**Portfolio Income Buffer**

**Benefits:**
1. Combines “Total Return” & “Bucket” retirement income approaches
2. Provides smooth and predictable income stream
3. Insulates cash flow from market volatility
4. Protects portfolio from untimely cash needs
5. Enables you to opportunistically replenish cash and rebalance portfolio
6. Provides tax flexibility
7. Adaptable to account setup and personal preference

**Cash Accounts**
- Maintains at least 2 months for everyday expenses
- Maintains at least 4 months for emergency reserves
- Holds additional funds for known short-term expenses

**Portfolio Income Buffer**
- Maintains up to 18-24 months of monthly withdrawals in money markets and laddered short-term CDs
- Uses a ladder of short-term bonds and target maturity bond funds for distribution years 2-6
- Regular distributions replenish Cash Accounts

**Investment Portfolio**
- Accounts consolidated (where possible) for easier management
  - Retirement Plans to traditional IRAs
  - Merge similar accounts for each individual or like-titled account
- Broadly diversified asset allocation implemented with low-cost funds
- Dividends and capital gains replenish Portfolio Income Buffer instead of reinvested
- Portfolio rebalanced periodically to maintain allocation and replenish Portfolio Income Buffer
- Incorporates tax management (tax-loss harvesting, distribution planning, tax withholdings)

**Short-Term Liquid Investments**
**Long-Term Investments**