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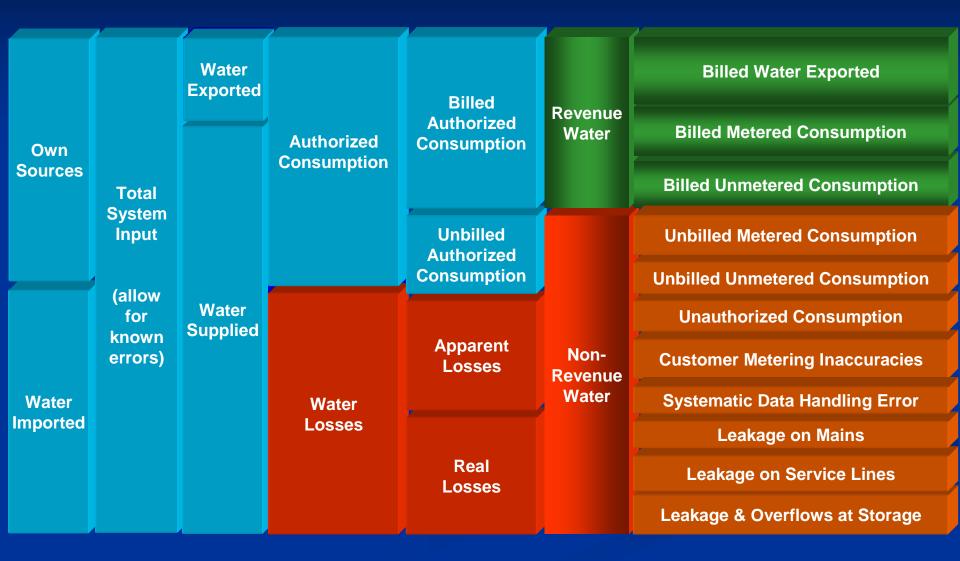
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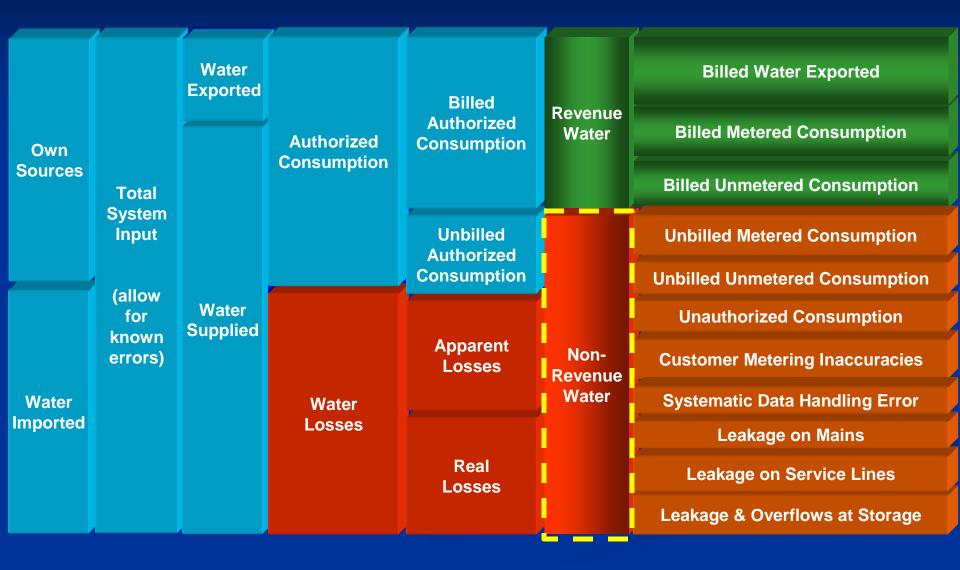
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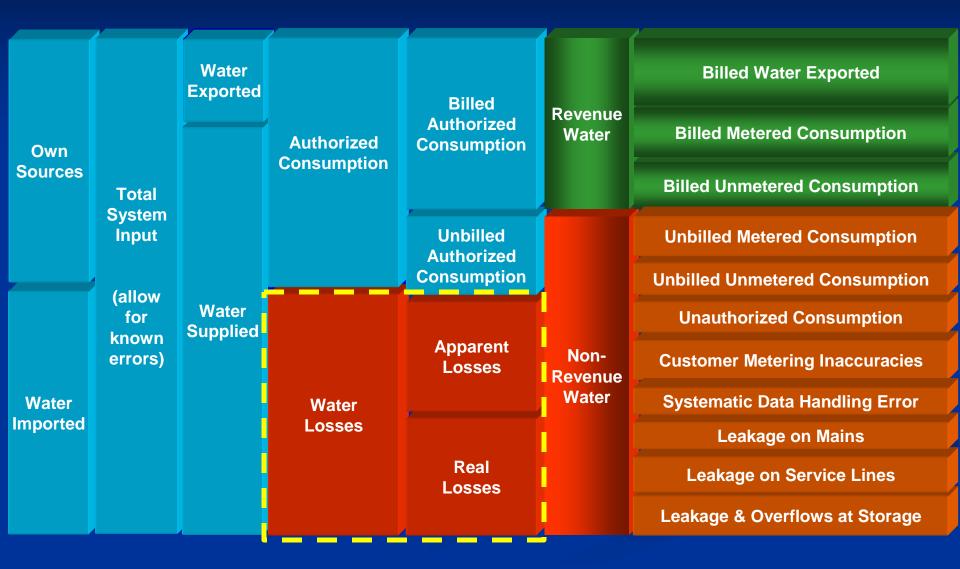
## **Non-Revenue Water**

1. Water put into the system that does NOT return revenue to the Utility.

2. All Water Loss plus Unbilled Consumption.

3. "Unaccounted-for water" has been abandoned forever.



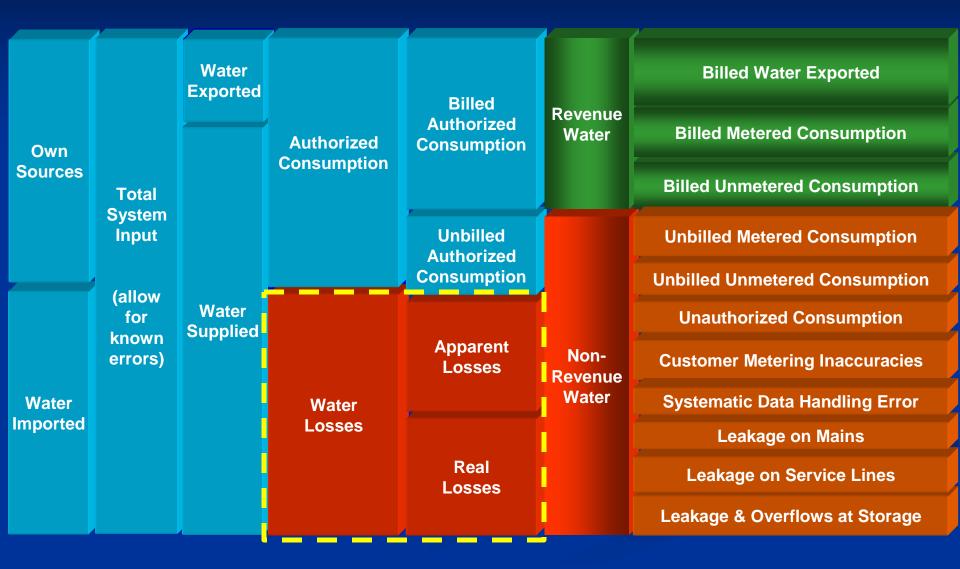


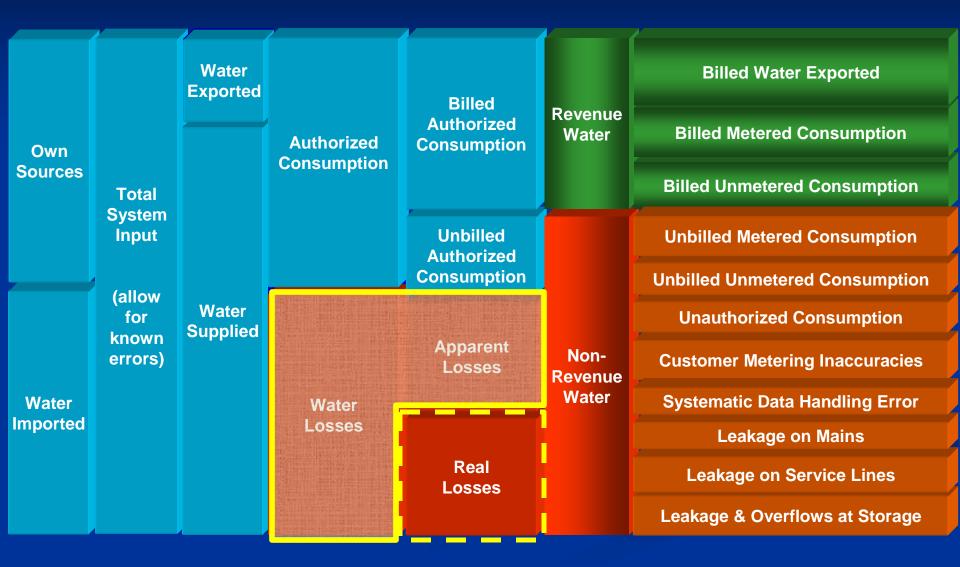
## **Real vs Apparent Loss**

 Water Loss comes in 2 forms: Real and Apparent.

 Real Loss = Leakage. Cost is calculated as 'wholesale' rate.

3. Apparent Loss = Slow meters, billing issues and theft. Cost is calculated at 'retail' rate.





#### Objective

- Develop a proactive leakage management approach
- Utilize existing data that is already in place and being monitored through SCADA
- Launch Pilot District Metered Areas to prioritize and focus Leak Detection resources

Case Study Overview: Macon Water Authority (GA)

5 hydraulically independent pressure zones
No zones are master metered
1,600 miles of distribution system
65,000 connections
10 BG produced/year

#### **Project Approach**

#### Phase 1: Top-Down Water Audit

Gather available financial and operational data and develop a Water Balance for the audit year

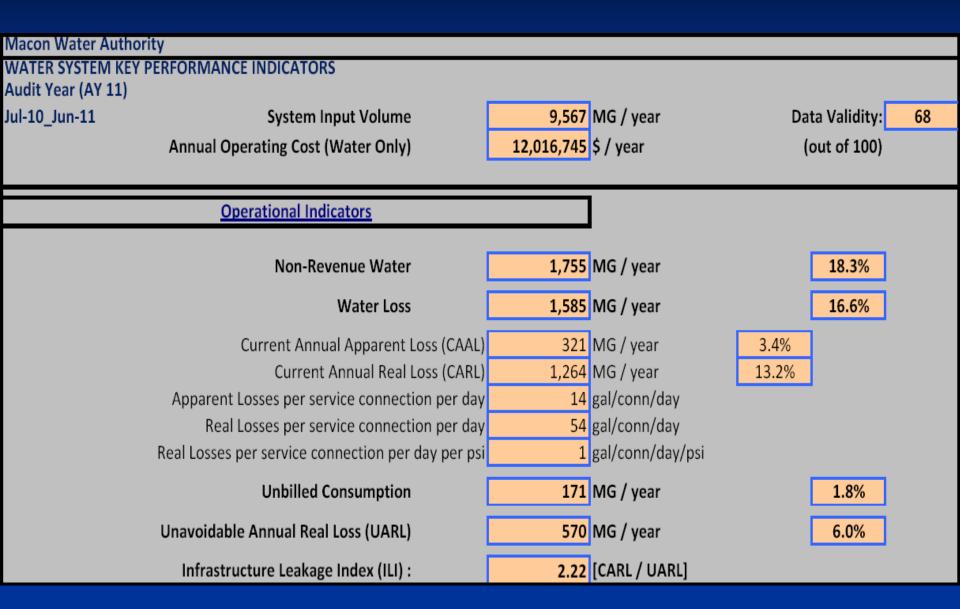
**Phase 2: Bottom-Up Validation** 

In-depth analysis and staff interviews pertaining to billing accounts and methods, customer metering database ad methods, distribution system management and SCADA system capabilities, with recommendations.

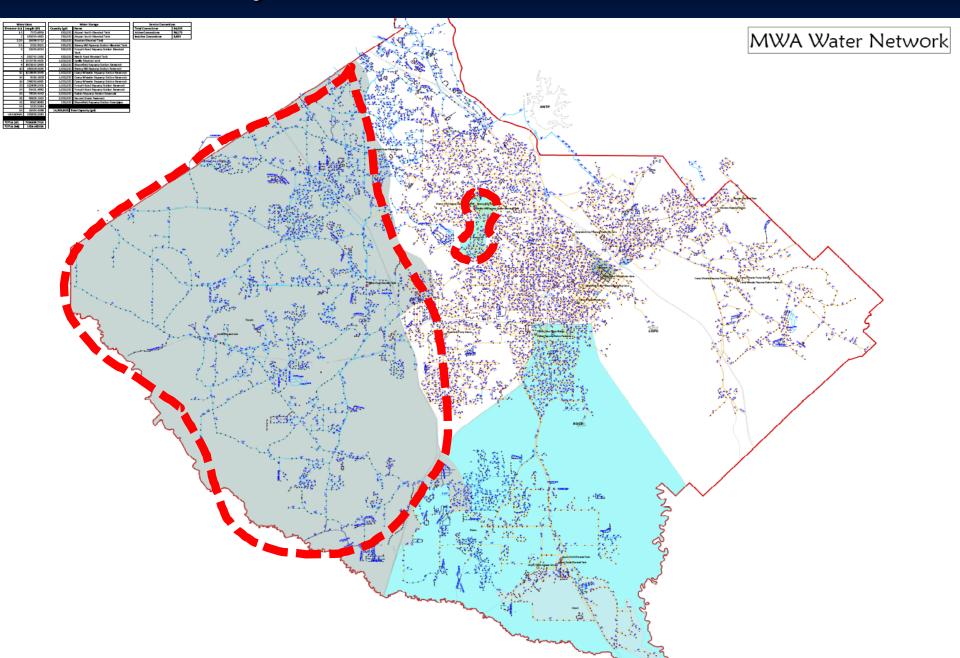
#### Phase 3: Program Dev & Implementation

Implementation of the Water Efficiency **Program, manifested** through a series of monthly Water **Efficiency Team** Meetings, at which time we prioritize, execute and evaluate the improvement measures identified in Phase two, document and communicate results to the leadership, and recommend improvements.

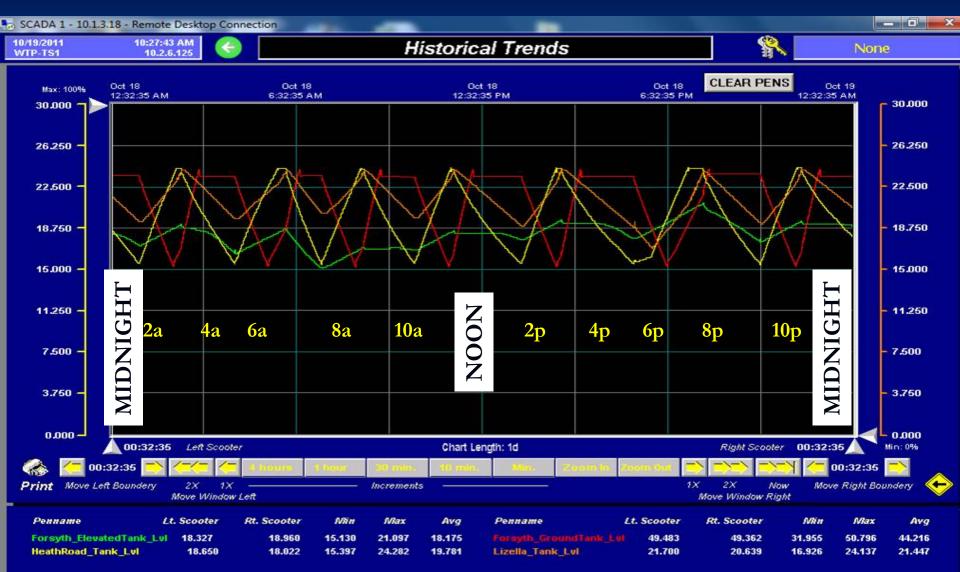
## Water Audit – Establish Baseline Volumes of Real Loss



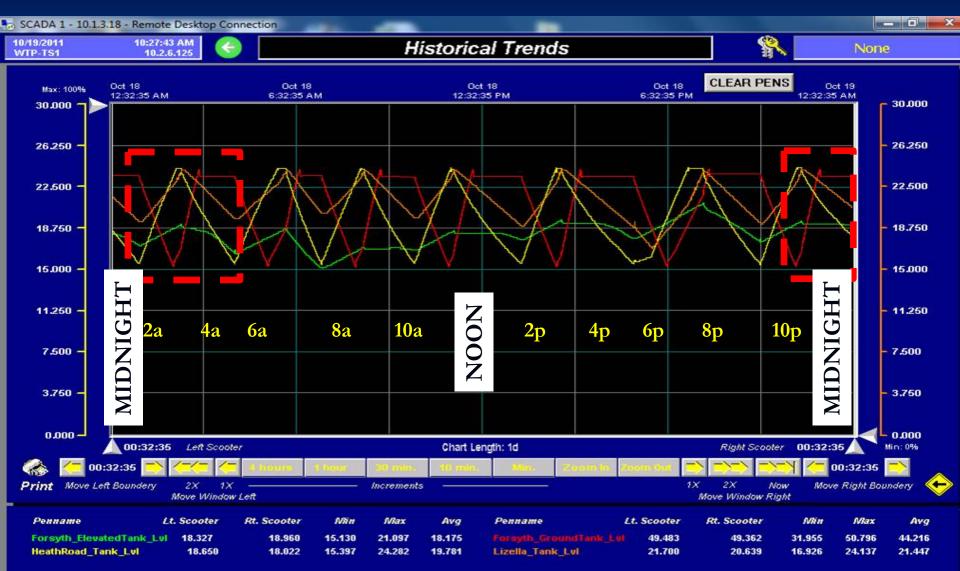
#### **Identify Pilot District Metered Areas**



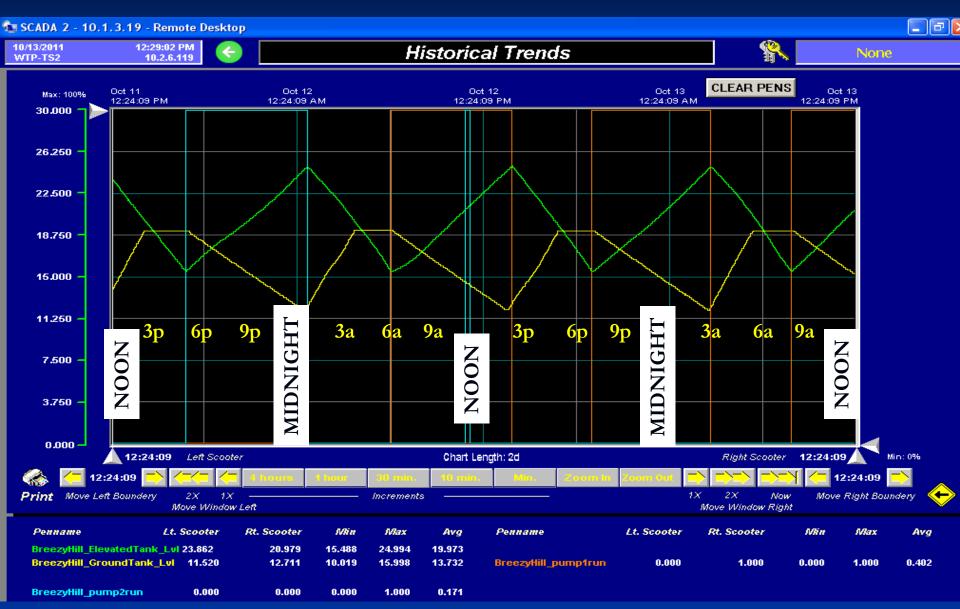
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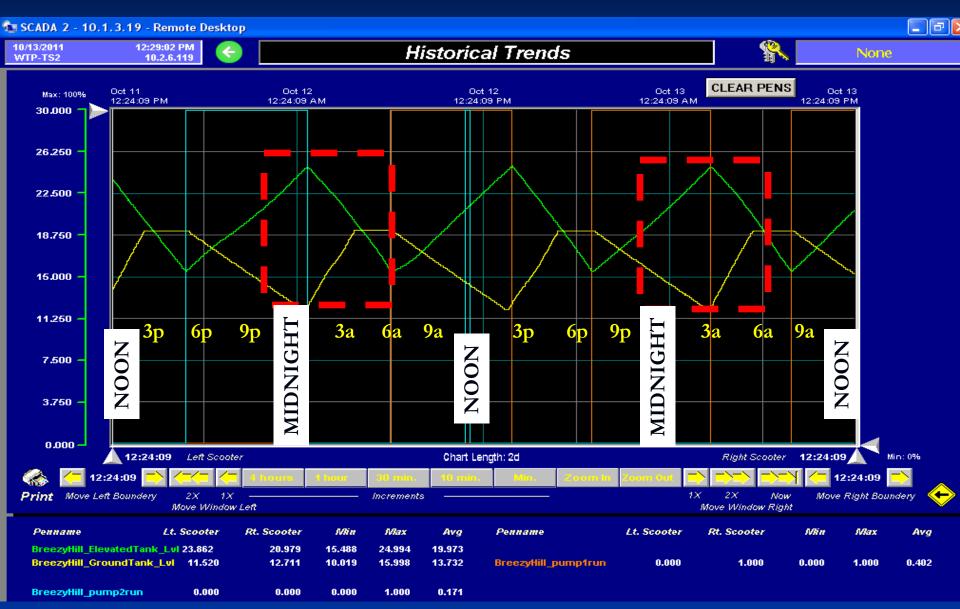
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	length/mains (per GIS)	#/connections (per GIS)	average pressure (per model)	UARL
Zone	(mi)	(ea)	(psi)	(MG/yr)
Forsyth	333	10,495	112	138
Downtown	4	864	91	5
Breezy Hill	14	1,365	85	9
Airport	19	441	83	5
Amerson / Ruben	957	50,405	93	432
total	1,328	63,570	93	567

# Analysis of Min-Hour Demand within Pilot DMA

#### Forsyth Zone

	t	nighttime drop	tank vol	est tank diameter	est gal/ft	est rate of outflow	est rate of outflow			
tank	hr	ft	gal	ft	gal/ft	gpm	MG/year			
forsyth	1	1.0	300,000	41.26	8,000	133	70			
lizella	1	2.0	1,000,000	75.33	26,667	889	467			
heath rd	1	2.5	500,000	53.26	13,333	556	292			
			total estimated min-hour tank outflow 1,578 829							
							MG/year			
				estimat	ed demand: Prison	50	26			
				estimated demar	nd: Monroe County	150	79			
	estimated demand: Barrington Golf Course					30	16			
		estimated demand: Harrison Rd Hotels					53			
		estimated demand: Macon State U 10					53			
		estimated demand: Miscellaneous				100	53		_	
								est % of total		
	total estimated min-hour demand				530	279	system leakage	co	ost/year	
total estimated leakage - Forsyth Zone					1,048	551	44%	\$	572,190	
UARL - Forsyth							138	11%	\$	143,313
Recoverable Real Loss- Forsyth Zo						orsyth Zone	413	33%	\$	428,877

## Analysis of Min-Hour Demand within Pilot DMA Breezy Hill Zone

								% of total	
		nighttime		est tank		est rate of	est rate of	system	
	t	drop	tank vol	diameter	est gal/ft	outflow	outflow	leakage	
tank	hr	ft	gal	ft	gal/ft	gpm	MG/year		
breezy hill	3	5.0	500,000	53.26	16,667	463	243		
total estimated min-hour tank outflow					463	243			
	estimated demand: Miscellaneous					50	26		
total estimated min-hour demand 50						26		cost/year	
total estimated leakage - Breezy Hill Zone 413						217	17%	\$ 225,518	
UARL - Breezy Hill Zone						9	1%	\$ 9,125	
Recoverable Real Loss - Breezy Hill Zone						208	16%	\$ 216,393	

#### **Key Points**

- **Pilot DMAs identified**
- Top-Down leakage and recovery potential quantified
- **No Capital Costs**
- Discovery and analysis of total leakage relationship to zone leakage



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