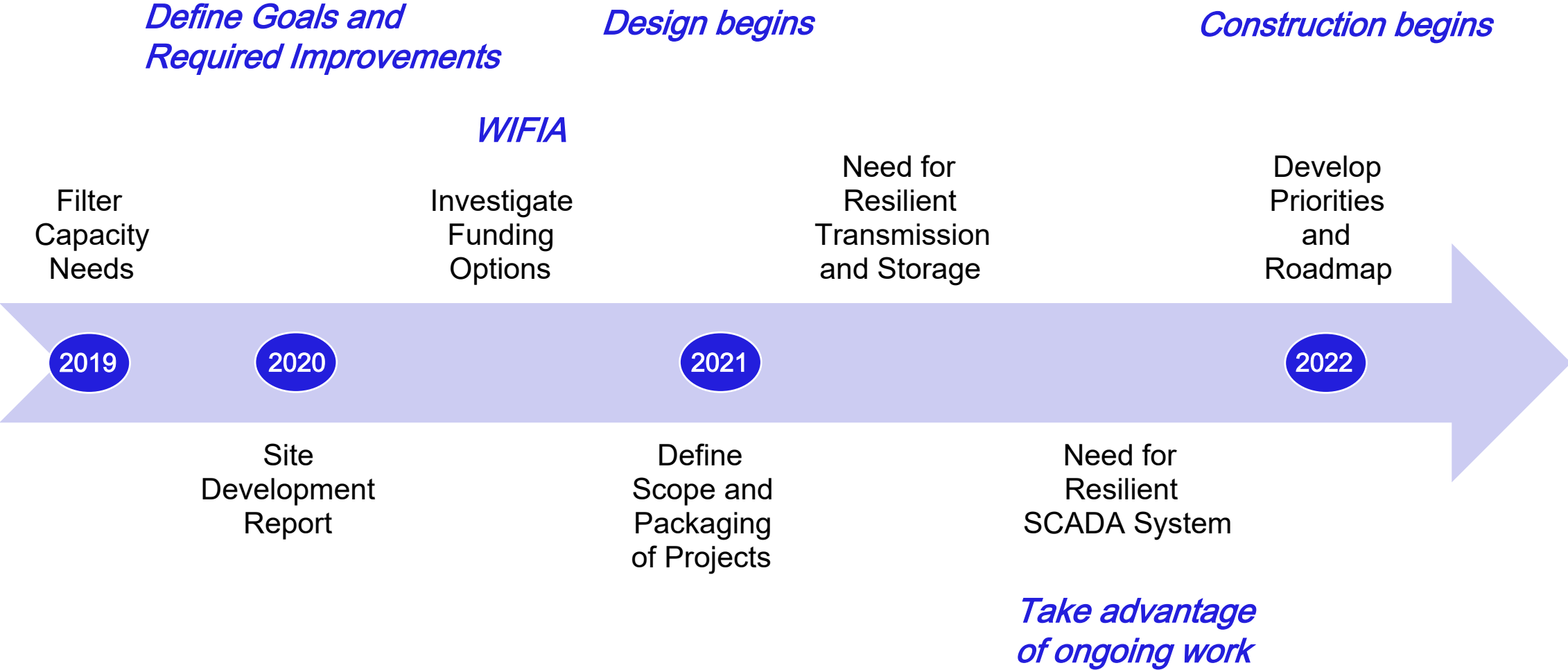
- Communication network was slow with single points of failure
- Old software and hardware with known security vulnerabilities
- Separated WTP and Distribution SCADA systems made visibility and troubleshooting difficult
- Aging system was more “reactive” than “proactive”

★ *Goal to provide a secure and resilient system for operations*

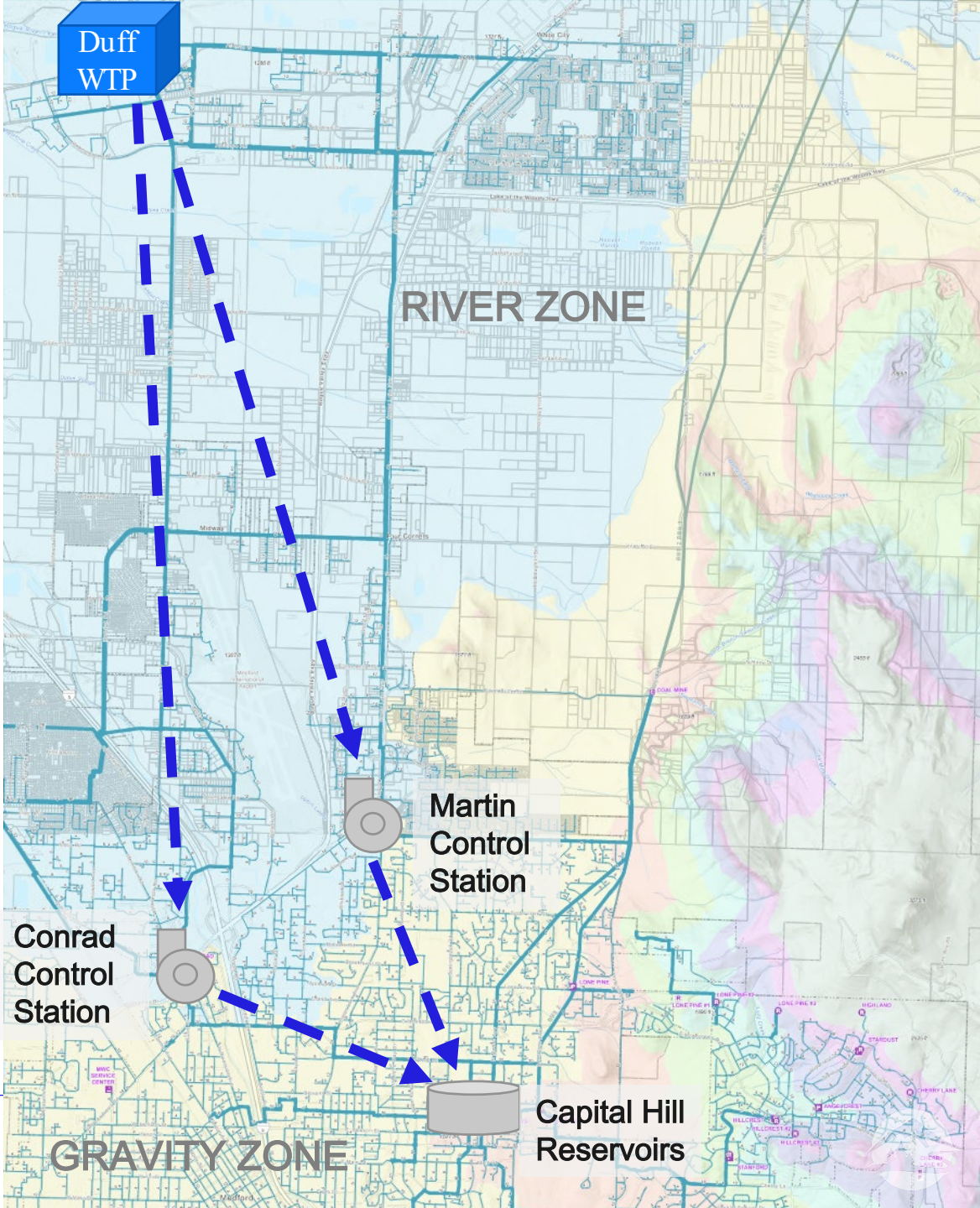


# Program Definition, Summary of Work

# Program Scope Development



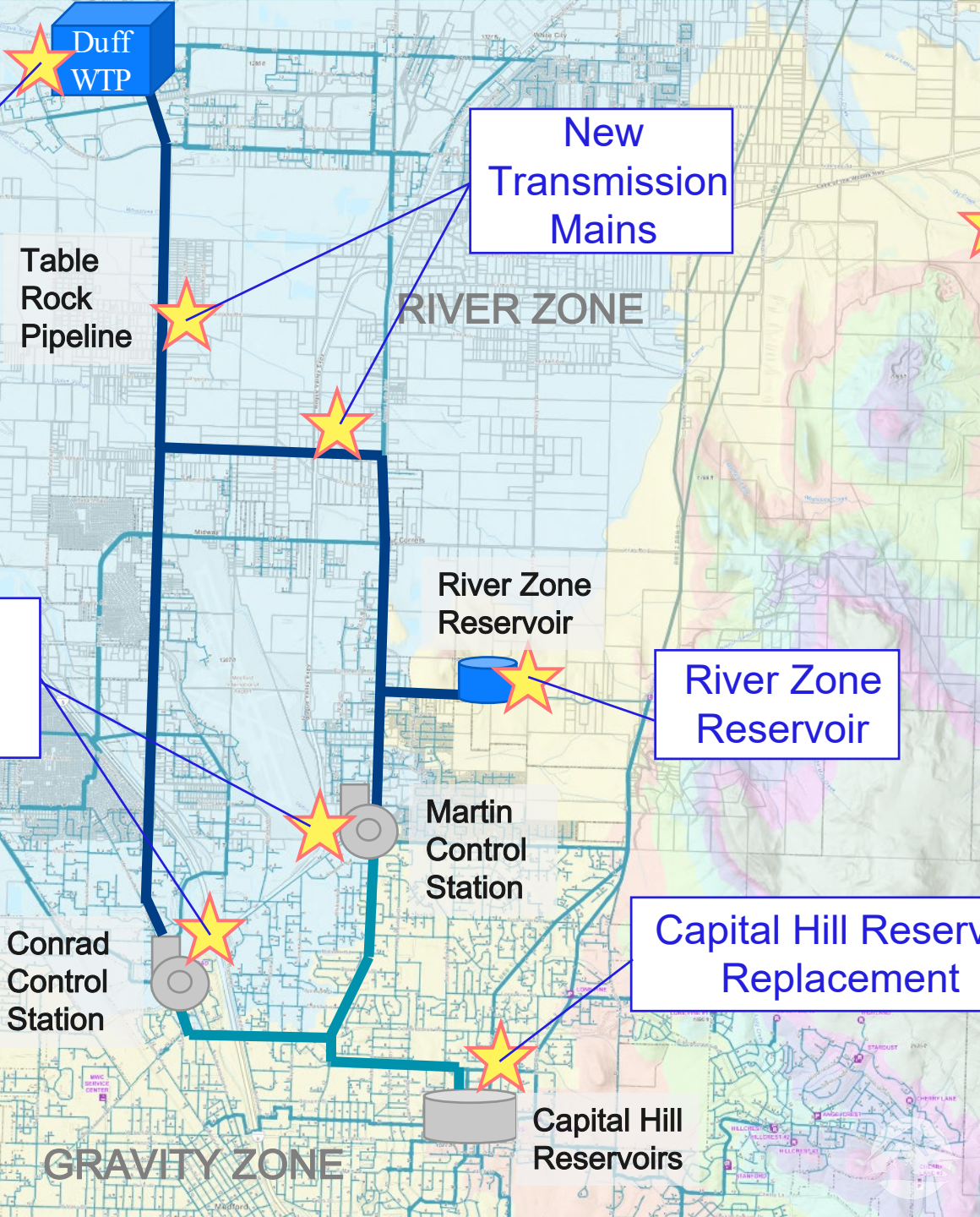
# System Diagram



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Duff WTP Expansion  
(23 mgd resilient, 65 mgd peak day)

Control Station Resiliency Improvements



New Transmission Mains

SCADA Upgrades  
(system wide)

River Zone Reservoir

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Martin Control Station

Conrad Control Station

Capital Hill Reservoir Replacement

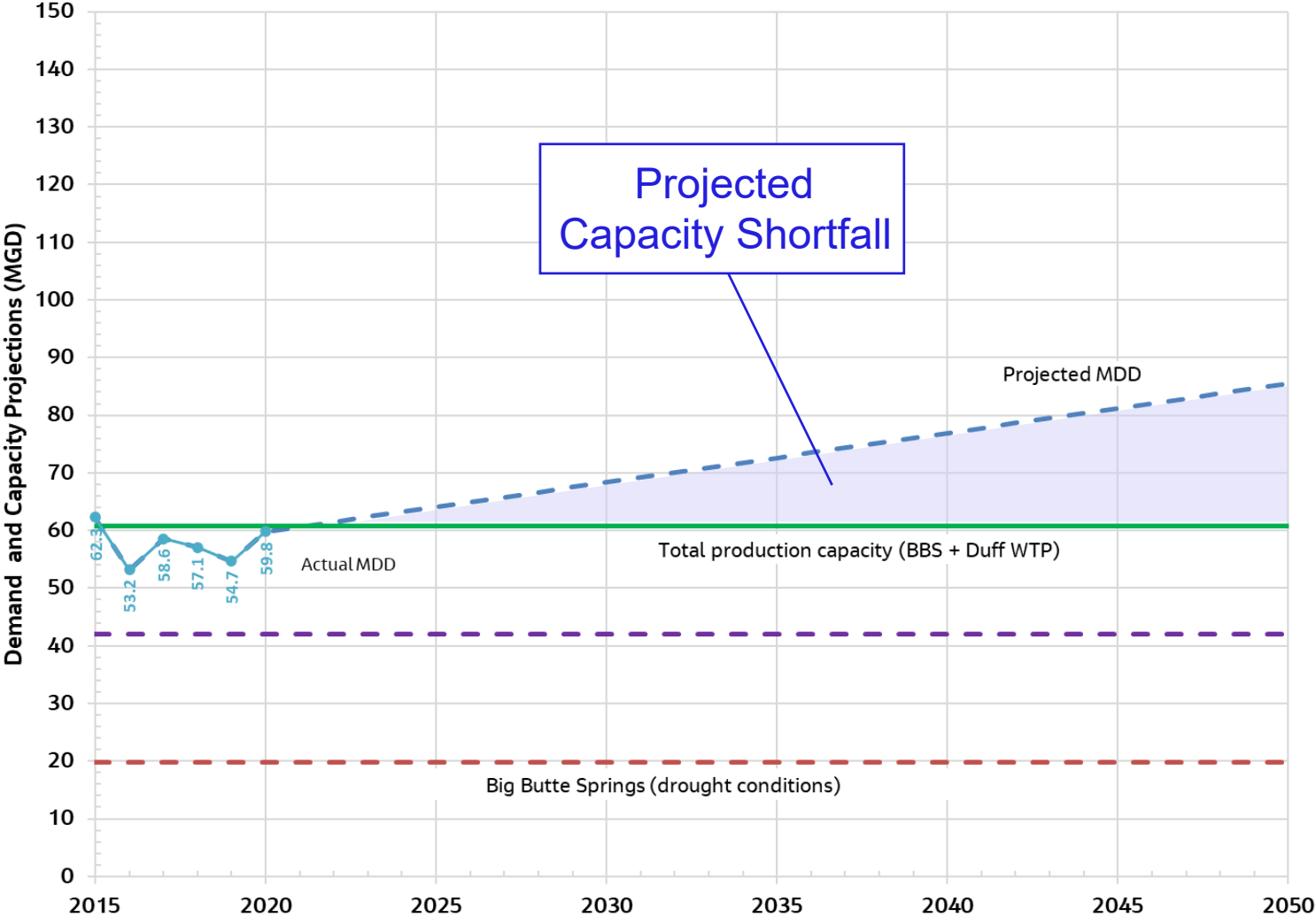
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GRAVITY ZONE

RIVER ZONE

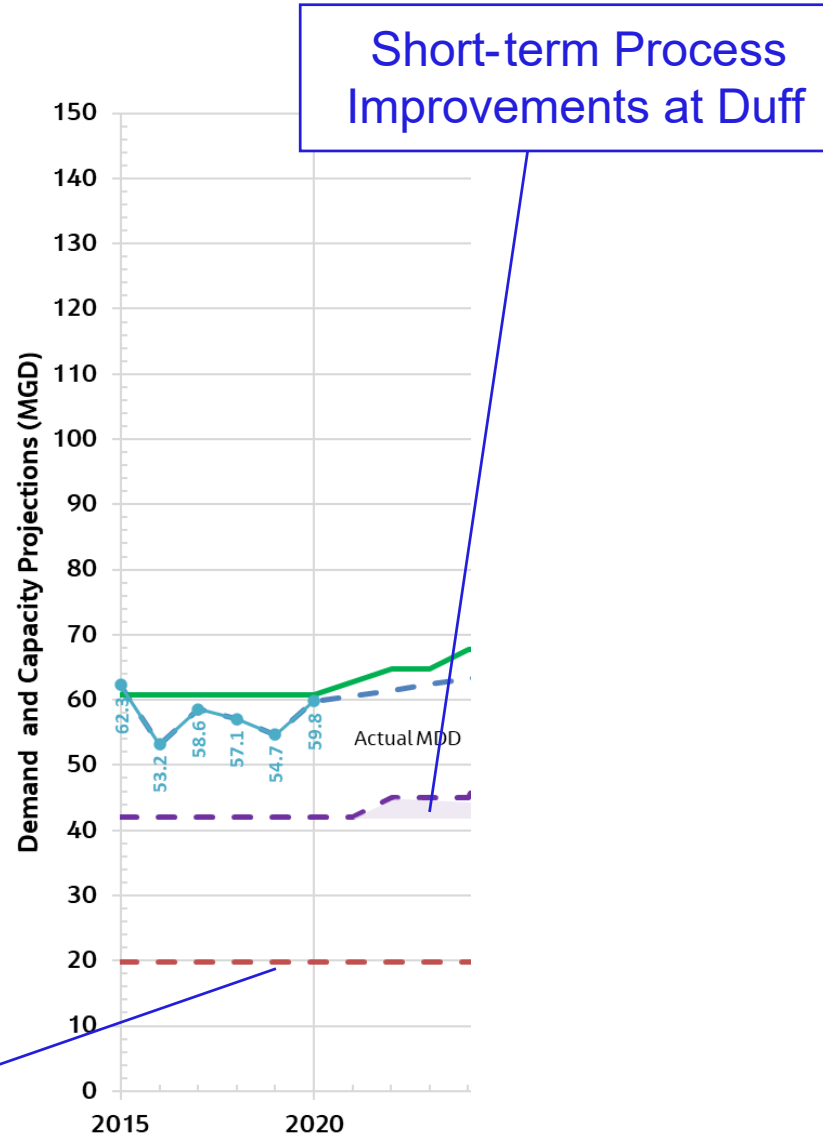


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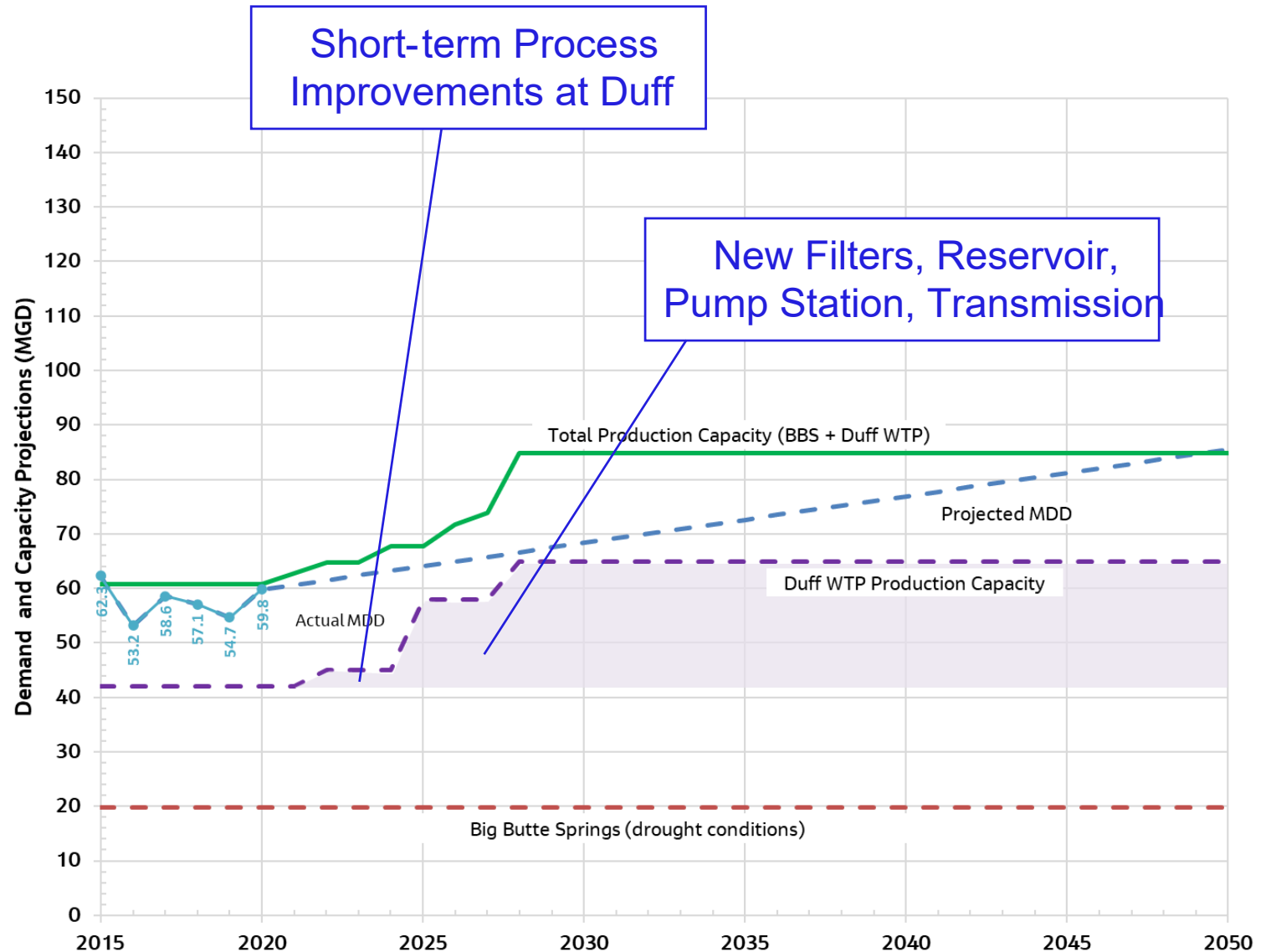
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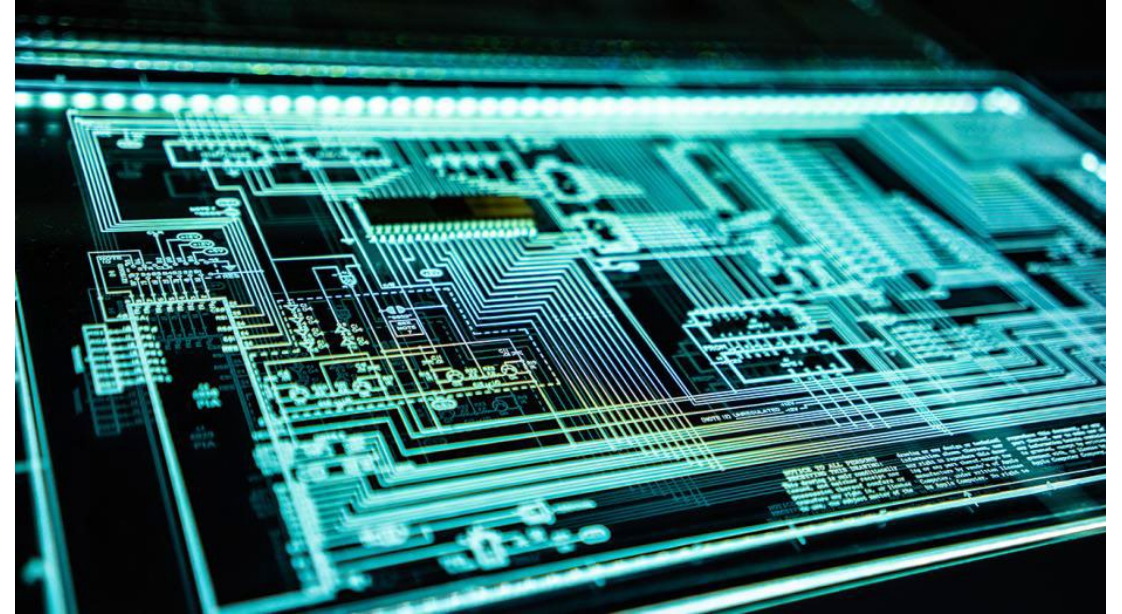
# Address Demand Issues

- Implement short-term capacity improvements
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- Implement long-term capacity improvements
  - New filter facility
  - New reservoir
  - New finished water pump station
  - New Transmission Main



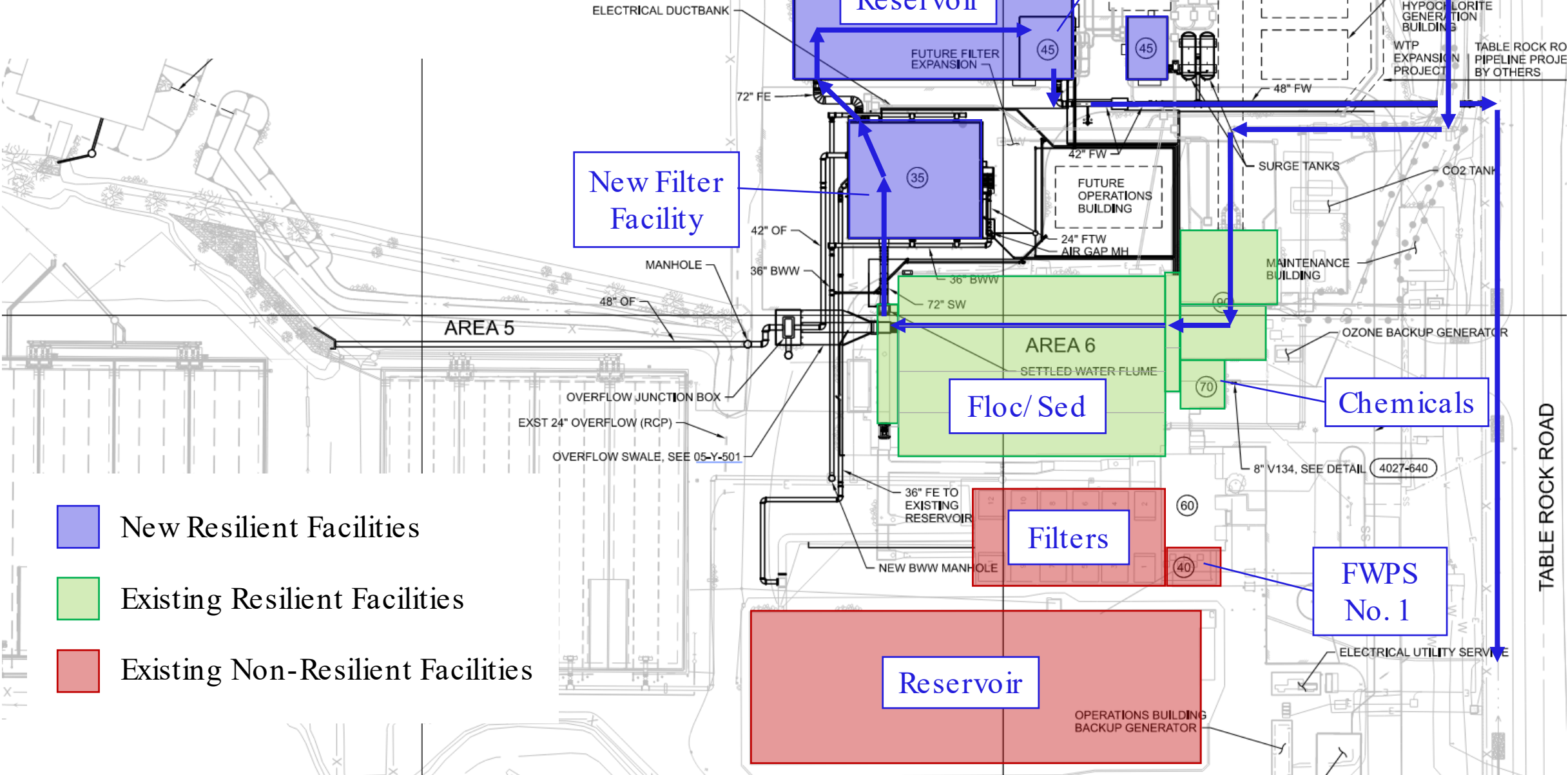
# Address Seismic and Technological Vulnerabilities

- New, seismically resilient facilities
- Seismically resilient reservoir and transmission



- Redundant communications
- New integrated SCADA platform
- Upgrade cybersecurity standards

# Seismic Vulnerabilities at Duff



- New Resilient Facilities
- Existing Resilient Facilities
- Existing Non-Resilient Facilities

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- *SRF*
- *WIFIA*
- *FEMA BRIC*
- *USACE*
- *DHS Cyber Grant*

- *FEMA BRIC Grants*
- *WIFIA Round 3*



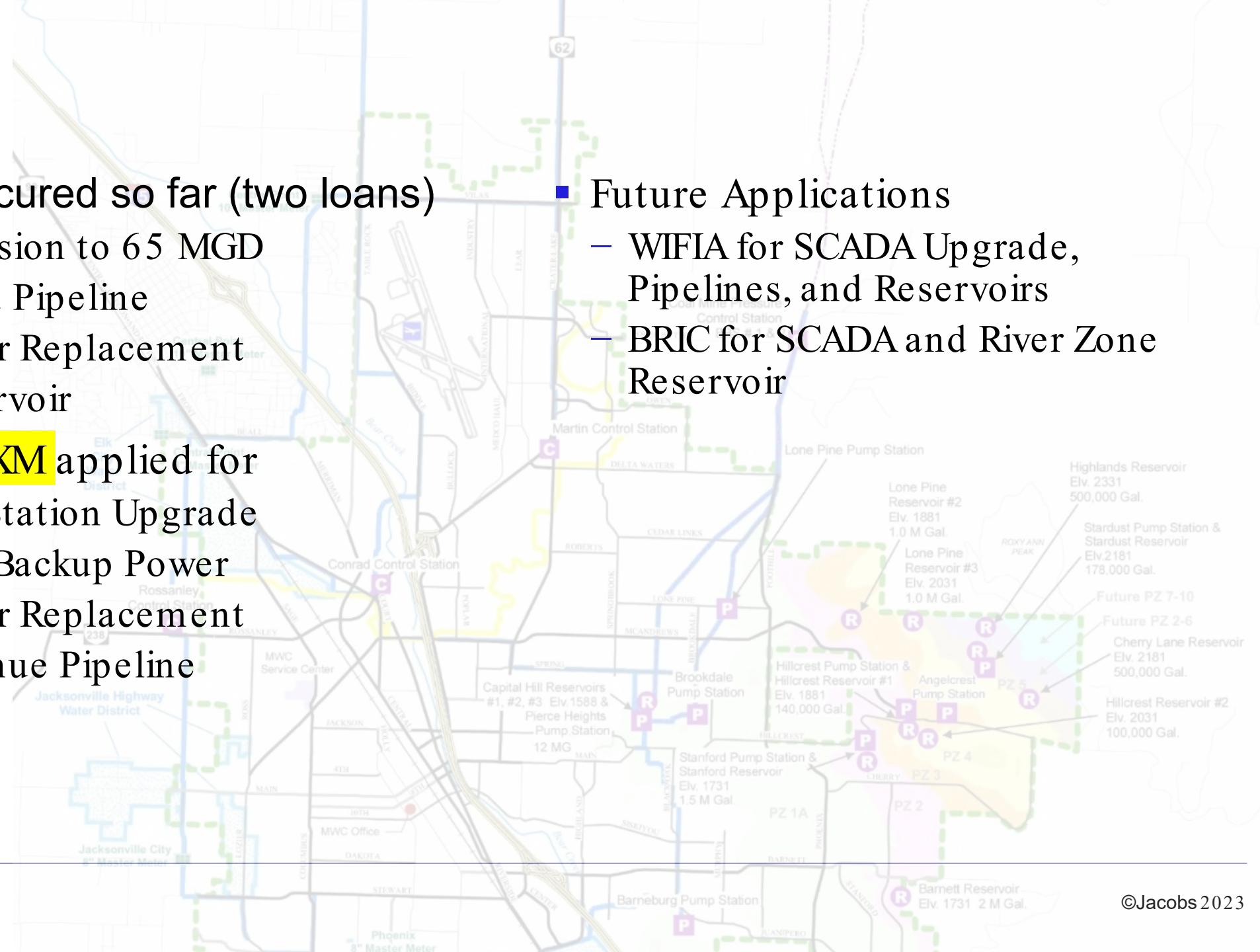
- *What are the shortfalls?*
- *What rate structure do we need?*
- *Chart path from now → end goal*

- *WIFIA*
- *BRIC Grants*

*Leverage Jacobs' Grant Funding Team*

## Funding to Date

- WIFIA- \$95M secured so far (two loans)
  - Duff WTP Expansion to 65 MGD
  - Table Rock Road Pipeline
  - Capital Reservoir Replacement
  - River Zone Reservoir
- FEMA BRIC – \$XXM applied for
  - Martin Control Station Upgrade
  - Control Station Backup Power
  - Capital Reservoir Replacement
  - Crater Lake Avenue Pipeline
- Future Applications
  - WIFIA for SCADA Upgrade, Pipelines, and Reservoirs
  - BRIC for SCADA and River Zone Reservoir



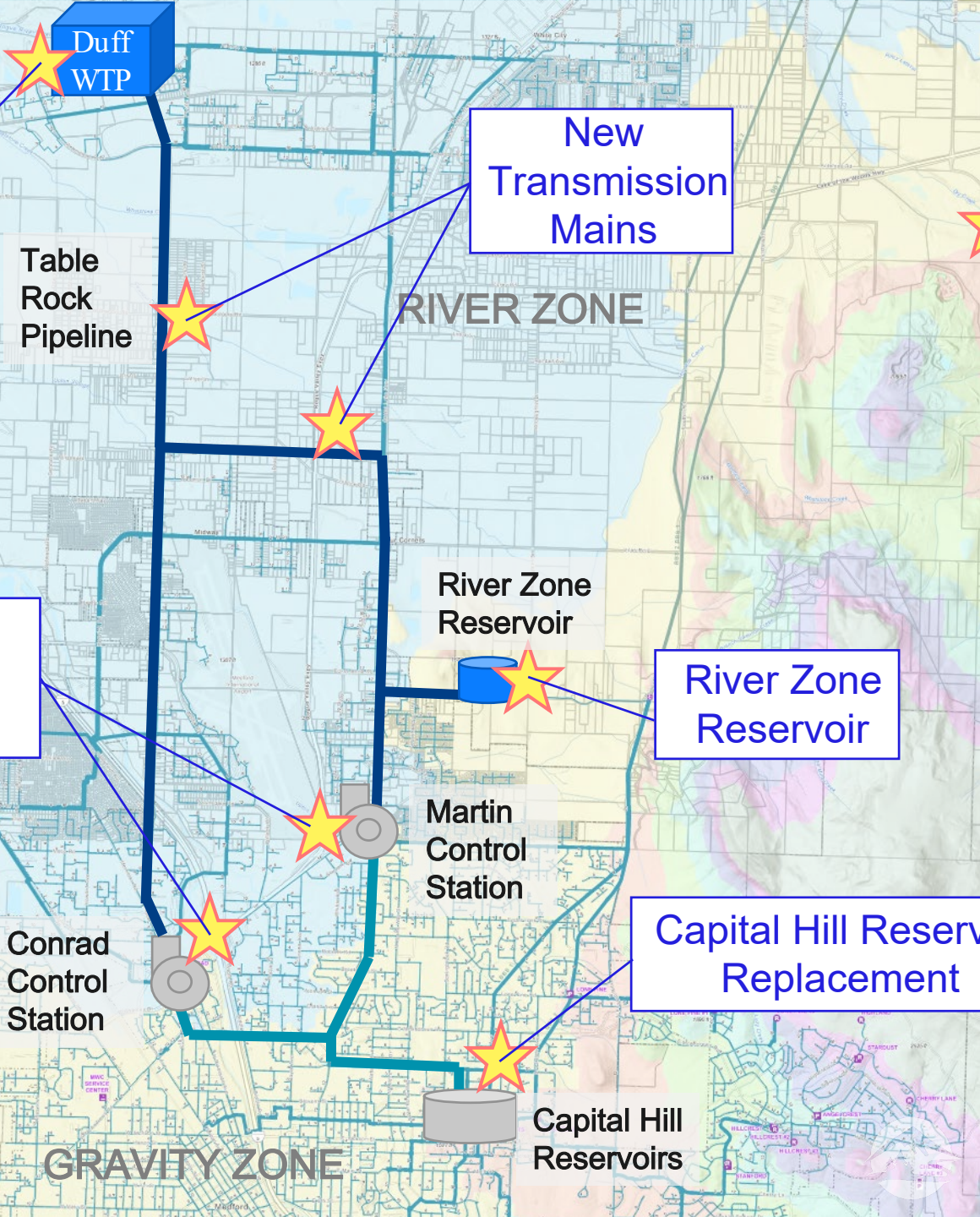


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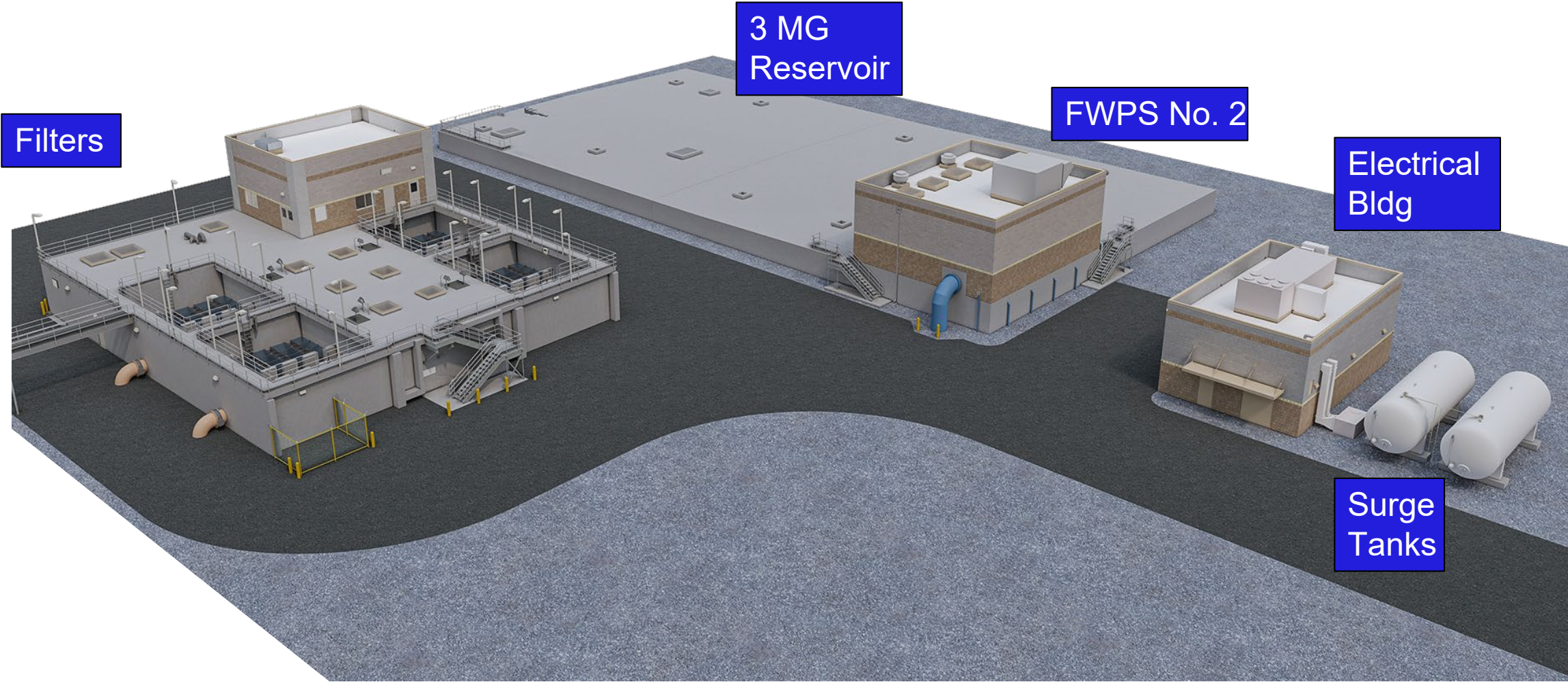
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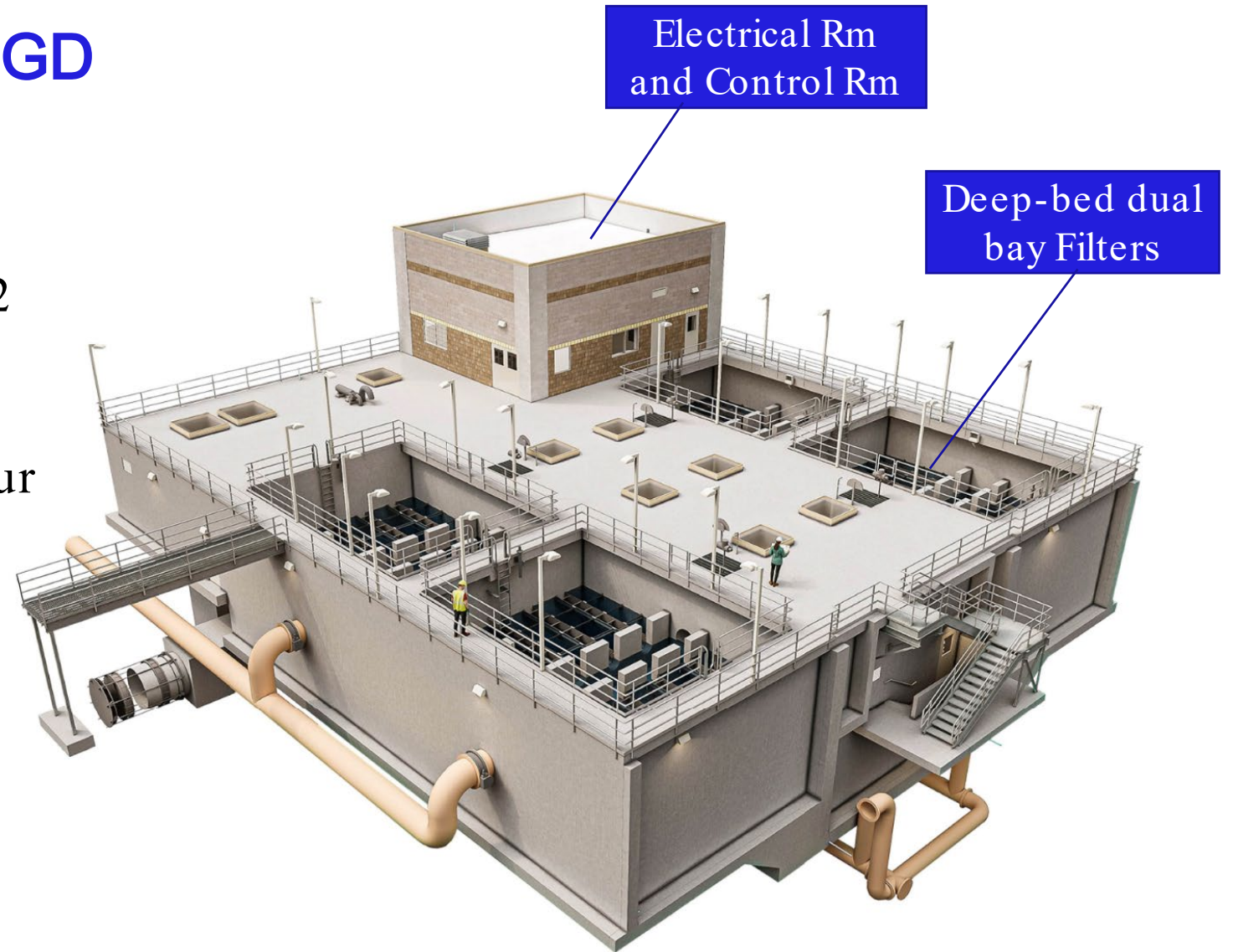
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- New Filters details:
  - Dual-bay
  - 784 sq ft size, operate at up to 12 gpm/ sf
  - 72” anthracite over 12” sand
  - AWI SST underdrains with air scour



# Duff WTP Expansion to 65 MGD- Construction

- CM/GC Contract with Slayden
- \$80 M value



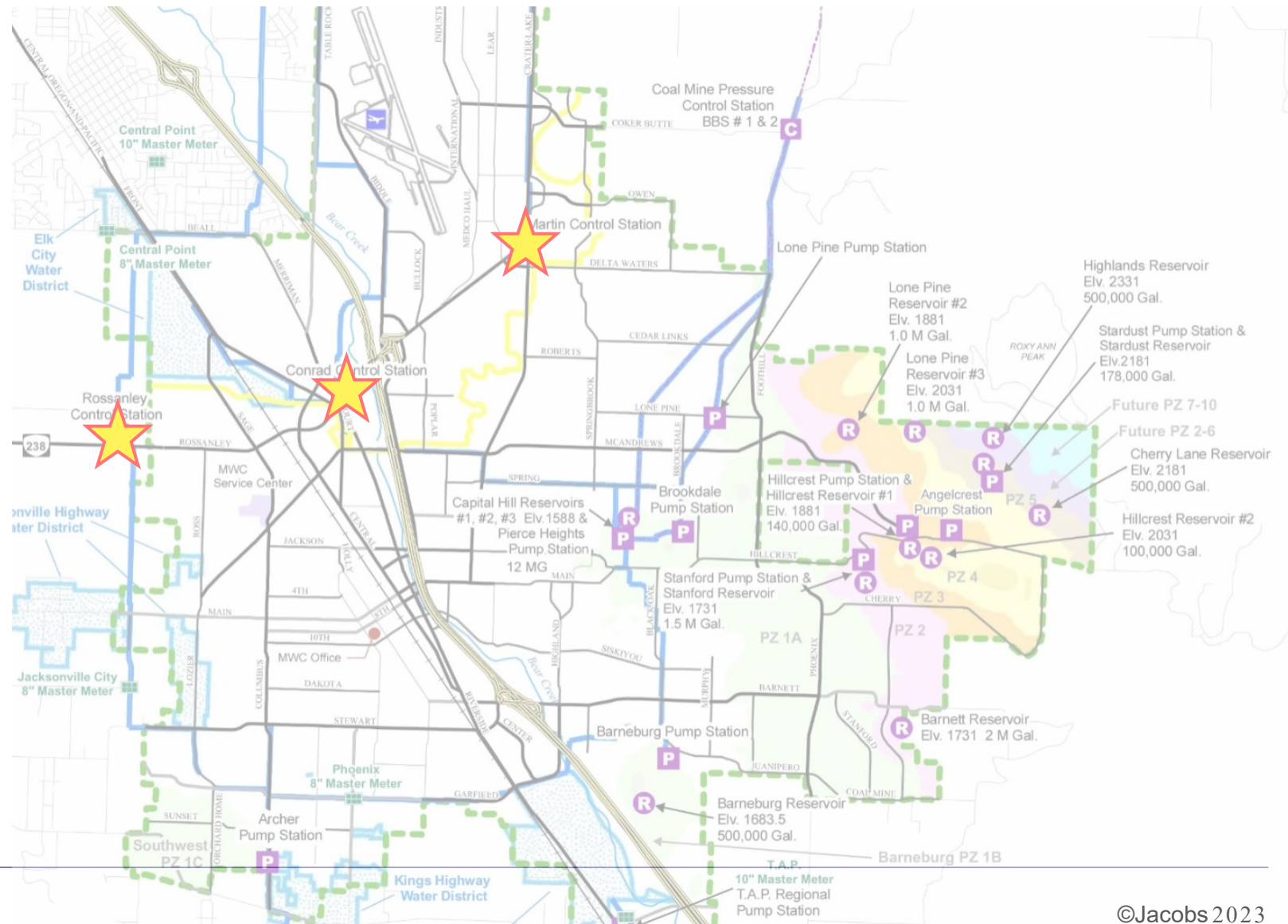
# Table Rock Road Resilient Pipeline Project

- 18,000 feet of 42" fully restrained ductile iron pipe
- 4 trenchless crossings
- Mostly within Jackson County right of way with 1 rail and 3 creek crossings (trenchless)
- Engineers Construction Estimate \$26M



# Control Station Resiliency Improvements

- Install backup generators
- Upgrade communications and SCADA system
- Increase capacity
- Structural hardening



# Capital Hill Reservoir Replacement

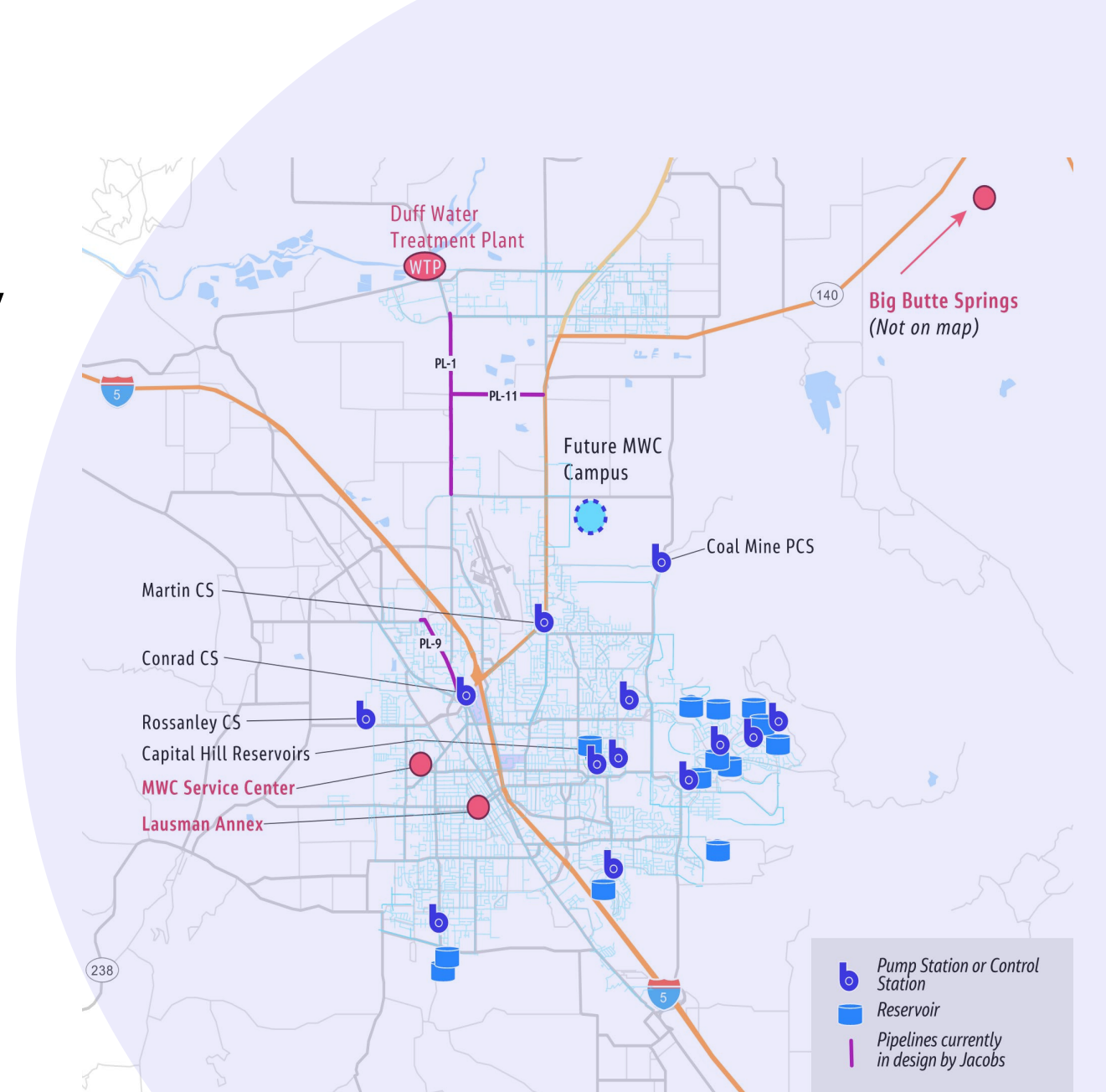
- Replace two aging reservoirs with 12 MG capacity
- Construct new reservoirs with 14 MG of resilient capacity





# SCADA Upgrades

- New SCADA platform (Rockwell FactoryTalk) to come online February 2023
- Phased implementation at Duff WTP, BBS, and distribution system
- Plan to implement FluidMesh radio to cover remote sites



# Thank You