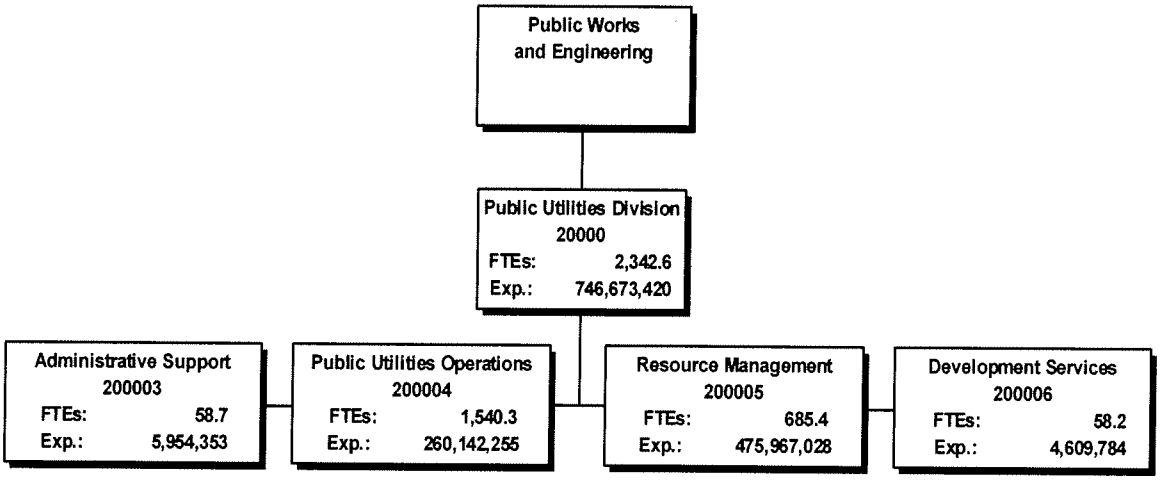
COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM

Description and Mission

The Combined Utility System of the Public Works and Engineering Department is composed of three separate funds: the Water and Sewer System Operating Fund (Fund 8300); the Combined Utility System Operating Fund (Fund 8301); and the Combined Utility System General Purpose Fund (Fund 8305). The latter two funds are described under their appropriate sections.

The Division primarily provides drinking water to homes and businesses as well as untreated water to major contract customers. Wastewater is collected throughout the city and treated for a safe return to local streams. It is one of the largest and most complex Public Utility Systems in the entire United States. The System continues to implement competitive work practices; install technology; implement procedures and enhance training in order to deliver high value service to customers; preserve facilities; and meet environmental and regulatory standards.

The Mission of the Public Utilities Division is to:

- Supply drinking water throughout the Houston Metropolitan Regional Area.
- Treat domestic and industrial wastewater.
- Meet all regulatory mandates and requirements.
- Provide regional, state and national leadership.
- Plan future water supplies for the region.

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