



City of St. Helena
Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee Regular
Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 @ 5:00 PM
City Hall Main Conference Room
1088 College Avenue, St. Helena CA

PLEASE NOTE: Any person who wishes to speak regarding an item on the agenda or make a comment under the "Oral Communication" portion of the agenda may do so, but please observe the time limit of four minutes.

Members of the public and other parties are welcome to email their comments to the Staff Liaison Rebecca White at rwhite@cityofstheleena.gov. All public comments must be received three hours prior to the meeting. Public comments received after the deadline will be attached to the item the next business day or soon thereafter. Public comments will not be read out loud but will be publicly available and attached to the online agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Chair: Jeff Farmer Vice Chair: John Zimmerman Members: Shannon Nolan, Richard Seiferheld, and Glenn Smith Alternates: Emma Leggat and Tony Rabin

3. PUBLIC FORUM

An opportunity for the public to directly address the Committee on items of interest to the public that are not listed on the agenda. Any person addressing the Committee should provide his or her name and address, and limit comments to four minutes. Because of restrictions imposed by the Brown Act, the Committee may not engage in substantive discussion, nor take action on matters not described on the agenda.

4. REPORTS BY STAFF/COMMITTEE

Reports by staff and/or committee on items of general interest. Brief questions for clarification may be posed and answered, and Committee may request that items be placed on a future agenda. Except under certain circumstances, the Brown Act prohibits any other discussion or action by the Active Transportation & Sustainability Committee.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.1. Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes of April 01, 2026.

6. SCHEDULED ITEMS

6.1. Discussion on the Concept of Advisory Lanes for Bicycle and Pedestrian Use

Prepared By: Mario Traverso, Project Manager

6.2. Speed Hump Implementation Strategy Discussion

Prepared By: Mario Traverso, Project Manager

6.3. Follow-Up Discussion of PFAS: Testing & Prevention

Prepared By: Shannon Nolan, Committee Member

6.4. Follow -Up Discussion: Cost of Testing PFAS in Wastewater

Prepared By: Eric Janzen, Asst. PW Director

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7.1. Review Open Trails/Open Spaces Programs/Engagement with Vine Trail:
TBD

7.2. Revisit Pedestrian Safety Improvements: TBD

7.3. Discussion of Potential Bike Path to Avoid Valley View Traffic: June 2026

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall, 1088 College Avenue, St. Helena.

This agenda was posted at City Hall, 1088 College Avenue, St. Helena on May 1, 2026.

Rebecca White, Administrative Assistant

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MINUTES
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Farmer at 5:01p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jeff Farmer, Vice Chair John Zimmerman (departed 6:45p.m.),
Member Glenn Smith, Member Shannon Nolan, Member Emma Leggat, Alternate
Member Tony Rabin

Absent: Member Richard Seiferheld

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Public comment was opened and no comments were received. Public comment
was closed.

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Sustainability Committee.

Director Leach reported that a Special City Council was being held to discuss the
downtown sidewalks project and the removal of trees.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.1. Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee Minutes of March 4, 2026.

CEQA Determination:

Prepared By:

Recommendation:

Vice Chair Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes.

Member Leggat seconded the motion.

Member Nolan abstained from the vote, all others voted in favor of the motion.

6. SCHEDULED ITEMS

6.1. Capital Improvement Program FY 2027-2031 Discussion

CEQA Determination:

Prepared By:

Recommendation:

Director Leach presented the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2027-2031.

6.2. Review and Discussion of NVTA Napa Countywide Active Transportation Plan

www.NapaATplan.org

CEQA Determination:

Prepared By:

Recommendation:

Patrick Band from NVTA presented the Countywide Active Transportation Plan to the Committee.

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Prepared By:

Recommendation:

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Prepared By:

Recommendation:

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CEQA Determination:

Prepared By:

Recommendation:

7.4. Follow-Up Discussion of PFAS Testing: Tentatively May

CEQA Determination:

Prepared By:

Recommendation:

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Chair Farmer adjourned the meeting at 6:46p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Jeff Farmer, Chair

Rebecca White, Staff Liaison

Item 6.2 ATSC Meeting (May 6)

From Chris Fowler <chris@alanssainthelena.com>

Date Mon 5/4/2026 7:07 PM

To Rebecca White <rwhite@cityofsthelena.gov>

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Greetings All,

I am writing in regards to the speed humps that have been paced around the city. In particular, my comments are directed at the humps on South Crane Avenue and Spring Street. I am very much in favor of speed-mitigating measures in any residential area, especially where drivers have a little bit of a heavier foot. And, I don't think that these general locations are bad choices. My biggest issue is the humps themselves are jarring, disruptive, and contribute to wear and tear on vehicles. After driving over these humps a couple times a day for however many months they have been in place, my solution would be to install a stop sign at South Crane and the entrance for Crane Park, and a stop sign at Spring and Stockton. It achieves the same desired result and is less wear and tear on the vehicles traveling those routes, and seems like a fairly simple and easy remedy.

I appreciate your time and consideration,

Best,

Chris Fowler

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Re: Item 6.2 ATSC Meeting (May 6)

From Chris Fowler <chris@alanssainthelena.com>

Date Tue 5/5/2026 11:47 AM

To Rebecca White <rwhite@cityofsthelena.gov>

You don't often get email from chris@alanssainthelena.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Thank you Rebecca.

Can you also please add this to the same Item 6.2:

I had a Facebook reminder of a post I made pop up from 6 years ago. It read, "If I was to ever run for Mayor of St. Helena, my entire platform would be on installing speed bumps on Money Way."

Speeding on Money Way is a legitimate, chronic issue, and this alleyway would absolutely benefit from speedbumps placed about halfway between Spring and the stop sign by the public parking lot, as well as halfway between that same stop sign and Adams Street.

Again, I appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Chris Fowler

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Fwd: ATSC Speed bump review

From Jeff Farmer <jfarmer@seedgrain.com>

Date Wed 5/6/2026 9:21 AM

To Rebecca White <rwhite@cityofsthelena.gov>

Include in comments if possible

From: Pamela Smithers <psmithrs@comcast.net>

Sent: May 6, 2026 8:18:21 AM PDT

To: Jeff Farmer <jfarmer@seedgrain.com>

Subject: ATSC Speed bump review

Hi Jeff,

I'm out of town or I'd definitely come to this meeting that includes a review of the speed bumps.

I don't hear anyone saying they don't think the bumps are effective at slowing the traffic - the goal - so they're doing their job in that regard. Some people even want them on their street (think Chris re Money Way) while at the same time criticizing the ones they drive over on their commute.

So it's the design that's the problem, not the bumps themselves. As you of all people know, there are speed HUMP designs available that are wider and softer but have the same effect -slowing the traffic.

These are also permanent so let's make the humps permanent with a softer, quieter, easier on cars design.

I can see one from our hotel room in Chicago and they are all over SF. Clearly they (speed humps) are popular for solving the problem of speeding through residential areas.

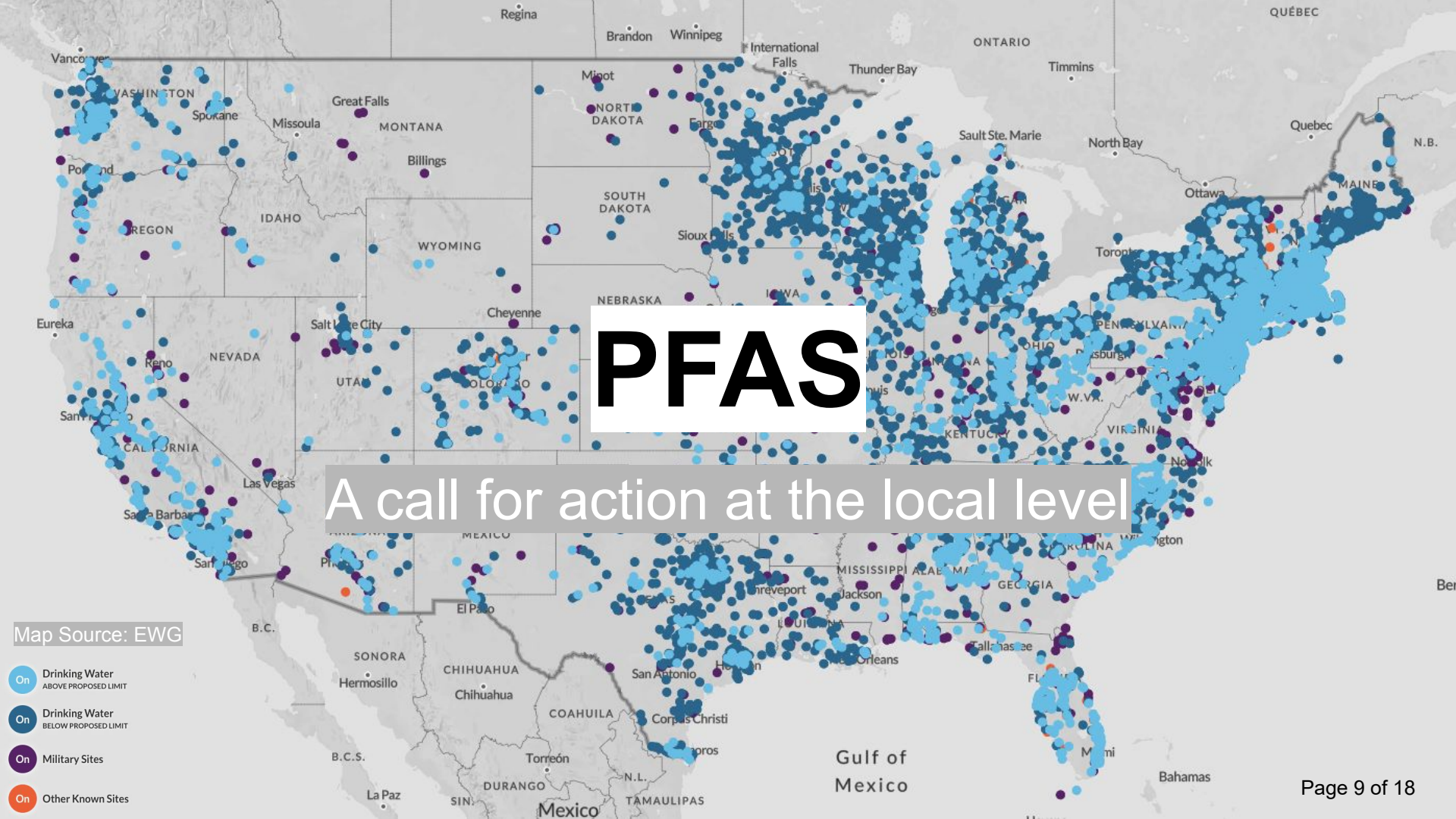
Mark and I feel strongly that the speed bump on S Crane should be retained and/or upgraded to a speed hump. We've noticed a reduction of speeds so it's doing its job. Transferring the job from engineering to enforcement (stop sign at crane park) isn't the solution we'd seek.

thank you for considering our request to upgrade to a permanent speed "hump" and advocating or at least mentioning our comment at the meeting.

Thank you !

Pam and mark

Pam Smithers
707-696-0530



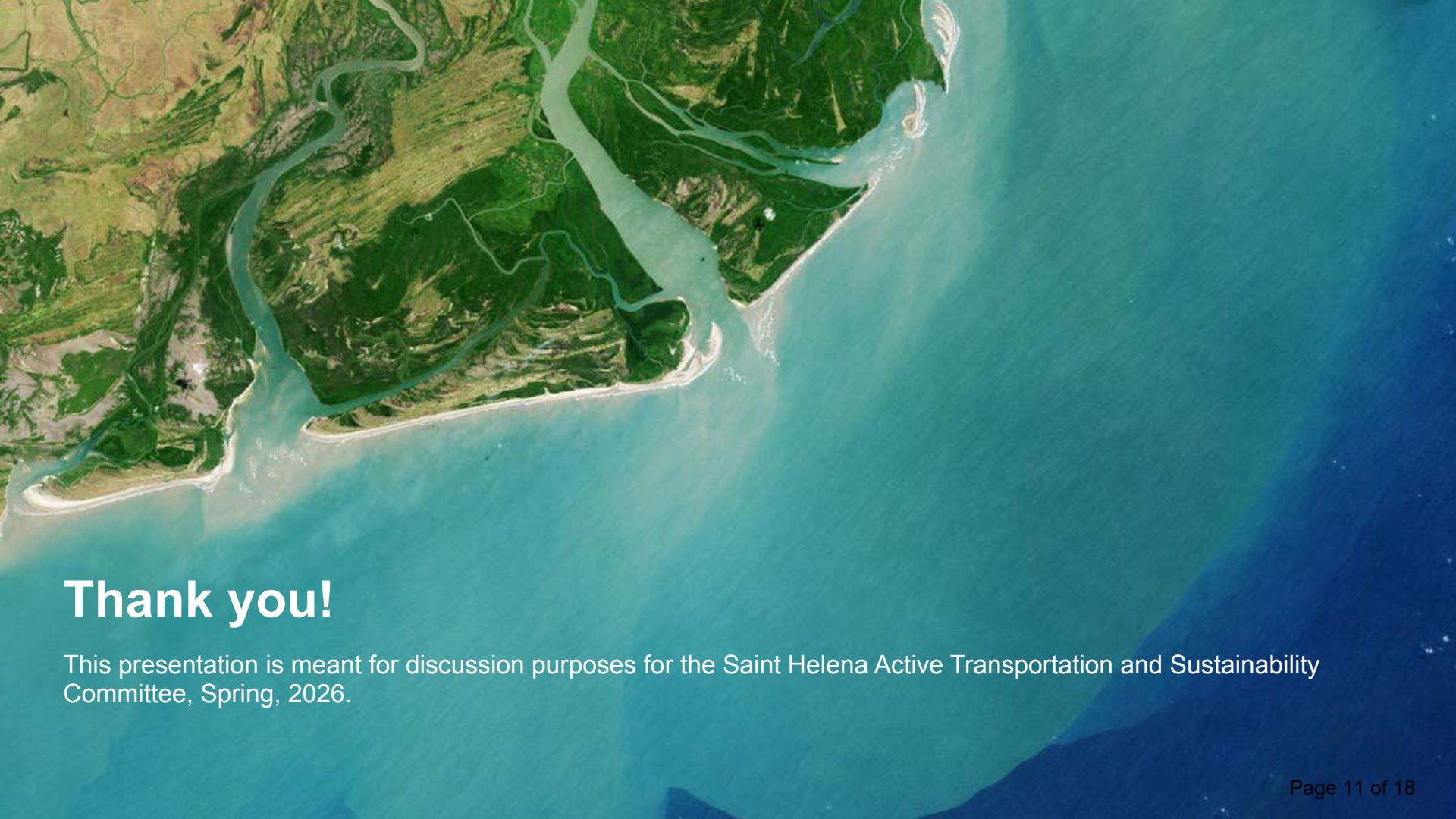
Follow-Up Discussion

Follow-Ups Regarding PFAS in Wastewater

- Further analysis of the cost/benefit of PFAS testing of Saint Helena's wastewater
 - Quote underway
- Further understanding of which municipalities voluntarily test their wastewater for PFAS and their decision-making process
 - TBD
- When cities do detect PFAS in their water or wastewater, how do they remediate it?
 - Article [here](#)

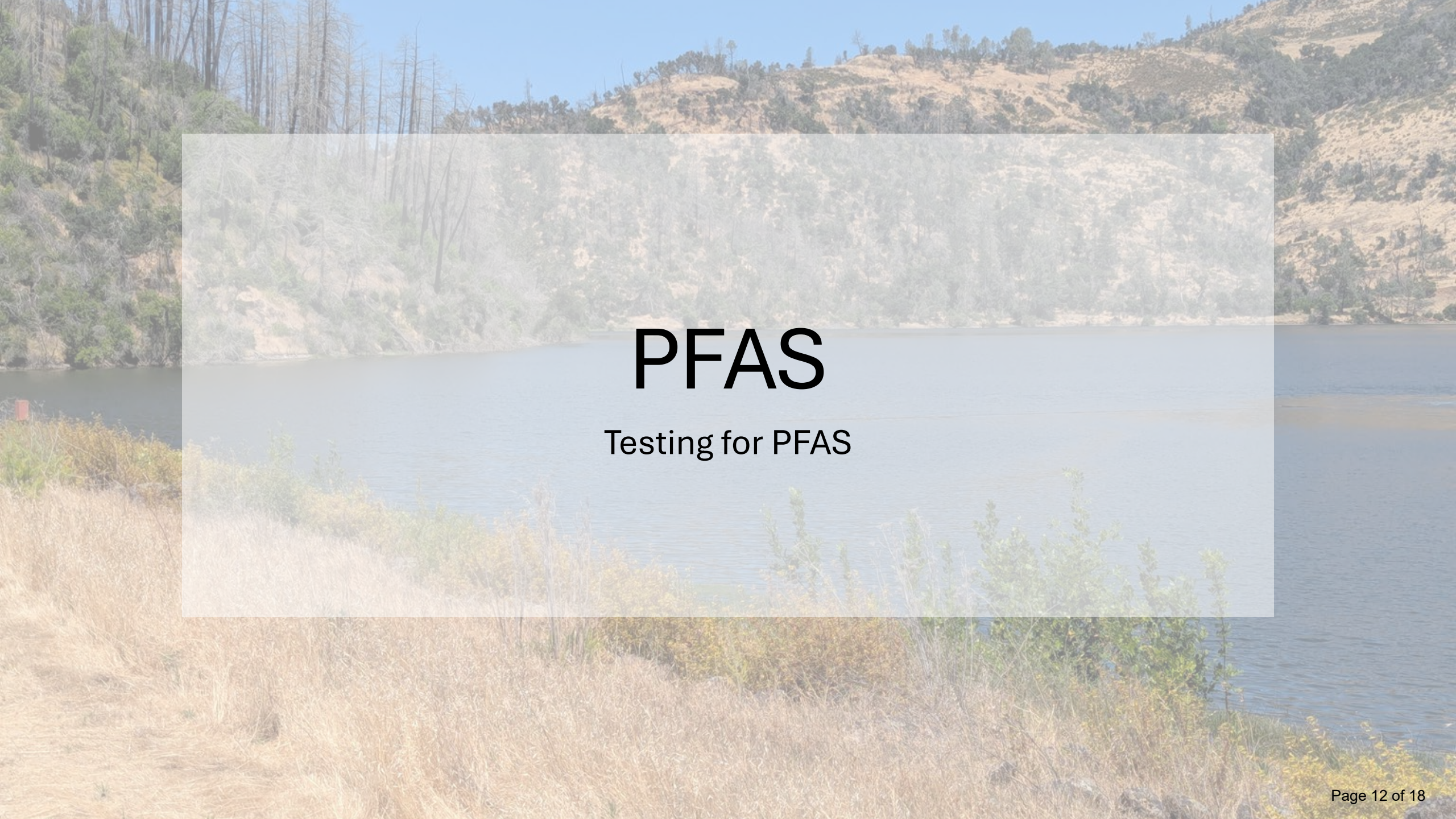
Brainstorm: What are additional ways Saint Helena can prevent PFAS contamination in our environment?

- PFAS Pesticides?
 - Learn about recent legislation that has been introduced to ban PFAS pesticides in CA [here](#) and [here](#)
- What's the latest status at the Clover Flat Upper Valley Disposal facility and the possible contamination that has occurred there?
- Engagement with residents - increase awareness of safe alternatives to PFAS products?

An aerial photograph of a coastal area. A river with a complex, branching delta flows from the top left towards the center, emptying into a large body of turquoise water. The land is covered in green vegetation, with some brownish patches indicating cleared areas or different types of terrain. The coastline is irregular, with several small peninsulas and inlets. The water transitions from a light turquoise near the shore to a deeper blue further out.

Thank you!

This presentation is meant for discussion purposes for the Saint Helena Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee, Spring, 2026.



PFAS

Testing for PFAS

What is PFAS?

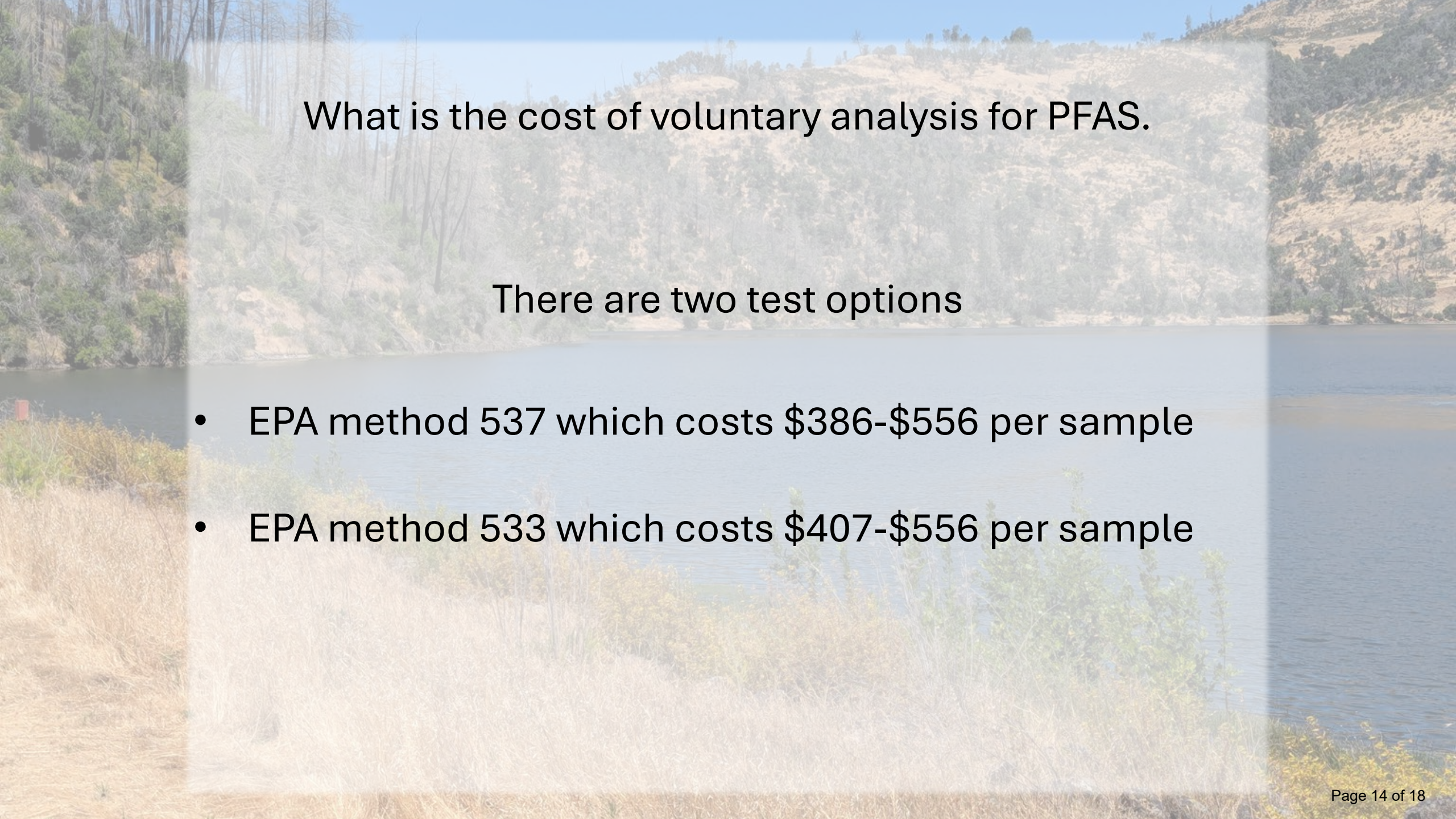
- Acronym for Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, a family of highly stable chemicals used for creating non-stick coatings, waterproof fabrics, shampoo, cosmetics and as a foaming agent in firefighting equipment.

Is it in our drinking water?

No

Is it in our treated wastewater?

Maybe



What is the cost of voluntary analysis for PFAS.

There are two test options

- EPA method 537 which costs \$386-\$556 per sample
- EPA method 533 which costs \$407-\$556 per sample

EPA method 537 (\$386-\$556)

Analyte List (14)

NEtFOSAA

NMeFOSAA

PFDoA

PFBS

PFDA

PFNA

PFOA

PFHpA

PFOS

PFHxS

PFHxA

PFTA

PFTTrDA

PFUnA

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Analyte List (25)

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ADONA

PFDaA

HFPO-DA

PFBS

NFDHA

PFDA

8:2FTS

PFHpA

PFNA

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PFOS

PFEESA

PFHxS

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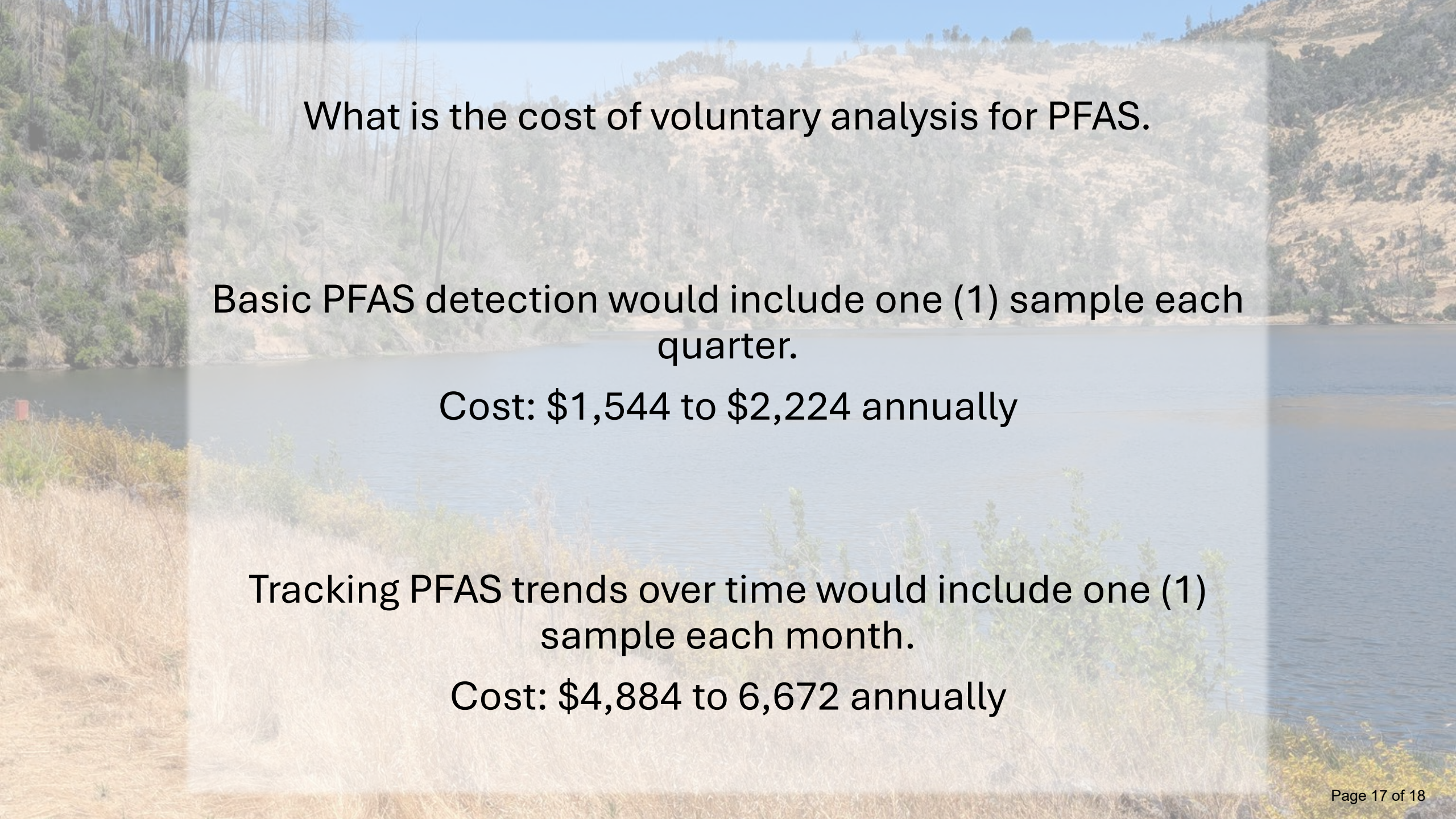
PFMPA

PFHpS

4:2FTS

PFPeA

PFPeS

The background of the slide is a photograph of a calm lake surrounded by forested hills. The water is a deep blue-grey, and the hills are covered in green trees and shrubs. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangular area in the center of the image.

What is the cost of voluntary analysis for PFAS.

Basic PFAS detection would include one (1) sample each quarter.

Cost: \$1,544 to \$2,224 annually

Tracking PFAS trends over time would include one (1) sample each month.

Cost: \$4,884 to 6,672 annually



QUESTIONS?