

# **WATER SCARCITY CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**

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## **Graywater and Rainwater to Enhance Local Supply**

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# Executive Summary

- Model:
  - Community = 100 households
  - Monthly demand and rainfall resolution
- High-dependency on municipal supply
- **Community Gray Water** is the most cost-effective
- We can reduce demand by 50% and save \$60,000 in 5 years
- Individual household graywater is cost prohibited under most scenarios
- Scenarios where rain harvesting is selected have more contingencies
  - Increasing community size and payback period



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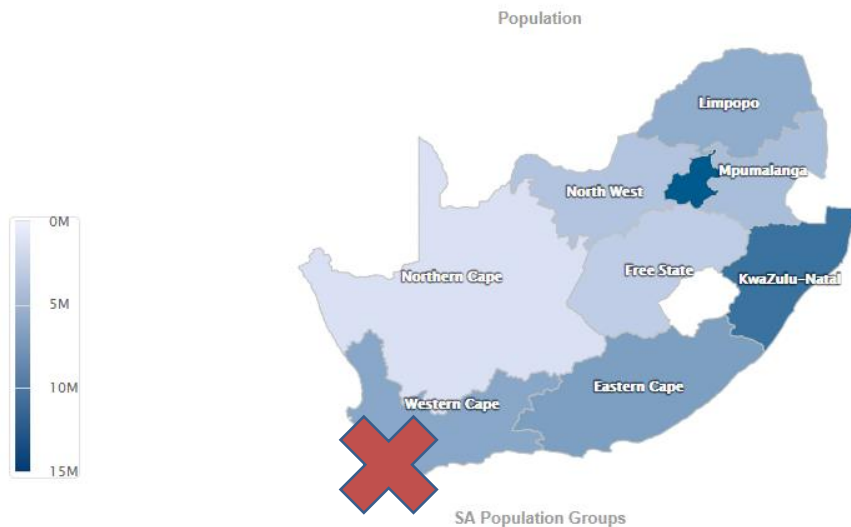
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# Statistical Overview

**South Africa** has recently faced challenges providing enough water for its residents

Population	Urban
58 MM (2019)	63%



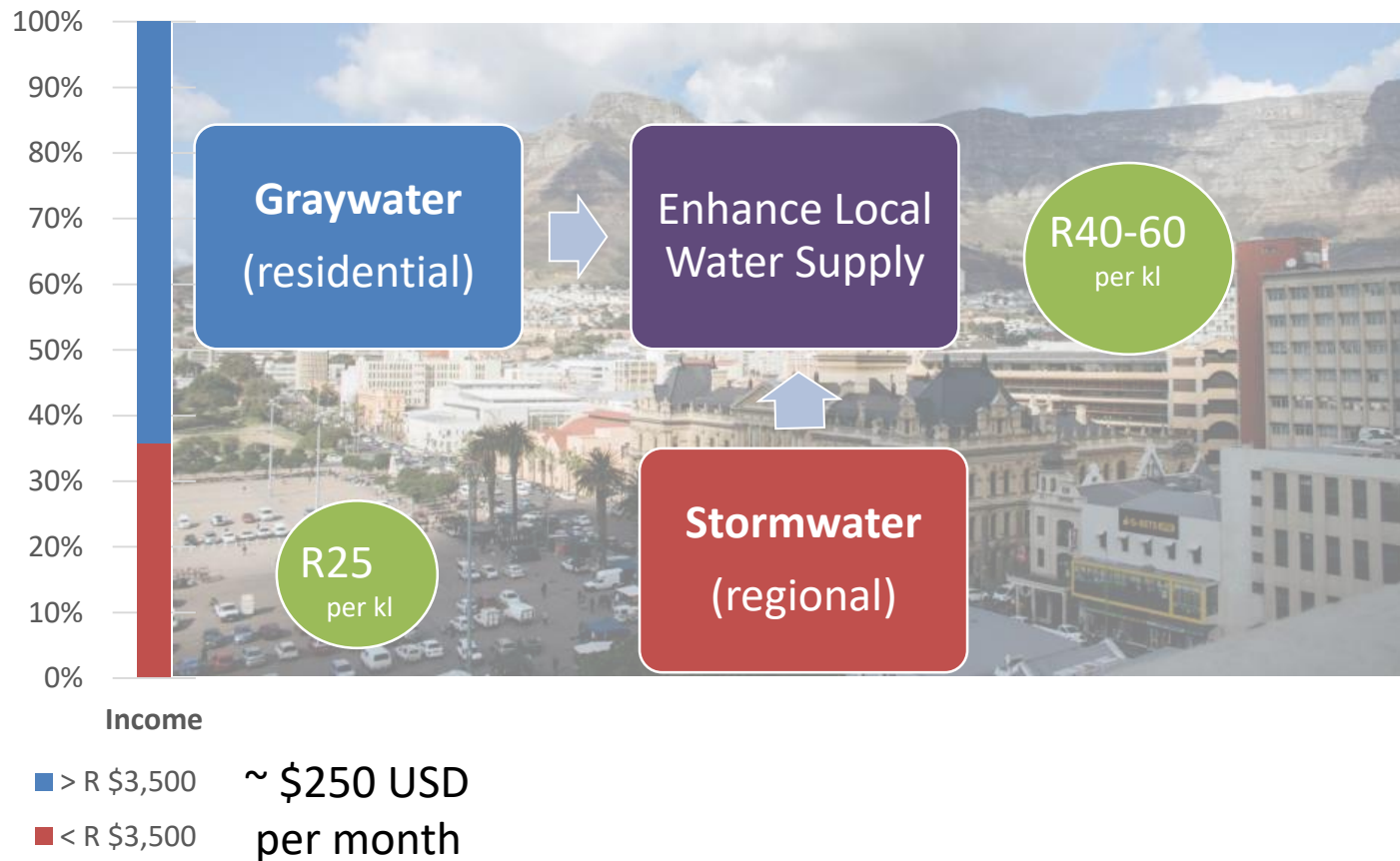
**Cape Town's** 1 MM households are almost entirely dependent on municipal supply

Source of water	Percentage
Regional/Local water scheme (operated by municipality or other water services provider)	97,3%
Borehole	0,5%
Spring	0,1%
Rain water tank	0,1%
Dam/Pool/Stagnant water	0,1%
River/Stream	0,1%
Water vendor	0,3%
Water tanker	0,4%
Other	1,1%



# What We Want To Do...

## Save water and \$X





# Water Tariff System

## Monthly Residential Water Tariffs\*

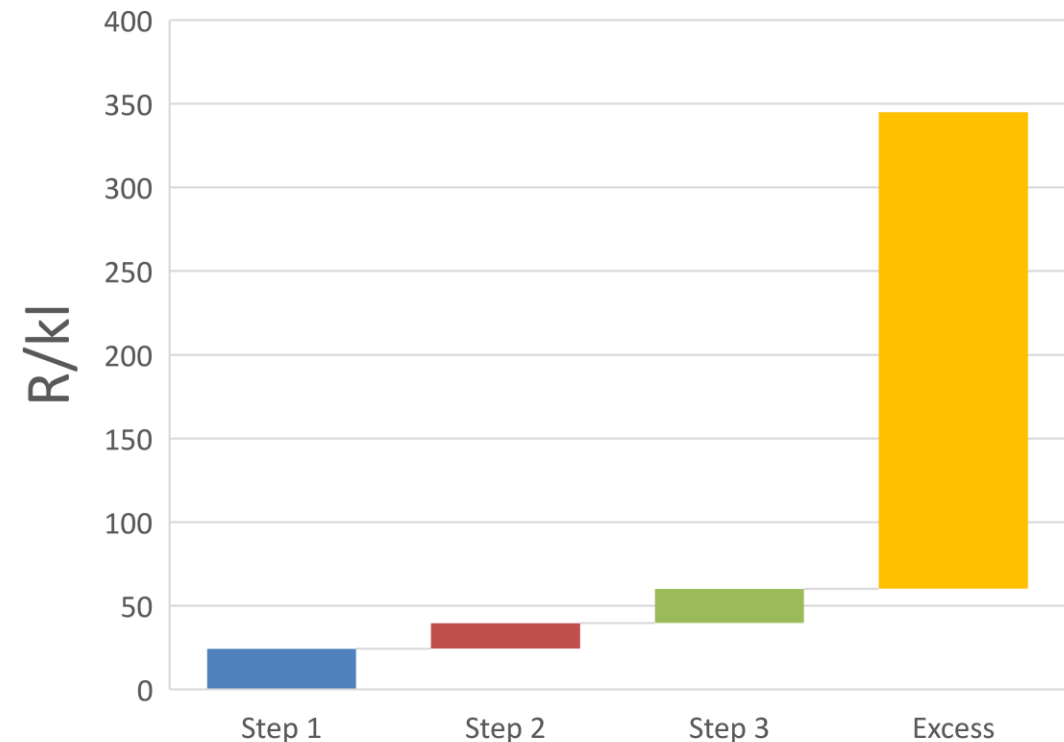
Step #	Volume [kl]	2018-2019 [R/kl]	Tariff $\Delta\%$
1	6	25	-
2	10.5	40	50
3	35	60	60
4	35+	345	475

Lower income levels have lower tariffs but they also follow step-wise increases

1 USD = 14.5 R

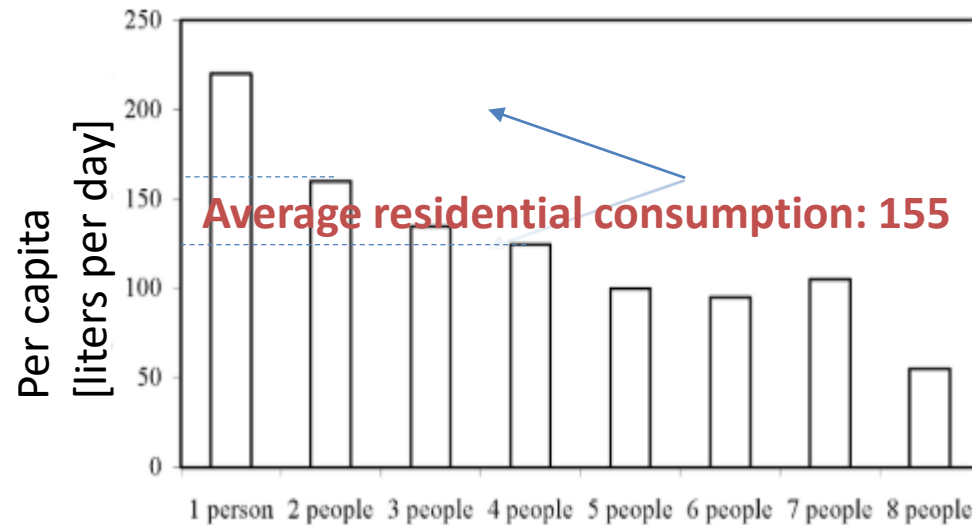
\*Level 5: High Income (rounded)

Municipal supply **price signals** highlight need for sustainable water management



# Western Cape: Urban and Climate Trends

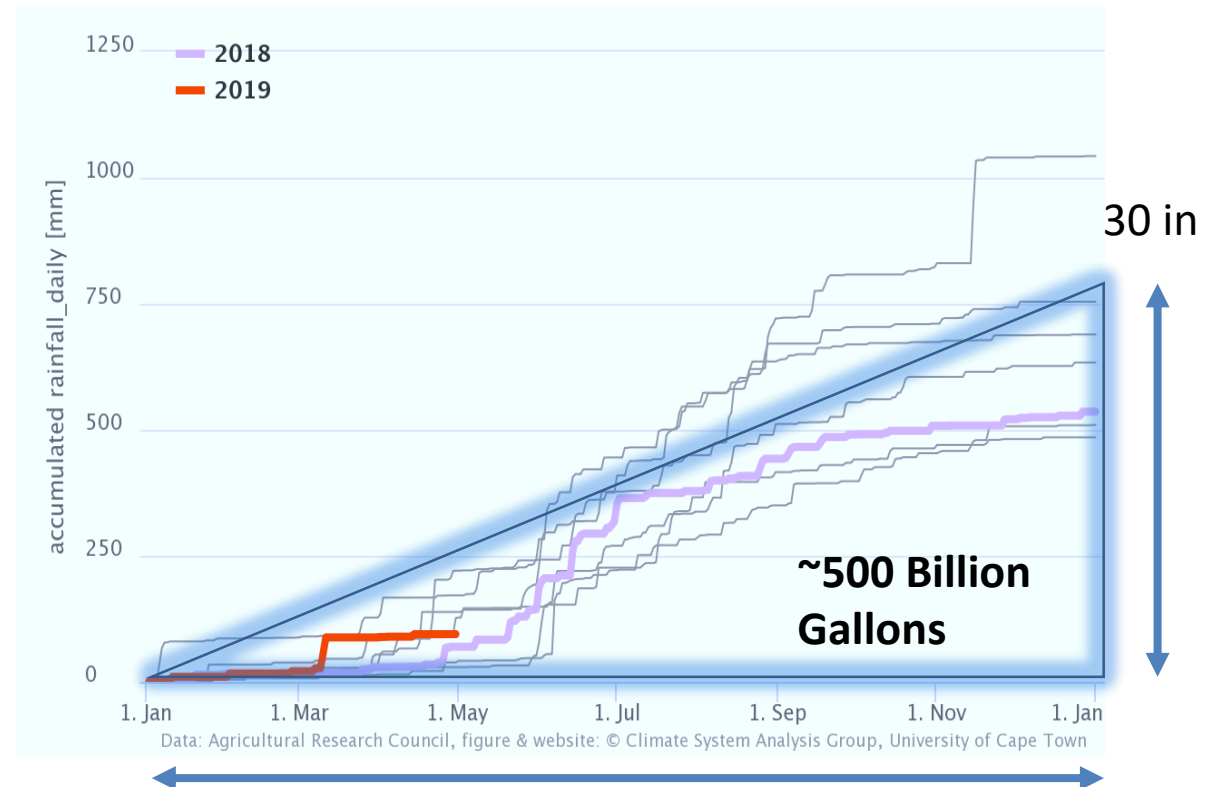
## Greywater generation grows



→ 1 X 225	Per capita Δ	Net Δ
2 X 175	225-175 = 50	100
4 X 125	225-125 = 100	400

Figure 1.4 Impact of household size on per capita consumption (Edward and Martin, 1995).

## Shrinking **stormwater** potential due to declining accumulated rainfall levels

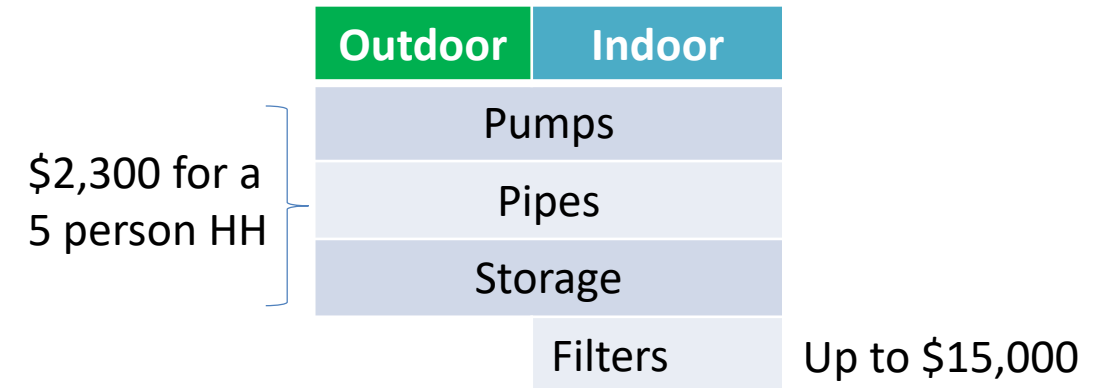
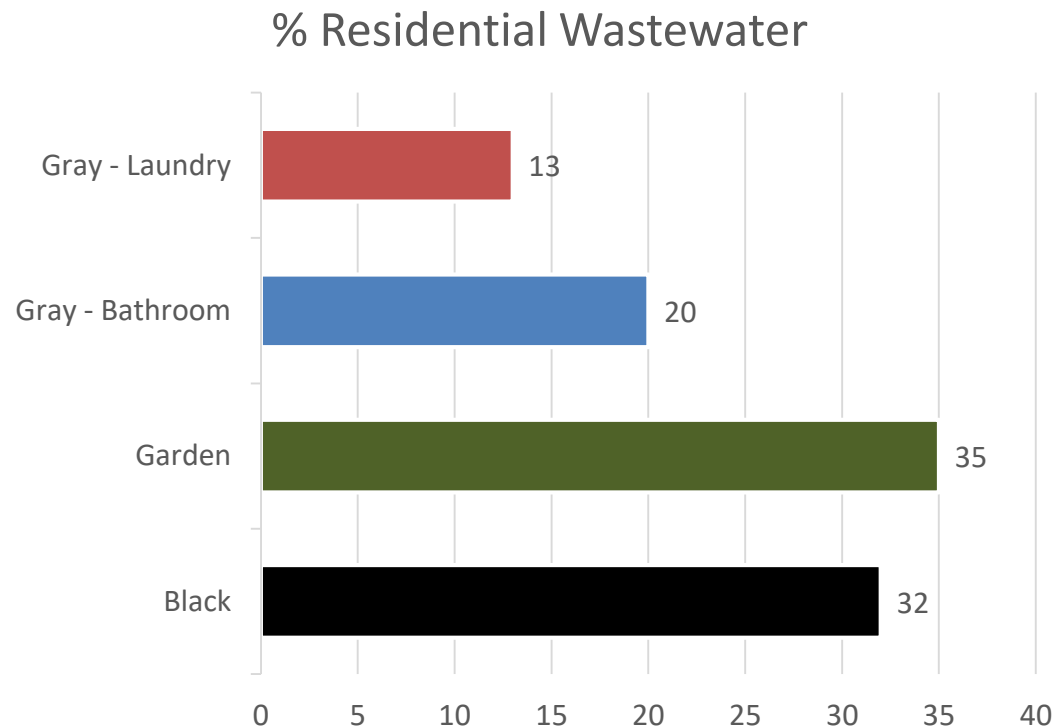


365 days

# What is Gray Water?

**No:** Toilet, Kitchen

**Yes:** Sinks, Showers, Bathtubs, Washers



## Average Annual Household Demand

[kl/year]

	Low	Base	High
Indoor	4.4	6.9	9.9
Outdoor	2.4	3.7	5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>15.2</b>



# People per household



# Model Assumptions

1. Household Rainwater Harvesting (Outdoor Use only)
  - Like most systems
  - Note: Restricted the choice to a 1000 gallon tank only
2. Household Rainwater Harvesting (Indoor and Outdoor Use)
  - Like some systems in South Australia
  - Note: restricted tank size to 500 gallons; can add more later.
3. Household Greywater Recycling (Outdoor Use only)
  - Like systems in Australia
4. Community Scale Stormwater Recycling (Outdoor Use only)
  - Not done too many places
  - Assumed that the system can hold the average monthly rainfall
5. Community Scale Greywater Recycling (Indoor and Outdoor Use)
  - Like the Vitter paper also not done too many places.

# Mathematical Formulation

## Objective Function

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c_{rho}x_{rho} + c_{rhi}x_{rhi} + c_{csw}x_{csw} + c_{cgw}x_{cgw} + c_{ngw}x_{ngw} + f_{rho}y_{rho} + f_{ngw}y_{ngw} + f_{cgw}y_{cgw} \\ & + f_{rhi}y_{rhi} + f_{csw}y_{csw} + c_e e_t \end{aligned}$$

s.t.

$$\sum x_i \geq D_i$$

$$x_i \leq f_i(D_{cw} - l_{cw})$$

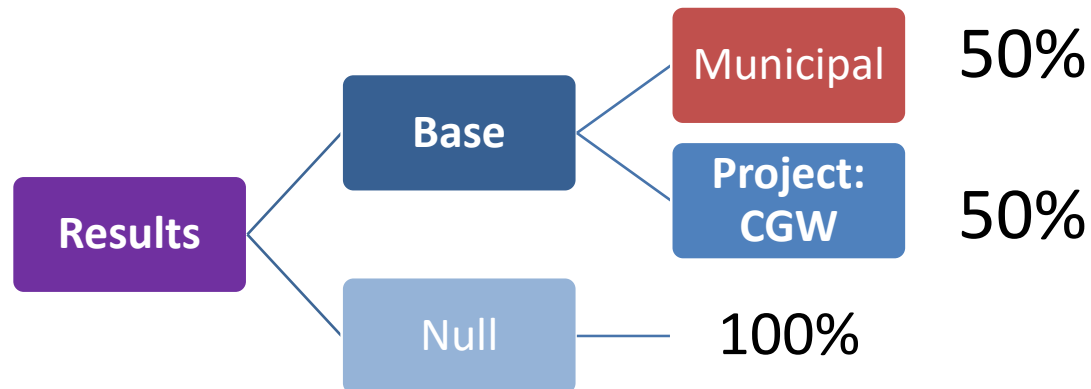
$$x_i \leq M y_i$$

## Constraints

# Cost-Benefit Analysis

## Benefits

- Enhanced Local Water Supply
- Water and Financial Savings

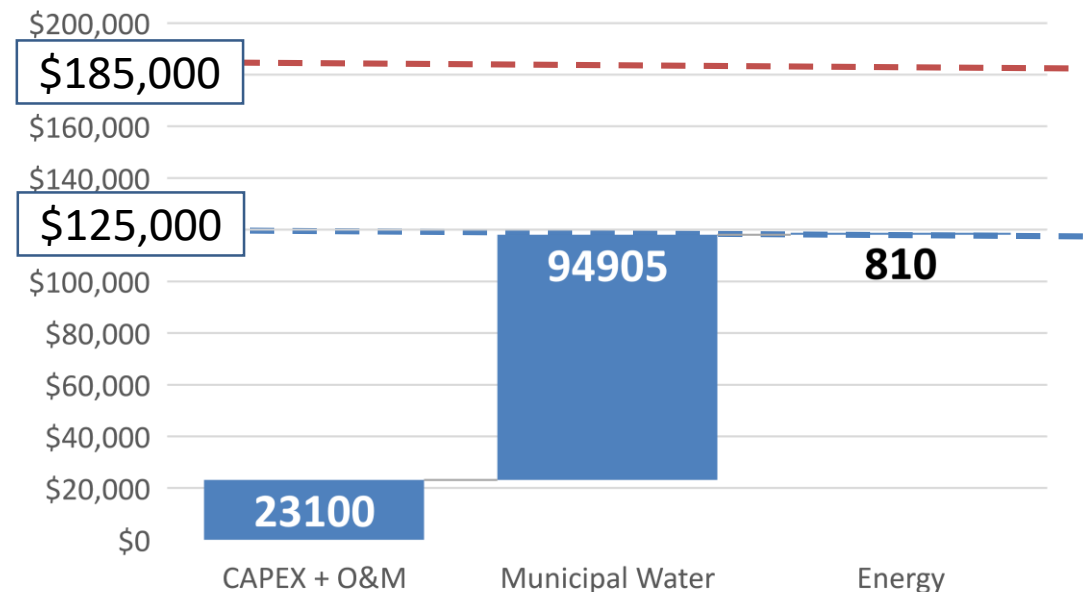


Save: \$60,000  
per year

## Costs

- Annual CAPEX required is less than **Municipal Water** or Energy

### USD LIFECYCLE COST ASSESSMENT [BASE]



# Technology Selection

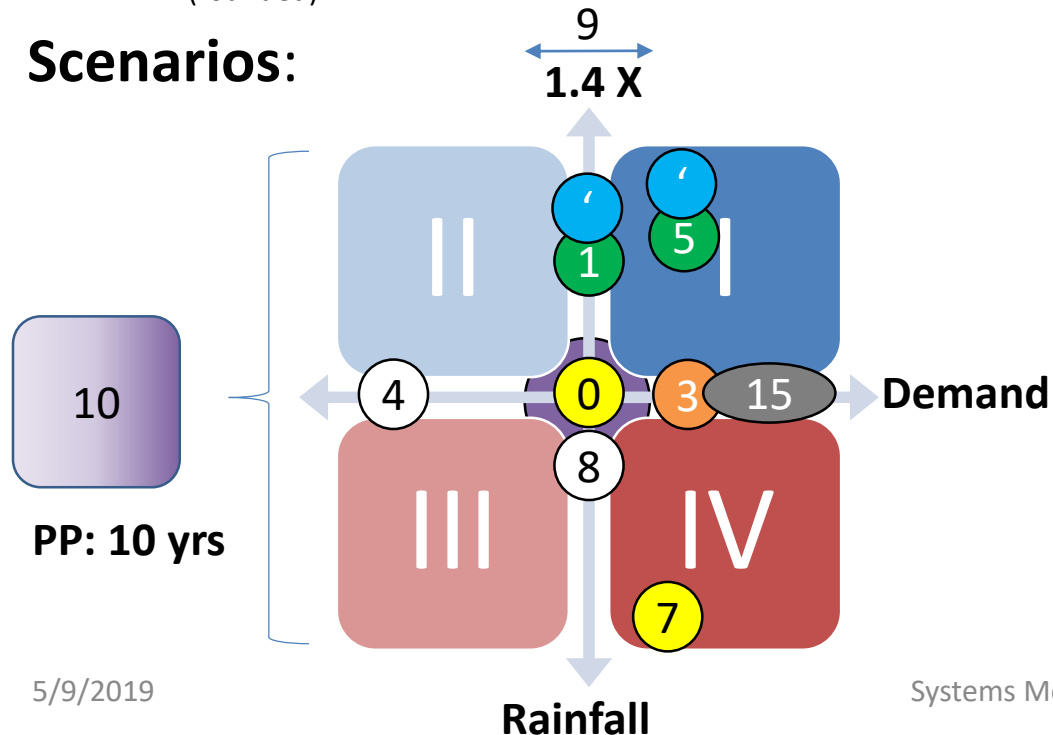
## Demand and Rain Water Scenarios

**Base Case\* [0]:**

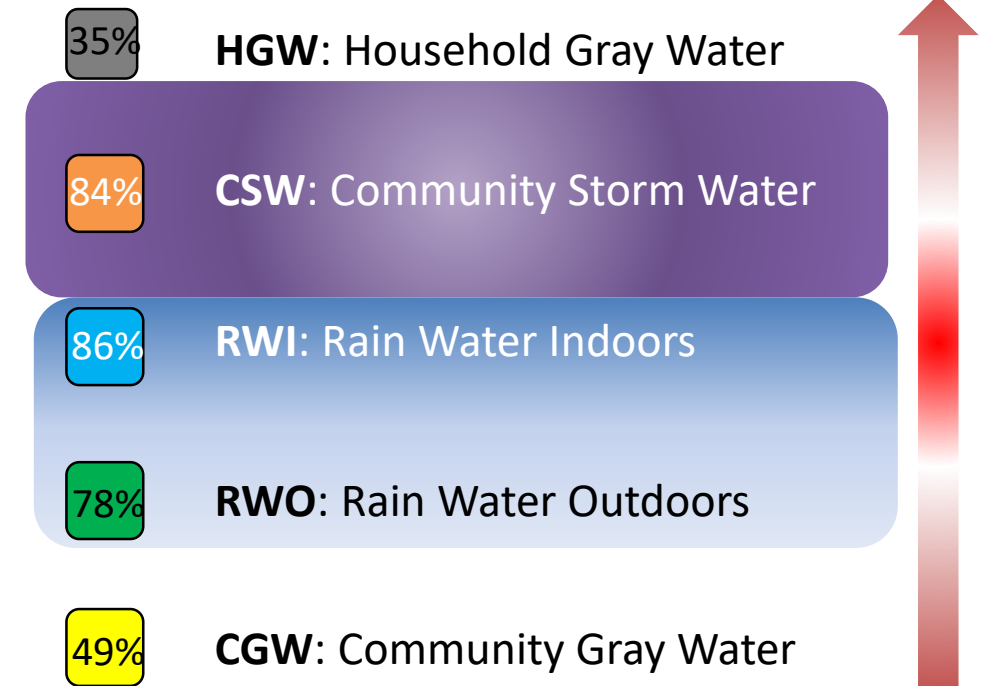
Cost [\$ ,R] x 10 <sup>3</sup>	Energy [kWh]	% Technology
25, 350	1600	50

\*:PER YEAR (rounded)

**Scenarios:**



**Cost**

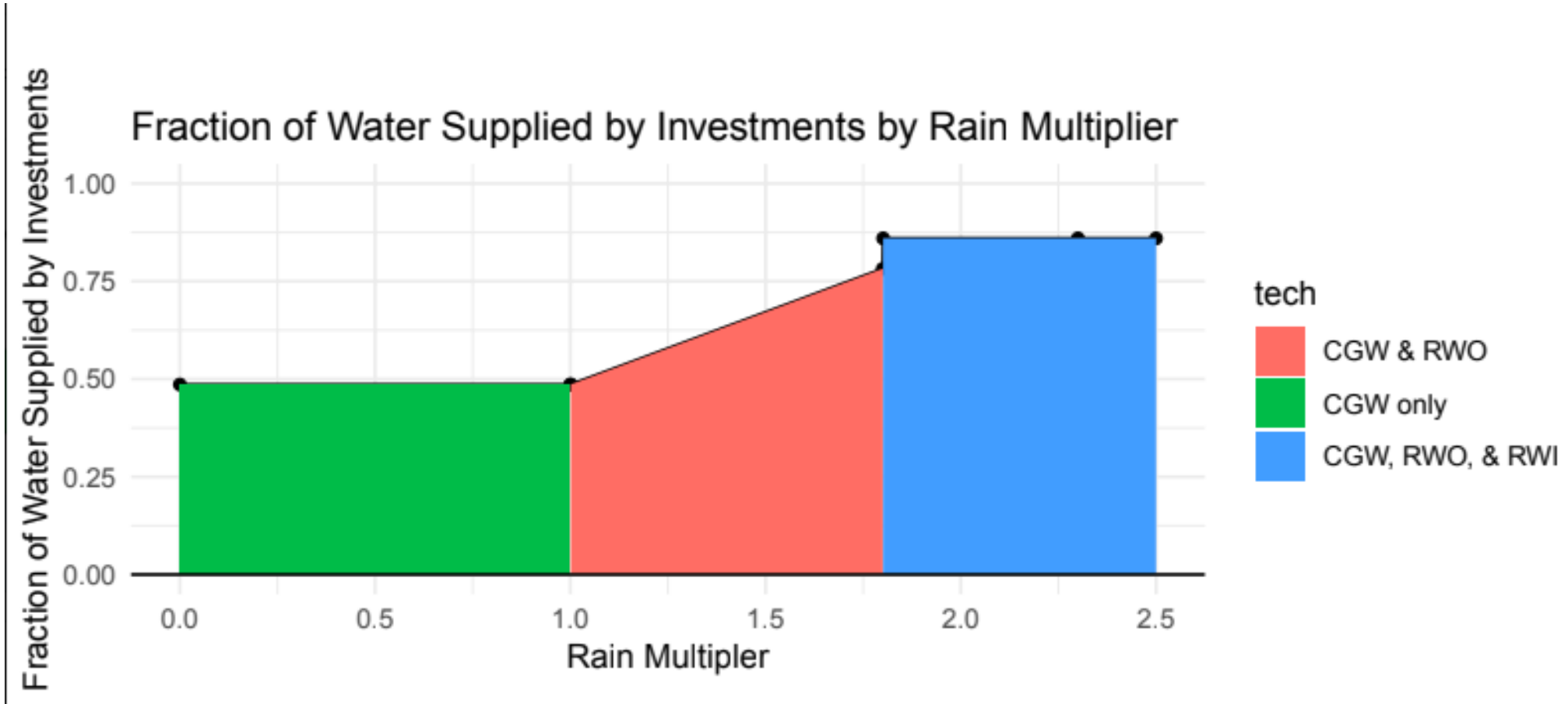


**PP: 5 years**

# Conclusions

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# Conclusions





# Q&A

Dr. Leibowicz,  
Thank you for a great semester!

# Back-up slides

Rainwater: not internally plumbed	Dobrowksy et al. (2014); Mukheibir et al. (2014); Fisher-Jeffes et al. (2017)	Varies notably <sup>2</sup> Low summer yield in winter rainfall regions with $Y \approx 0$ in peak summer time	Non-potable	Outdoor use, hand washing of clothes, house cleaning (e.g. floors)	Yield is a function of rainfall, storage and roof size; potential mismatch between seasonal rainfall and highest demand; high capital cost; possible environmental impact (e.g., reduced urban streamflow impacts natural ecosystems)
Rainwater: Internally plumbed tanks	Beal et al. (2012)	Varies notably <sup>2</sup> Queensland Australia. $Y$ varies from 54–260 L·hh <sup>-1</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> , with ave. 137 L·hh <sup>-1</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup>	Non-potable	As above plus toilet flushing and clothes washing	
Greywater <sup>4</sup>	Christova-Boal et al. (1996); Eriksson et al. (2003); WHO (2006)	Reported $Y$ varies from 218–346 L·hh <sup>-1</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> ; or about $\pm 100$ L·c <sup>-1</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> (Jacobs and Van Staden, 2008)	Non-potable, relatively poor quality (Maimon et al., 2010)	Outdoor irrigation (Carden et al., 2017); toilet flush (Ilemobade et al., 2012)	Relatively constant yield; yield reduces in line with indoor water savings; relatively high community health risk and environmental risks; high capital and energy cost if treated

# Cost Parameters

## Graywater

Indoor		Outdoor	
MIT, Vitter, Book		Commercial	
Income			
Low	High	Low	High
Community	Residential		

## Stormwater

Indoor	Outdoor

# How much does it cost to install a rainwater collection system?


A rainwater collection system is a way to capture rainwater to save and distribute later. They can be simple or complex, but either way are a great way to save on your water.

If you live in an area that experiences drought or if you find a rainwater storage and distribution system can help offset the cost of your water bill.

The true cost of any home improvement project will vary based on the size of the project. A rainwater storage tank system will cost about \$2,500, including installation.

Comparing their improved model with the simple method used previously, they found that the energy use and carbon dioxide emissions predicted by the improved method were 60% higher than those predicted by the simple method. For instance, the simple method predicted energy use of 0.32kWh per m<sup>3</sup> of rainwater, versus 0.54kWh per m<sup>3</sup> from the improved method. Similarly, carbon dioxide emissions increased from 0.34kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per m<sup>3</sup> of rainwater to 0.56 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per m<sup>3</sup>. These results emphasised the importance of the amount of pump start-up energy consumption and efficiency and underlined the necessity to estimate the total energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### 1000 Gallon Poly-Mart Rain Harvesting Tank



The 1000 Gallon Rainwater Harvesting storage tank includes 3" overflow and 2" outlet with plug. Comes standard with 16" basket strainer.

Our Price	\$679.95
List Price	<del>\$908.09</del>
SKU	PM1000RH

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Storage tank	Every rainwater system needs a storage tank This holds the water until you need to use it	5,000-gallon polyethylene <sup>3</sup> tank: \$2,000 Steel tank: \$4,000
Tank top-up system	Not required A top-up system will open a valve if the water level gets too low Allow water to flow in from another source	\$100-\$150
Pump	Some systems may include a pump <sup>4</sup> Helps push water out of the storage tank and into an irrigation or sprinkler system	\$100-\$1,000 Optional
Filters	Filters remove contaminants before the water goes into the storage tank Optional	\$100-\$1,000
Treatment system	If you intend to drink rainwater or use it for household use Optional	\$2,500-\$3,000
Tank gauge	Helps tell you how much water is in your storage tank Optional	\$30-\$40
Pipes	Connect your water storage system to your irrigation system or household pipes	Price will vary significantly Based on the pipe material, length and amount of digging required

## 5: Aqua2Use Greywater Recycling System



### Features

Known as the GWDD system, Aqua2Use collects the water from your bath, shower, and laundry. The water gets filtered through a state-of-the-art system for progressive filtration. After that, the water automatically gets sent over to your irrigation system for a second use.

Because the Aqua2Use system uses full automation, it doesn't require any human intervention for operation. You'd feel surprised at what greywater looks like after you have filtered it. In the long run, this saves you extra cash.

### Pros

- Employs a non-clog filter.
- Comes with a simple controller.
- It has an excellent overflow system.
- It is fairly easy to install.

### Cons

- No indicator for on or off.
- Only one-year warranty.

Price: \$789.95.

## Uniqueness of Aqua2use Greywater Treatment System:

- Low power consumption:  $\pm 2\text{kWh /KL produced}$
- No chemical & disinfectants added
- No new water needed for backwash
- Modern design easily integrates with the enviro
- User friendly : process is automatic & self-main
- Long lasting Matala filter media, no regular repl
- Progressive biofilter: copes with fluctuating flo
- pollution

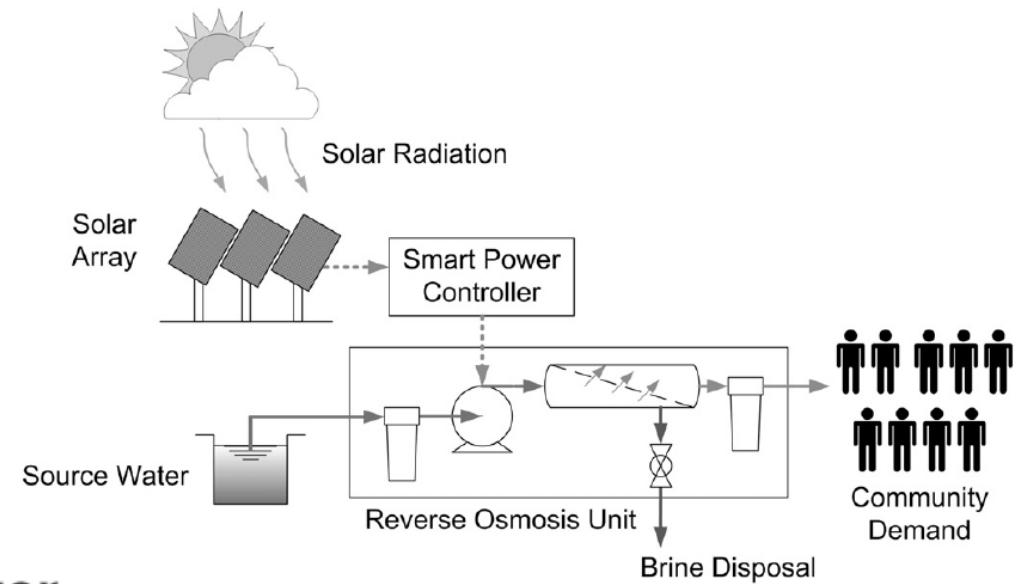


Fig. 2. Autonomous PVRO system.

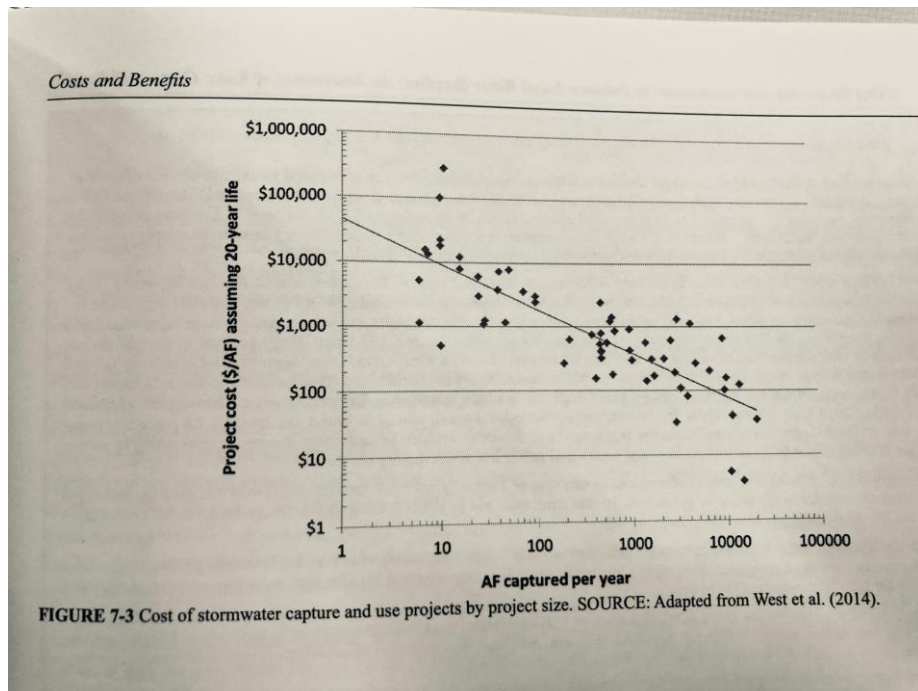
### 4.3.1. Capital costs

The capital costs include the purchase price of components, shipping costs to the field site for assembly, and the labor for installation, approximately 10,000 USD (140,000 pesos) for this one-of-a-kind prototype system. Obviously, commercial prices would be substantially lower than these figures. The annualized capital cost is 1342 USD (18,184 pesos). The costs of individual subsystems, sensors, shipping and installation in percentages of total capital cost are presented in Table 3. Annu-

# Stormwater

For Cost

Energy Assumption



## BASE

**Min Sump Basin Size:** 18 Inch

## MOTOR

**Horsepower:** 1/2HP

**Volt:** 115

**Phase:** 1Ph

**Hertz:** 60Hz

**Running Amps:** 10.4

**Operation:** Automatic

**RPM:** 1750

**Thermal Protection:** YES

**Power Cord Length:** 10 Feet

**Cord Type:** UL listed, 3-wire neoprene cord and plug

**Oil Free Motor:** NO

**Starting Amps:** 43.6

## PUMP

**Housing Material:** Cast Iron

**Solids Handling Size:** 2 inch

**Float Type:** Vertical Float

**GPH @ 0 feet:** 7680

**GPH @ 5 feet:** 7680

**GPH @ 10 feet:** 5340

**GPH @ 15 feet:** 3000

**GPH @ 20 feet:** 600

**Max Head:** 21.5 feet

**Max Flow Rate:** 128 GPM

**Max Operating Temp:** 120 °F (54 °C)



# Electricity Cost

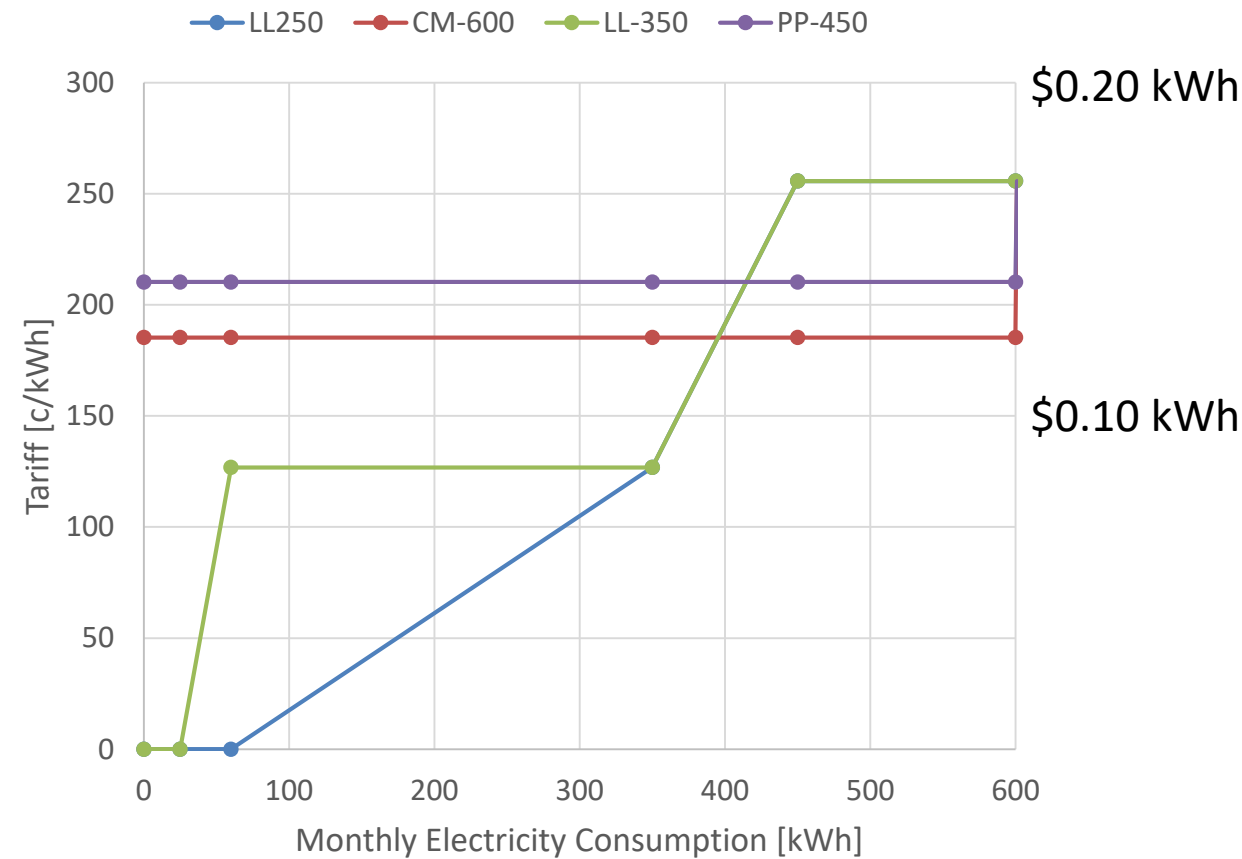
ID	LL-250	CM-600	LL-350	PP-450	PP-600
Tariff [c/kWh]	126.85	185.32	225.75	210.32	255.75
Max free [kWh]	25	0	60	0	0
Max block [kWh]	325	600	290	600	$\infty$

1 c = 0.01 R = 0.00069 USD

LL: lifeline tariff

CM: credit meter

PP: prepayment meter



# Back-up slides

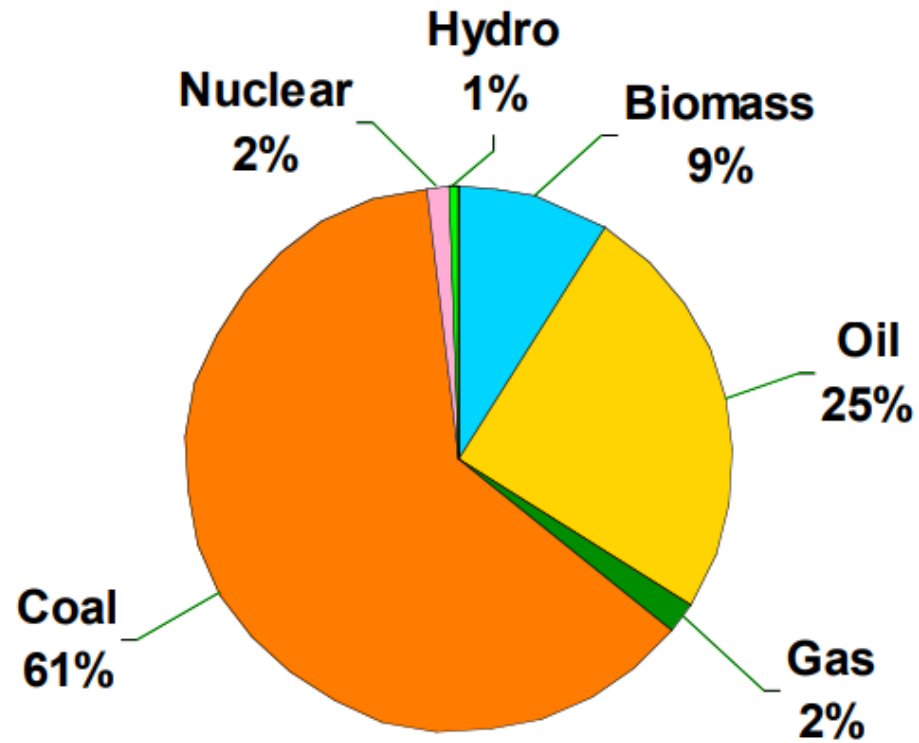


Figure 1. South African energy mix (Ward, 2008)

# Back-up slides

- Energy consumption per capita in 2004 was 44GJ/capita (SEA, 2006.)  
Much of Cape Town's energy is consumed as electricity, see Figure 7.

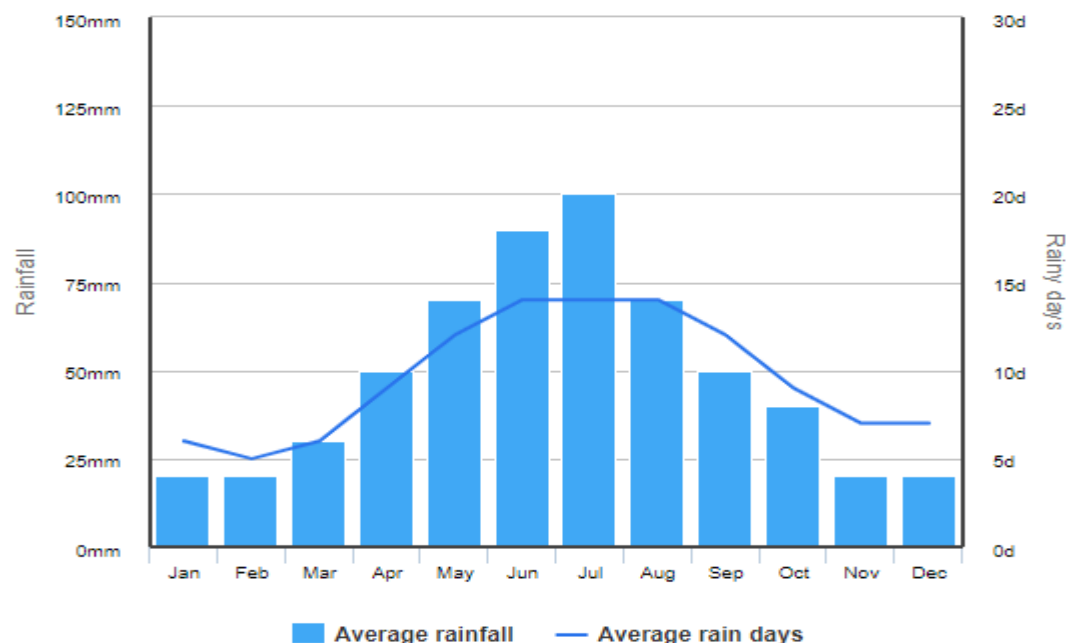
44 GJ			1 year	27777									
			month	7.8 W h		1 kW		1019 kWh		0.1 \$		102 \$	
	person year		12 s	1 GJ		1000 W		month		kWh		month	

- A low-income household could spend up to 25% of their monthly income on meeting their energy requirements, with most of the energy required for cooking. Mid to high income households typically spend 3-5% of their monthly income on energy, with the majority of the energy being used in water heating.

This is according to statements made by former Johannesburg mayor and president of the [South African Local Government Association \(SALGA\)](#) Parks Tau during a speech. Tau noted that the country's water consumption far exceeded international benchmarks and that the average water consumption in South Africa is 235 litres per capita per day compared to a world average of 185.



### Average Rainfall: Cape Town



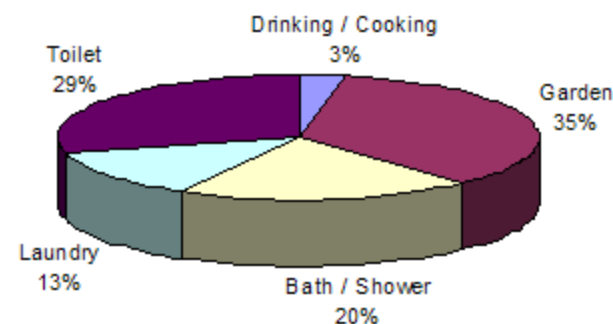
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
mm	20	20	30	50	70	90	100	70	50	40	20	20
Days	6	5	6	9	12	14	14	14	12	9	7	7

### Here are the figures presented:

#### Province Consumption (litres/person/day)

- Eastern Cape 200
- Free State 209
- Gauteng 305
- Limpopo 182
- KwaZulu Natal 225
- North West 186
- Northern Cape 238
- Western Cape 201
- Mpumalanga 205
- National 233

#### Typical Household Water Use

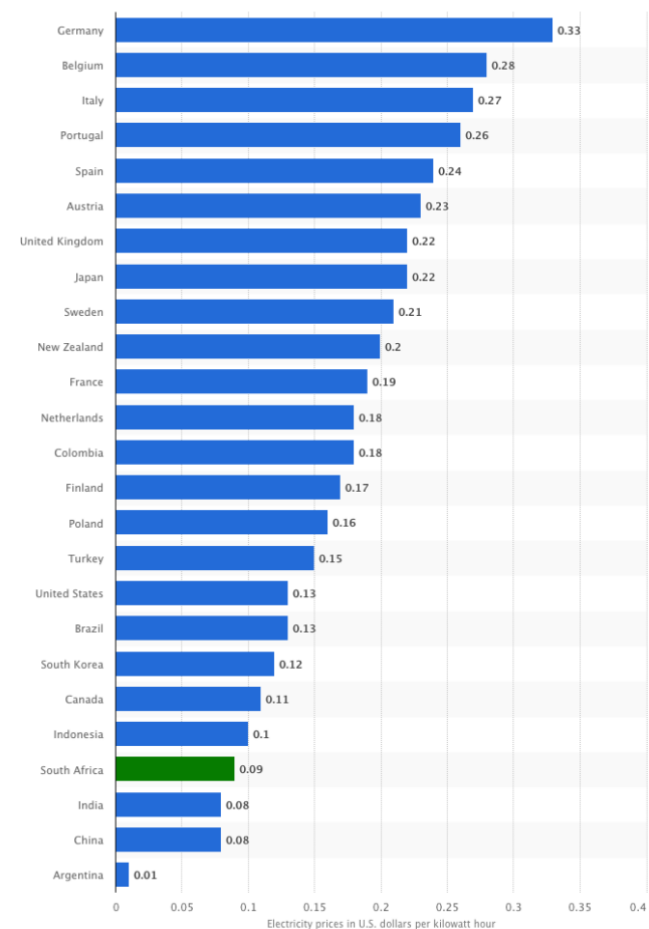


Residential Water Tariffs (Domestic Full and Domestic Cluster)		
Water Steps (1kl = 1000 litres)	Level 5 (2018/19) Until 30/11/2018 Rands (incl VAT)	Level 3 (2018/19) From 1/12/2018 Rands (incl VAT)
Step 1 (0 ≤ 6kl)	R24.37 (free for indigent households)	R15.73 (free for indigent households)
Step 2 (>6 ≤ 10.5kl)	R39.59 (free for indigent households)	R22.38 (free for indigent households)
Step 3 (>10.5 ≤ 35kl)	R60.25	R31.77
Step 4 (>35kl)	R345.00	R69.76

Residential Sanitation Tariffs (Domestic Full and Domestic Cluster)		
Water Steps (1kl = 1000 litres)	Level 5 (2018/19) Until 30/11/2018 Rands (incl VAT)	Level 3 (2018/19) From 1/12/2018 Rands (incl VAT)
Step 1 (0 ≤ 4.2kl)	R19.47 (free for indigent households)	R13.82 (free for indigent households)
Step 2 (>4.2 ≤ 7.35kl)	R34.79 (free for indigent households)	R19.67 (free for indigent households)
Step 3 (>7.35 ≤ 24.5kl)	R51.92	R29.43
Step 4 (>24.5 ≤ 35kl)	R124.30	R52.96

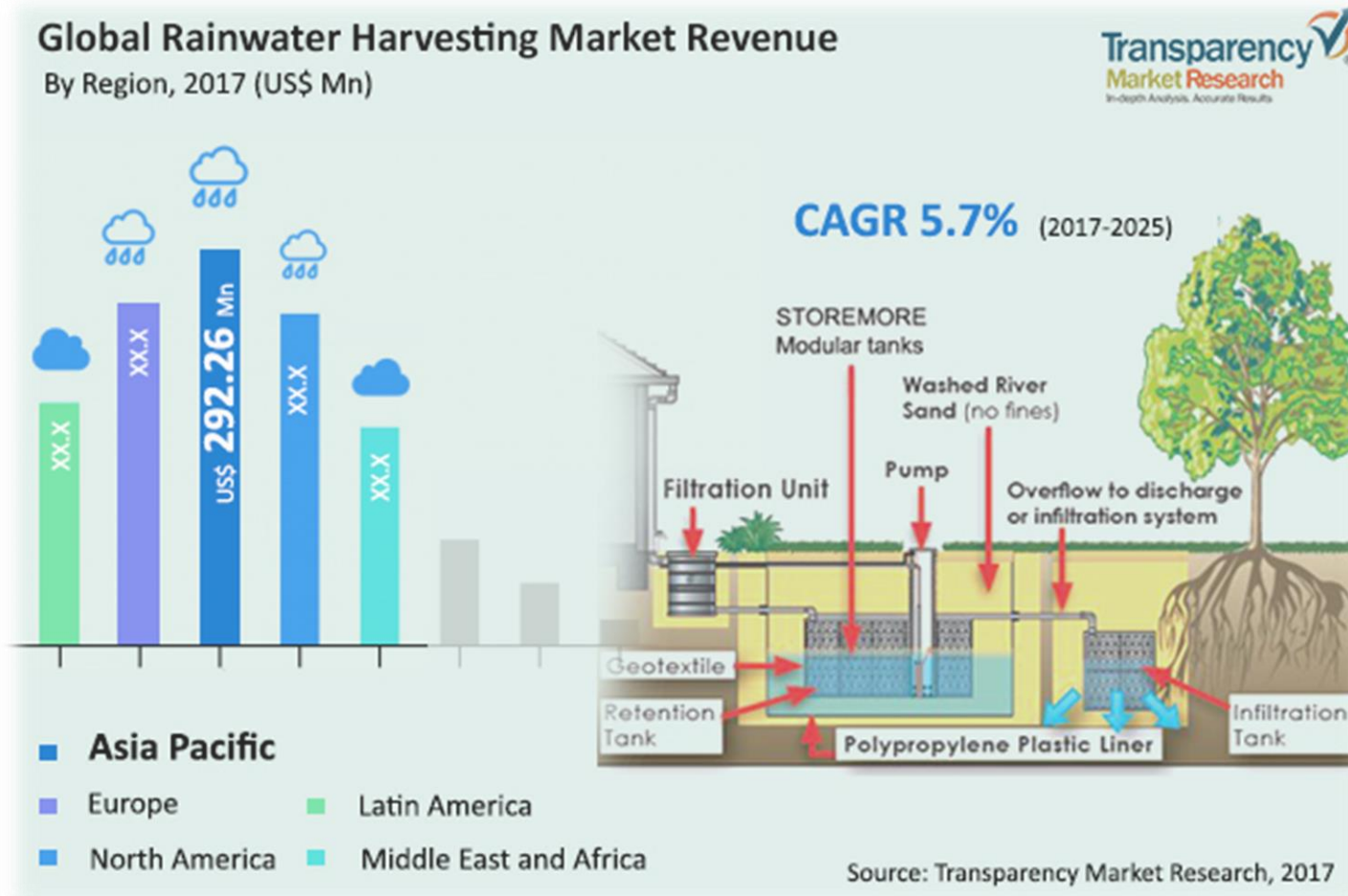
Fixed Basic Delivery Charge	
Size (mm)	Monthly Charge Rands (incl VAT)
15	R64.40 (free for indigent households)

Global electricity prices in 2018, by select country  
(in U.S. dollars per kilowatt hour)



# What about stormwater?

Opportunity for **low-income** (36%) and **unemployed** (24%) residents



**Sizing, distribution and connectivity matter**

- Harvesting Method  
Optimize design to minimize total network costs
- End-User Dispatch:  
Shift timing of precipitation relative to water demand