Water Rate Structure, Price, and Use in Utah

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Goals

- **Gather** and **characterize data** from public water systems on:
  - *Rate structures*
  - *Water prices*
  - *Water use*
- Illustrate potential **patterns** and **differences** among water providers across the WRMA urban gradient.

Methods

- Compile **data** from state reports, state surveys, and internet sites.
- Extensive data **assessment**, **interpretation**, and "**cleaning**".
- Organize data into a clean and valid **data set**.

Rate Structures

- **Increasing**

  Price per unit increases as use increases

- **Decreasing**

  Price per unit decreases as use increases

- **Uniform**

  Price per unit stays the same regardless of use

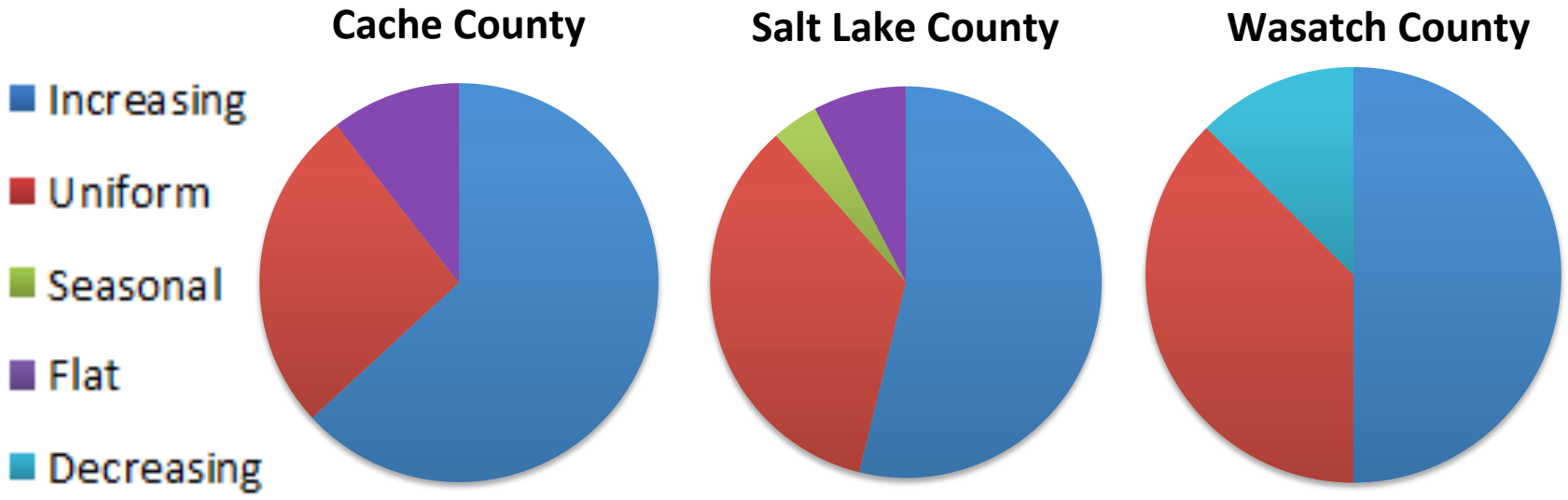
- **Flat**

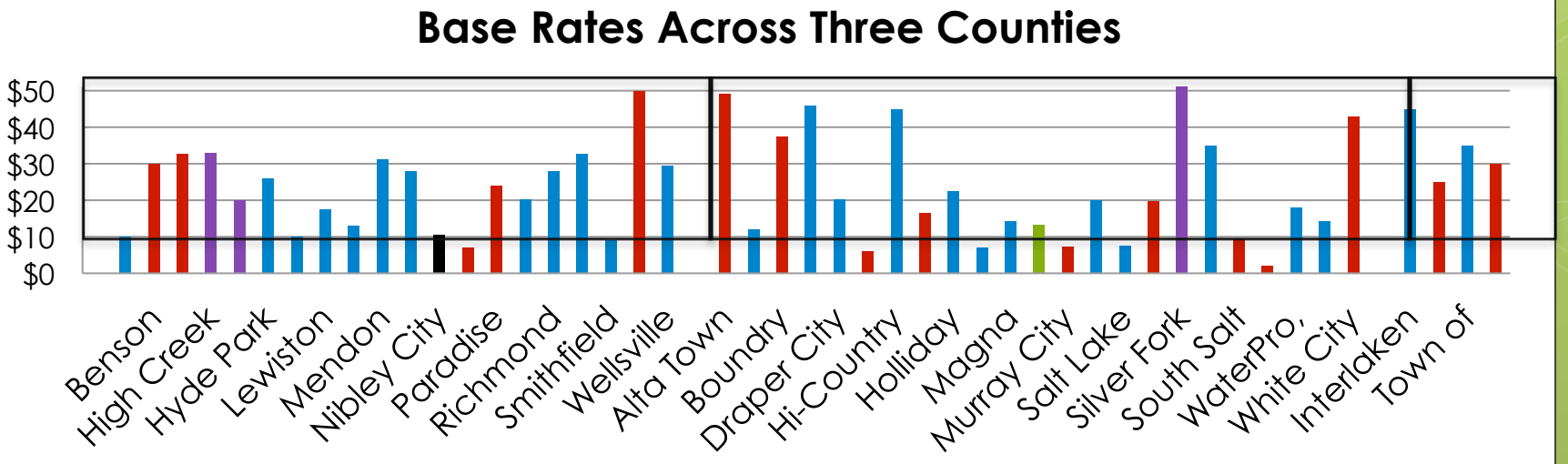
  "One time" charge for unlimited use

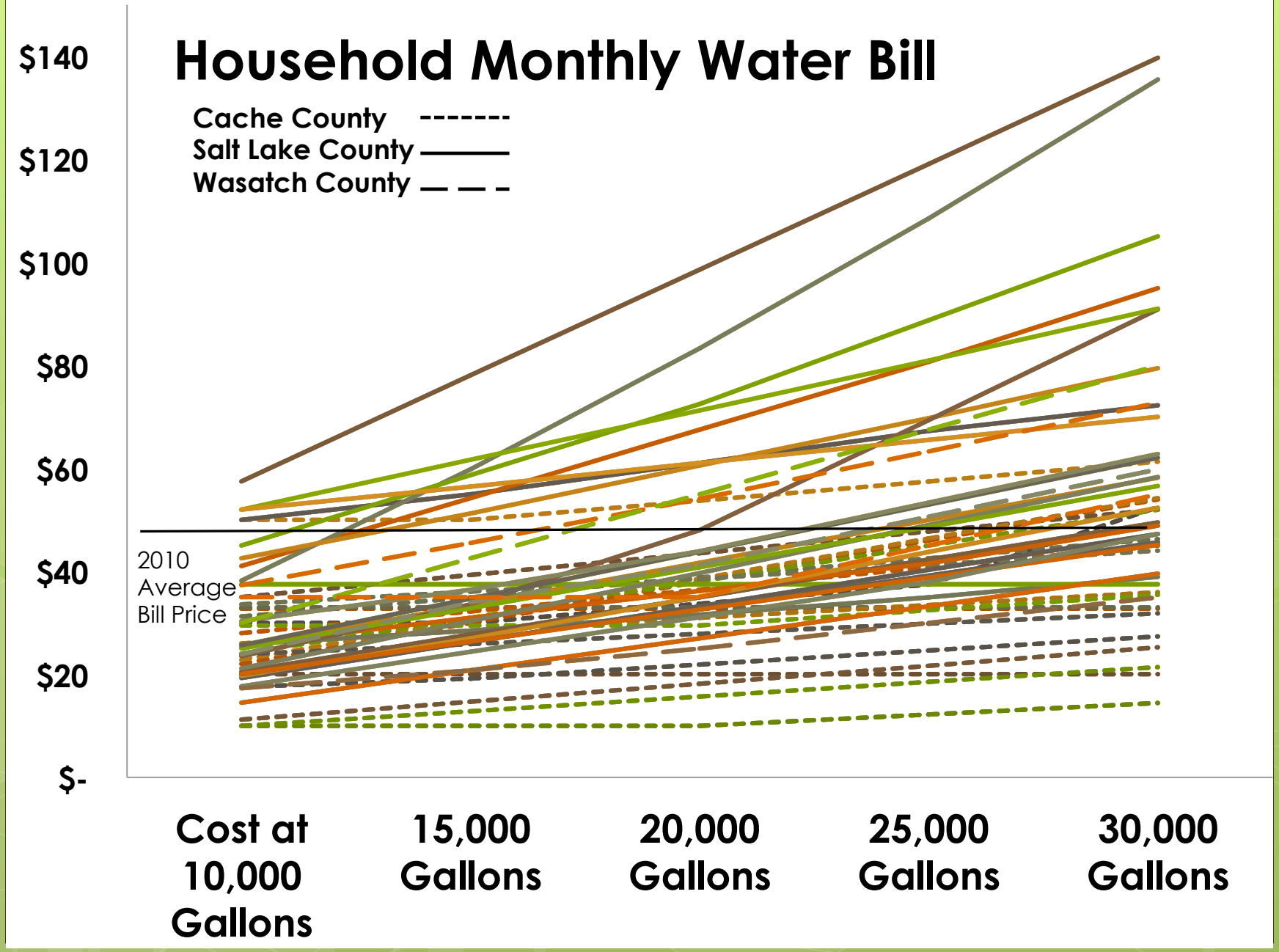
- **Seasonal**

  Price per unit increases during summer months

Rate Structures






Household Monthly Water Bill
Cache County
Salt Lake County
Wasatch County
$140
$120
$100
$80
$60
$40
$20
$-
2010 Average Bill Price
Cost at 10,000 Gallons
15,000 Gallons
20,000 Gallons
25,000 Gallons
30,000 Gallons

Water Use Terminology

- **GPCD** - Gallons Per Capita Per Day

  Derived by **dividing** water **use** by **population**

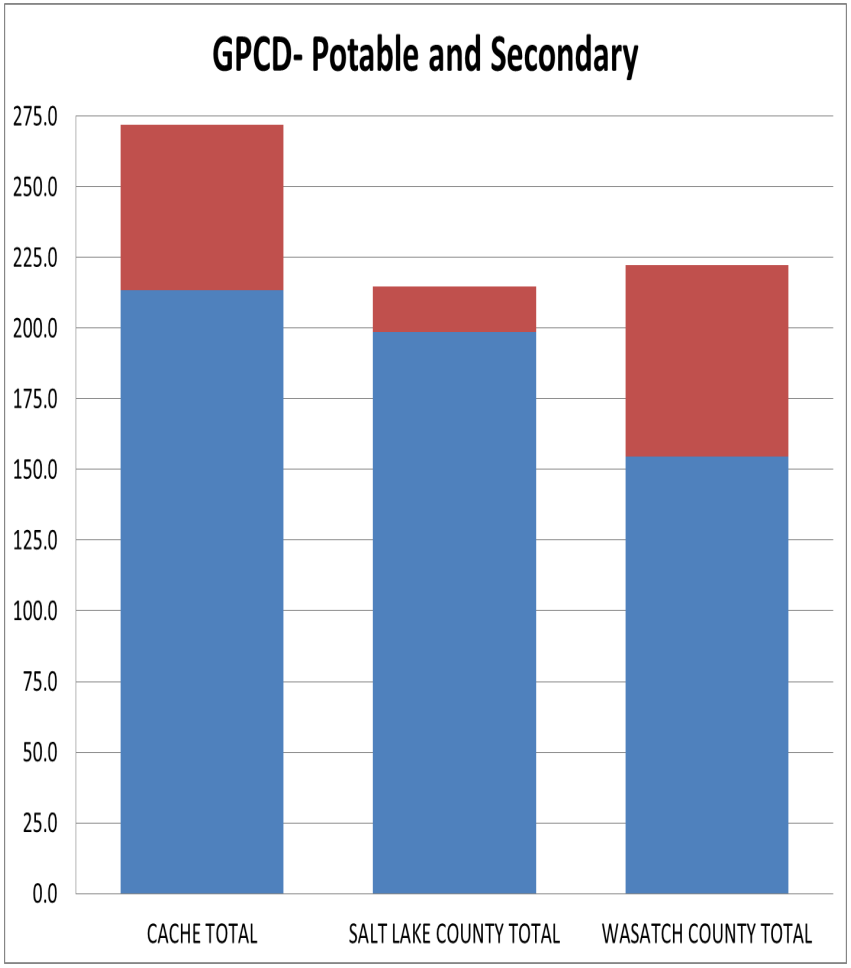
  - **M&I** Use vs. **Residential** Use
    - M&I Total - includes residential, commercial, institutional, industrial, etc.
    - Residential - use at the household level
- **Potable** Water vs. **Secondary** Water
  - Potable - Treated Water
  - Secondary - Untreated water

2010 Water Use

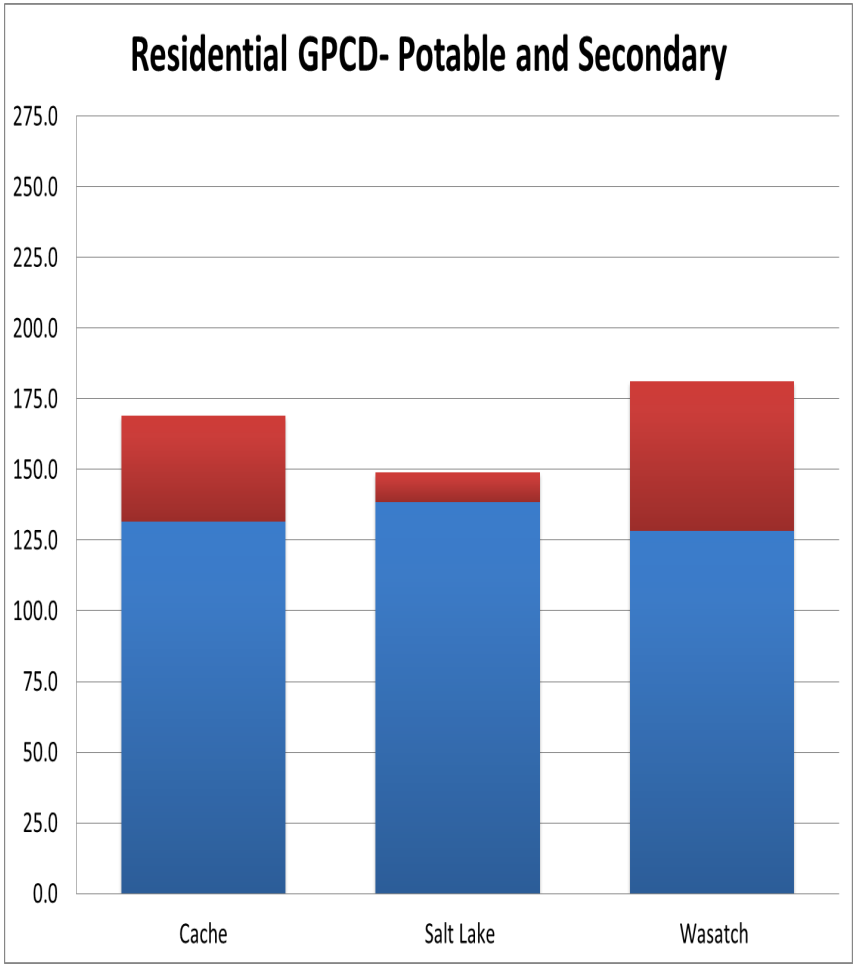
Secondary Water

Potable Water

Total M&I Use



Residential Water Use



Conclusions & Next Steps

- **Of the three counties:**
  - **Cache County** has the **cheapest** water and the **highest** M&I total GPCD.
  - **Salt Lake County** has the **lowest** secondary water use, but the **highest** residential potable water use.
  - **Wasatch County** has the **highest** secondary water use and the **lowest** residential GPCD
- The next step is to use this new **data set** for further **analysis** and **comparisons**.

Thank you for listening! Questions?

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