

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION  
OROVILLE REGION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
With  
Independent Auditor's Report Thereon**

**JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020**

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION – OROVILLE REGION**

Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021 and 2020

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**SEWERAGE COMMISSION – OROVILLE REGION**

Annual Financial Statements  
For the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**City of Oroville:**

Chuck Reynolds (voting)  
David Pittman (non-voting)

**Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District:**

Dee Fairbanks, Chair (voting)  
Larry Kuehner (non-voting)

**Thermalito Water and Sewer District:**

Trevor Hatley, Vice-Chair (voting)  
Susan Latulippe (non-voting)

**FINANCIAL SECTION**

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners  
Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region  
Oroville, California 95965

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the State Controller's Minimum Audit Requirements for California Special Districts. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as accounting systems prescribed by the State Controller's Office and State regulations governing special districts.

### **Other Matters**

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the supplementary information on pages 26-27 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Other Supplementary Information**

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying other supplementary information on pages 28 through 30 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The other supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Board of Commissioners  
Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region  
Oroville, California 95965

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 15, 2021, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fechter & Company  
Certified Public Accountants

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Sacramento, California  
October 15, 2021

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020**

	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,218,439	\$ 11,154,510
Member entities receivable	1,668,321	812,211
Interest receivable	11,250	50,254
Inventory	19,818	17,100
Prepaid expenses	3,711	3,206
Deposits	8,000	8,000
Restricted assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	2,545,328	2,634,082
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	10,544,109	9,345,147
Total Assets	27,018,976	24,024,510
 <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
CalPERS deferred pension outflows	512,322	548,891
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	512,322	548,891
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	212,743	317,182
Accounts payable - power	137,913	96,097
Accrued salaries and wages	38,679	12,984
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Due within one year	65,024	102,010
Due in more than one year	56,803	63,729
Net pension liability	2,067,986	1,981,952
Total Liabilities	2,579,148	2,573,954
 <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
CalPERS deferred pension inflows	65,860	116,338
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	65,860	116,338
 <b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	10,544,109	9,345,147
Restricted	2,545,328	2,634,082
Unrestricted	11,796,853	9,903,880
Total Net Position	\$ 24,886,290	\$ 21,883,109

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020**

	2021	2020
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Domestic sewage treatment	\$ 3,519,486	\$ 3,059,825
Industrial sewage treatment	1,046	2,161
Excess flow charges	-	-
Septage dumpers' fees	105,320	586,777
Disposal of supernate fees	-	266,305
	<b>3,625,852</b>	<b>3,915,068</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Administration	583,734	567,732
Sewage treatment	1,986,918	1,899,476
Sewage collection	213,113	217,261
	<b>2,783,765</b>	<b>2,684,469</b>
Total Operating Expenses		
	<b>2,783,765</b>	<b>2,684,469</b>
Operating income	<b>842,087</b>	<b>1,230,599</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Interest income	75,720	266,866
Revenue from other agencies:		
Regional facilities charges	2,077,694	643,886
Other non-operating revenues	7,680	7,679
	<b>2,161,094</b>	<b>918,431</b>
Non-Operating Revenues		
	<b>2,161,094</b>	<b>918,431</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	<b>3,003,181</b>	<b>2,149,030</b>
<b>NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>21,883,109</b>	<b>19,734,079</b>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 24,886,290</b>	<b>\$ 21,883,109</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020**

	2021	2020
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Cash received from customers	\$ 2,769,742	\$ 4,241,800
Cash paid to suppliers	(1,030,987)	(551,919)
Cash paid to employees	(1,231,480)	(1,194,740)
	507,275	2,495,141
<b>Cash Flows from non-capital financing activities:</b>		
Other income received	7,680	7,679
	7,680	7,679
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>		
Cash received from regional facilities charges	2,077,694	643,886
Purchase/construction of property, plant, and equipment	(1,732,198)	(1,144,618)
	345,496	(500,732)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Cash received from interest	114,724	286,061
	114,724	286,061
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	975,175	2,288,149
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	13,788,592	11,500,443
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 14,763,767	\$ 13,788,592
<b>Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,218,439	\$ 11,154,510
Restricted:		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,545,328	2,634,082
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>\$ 14,763,767</b>	<b>\$ 13,788,592</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020**

	2021	2020
<b>Reconciliation of operating (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 842,087	\$ 1,230,599
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	533,236	533,925
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(856,110)	326,732
Prepaid expenses	(505)	(849)
Inventory	(2,718)	(507)
Accounts payable	(62,623)	297,463
Accrued salaries and benefits	25,695	(17,618)
Compensated absences	(26,587)	14,908
Other postemployment benefits asset/liability	(17,325)	(15,768)
Net pension liability and related inflows/outflows	72,125	126,256
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>\$ 507,275</b>	<b>\$ 2,495,141</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## SEWERAGE COMMISSION – OROVILLE REGION

Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021 and 2020

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region (Commission) was formed under a joint powers agreement in March 1973, for the construction and operation of a regional wastewater facility. The participating members include the City of Oroville, Thermalito Water and Sewer District, and Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District.

#### A. Reporting Entity

The Commission's financial statements include all transactions of the Commission for which the Commission is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as appointment of a majority of a component unit's board and either the ability to impose the will of the Commission or the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the Commission. Based on these criteria, the Commission has determined that there are no component units which come under the criteria for inclusion. The Commission is not a component unit of any other government entity.

#### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The transactions of the Commission are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. The fundamental objective of this focus is to measure whether the Commission is better or worse off economically as a result of events and transactions of the period.

The Commission uses the full accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred, even though actual payment or receipt may not occur until after the period ends.

The activities of the Commission are accounted for within a single proprietary (enterprise) fund. An enterprise fund is used to account for activities similar to those found in private business enterprises, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial management and services are provided to outside parties.

Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with an enterprise fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Commission are charges for services. Operating expenses for the Commission include the costs of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The Commission's financial statements are presented in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The Commission applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) pronouncements.

## SEWERAGE COMMISSION – OROVILLE REGION

Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021 and 2020

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### C. Budget Basis of Accounting

It is the Commission's policy to prepare and adopt an annual budget to plan and monitor its revenues and cost of operations. The budget is primarily prepared using a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, except for the following items:

- Depreciation is not budgeted as an expense
- Capital outlays are budgeted as a current expense, and
- Certain non-operating revenues are not budgeted.

#### D. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents, for purposes of the statement of cash flows, include restricted and unrestricted cash on hand or on deposit, demand deposits in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), or other highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less.

#### F. Accounts Receivable

Doubtful accounts are written off as deemed appropriate by management. Uncollectible amounts have historically been immaterial and this method of reporting does not result in a material difference from the allowance method.

#### G. Inventory and Prepaid Items

Inventory is valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method and consists of expendable supplies and fuel. The cost of such inventory is recorded as an expense when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items. The cost of prepaid items will be recorded as an expense when consumed rather than when purchased.

## SEWERAGE COMMISSION – OROVILLE REGION

Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021 and 2020

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### H. Capital Assets

All capital assets of the Commission are recorded at historical cost. Generally, it is the Commission's policy to capitalize individual items costing more than \$2,500 with an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Costs incurred to repair or maintain facilities and equipment are not capitalized unless they significantly improve or extend the life of the repaired item.

The Commission has provided for depreciation on the collector system, treatment plant, and outfall system using the straight-line method based on useful lives of fifty years. Depreciation on all other assets has been provided on the straight-line method based on useful lives of three to thirty years. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of an asset, or materially extend asset lives, are not capitalized.

Construction in Progress – Expenses incurred for construction projects and major repairs and betterments are accumulated and, when projects are completed, are capitalized and subsequently depreciated over the project's estimated useful life.

The Commission did not incur any construction period interest expense for either year.

#### I. Accumulated Compensated Absences

The employees of the Commission may accumulate vacation, which is based upon length of service, up to a maximum of 52 days. Supervisory employees receive 40 hours annually of compensatory time with no carryover of unused amounts. The Manager/Superintendents accrued administration time is fully vested, but may not exceed 200 hours. Accumulated sick-leave does not vest with the employee, however, upon leaving the Commission in good standing, an employee may convert 50% of accumulated sick-leave to continue health insurance coverage. This liability has been accrued in the financial statements.

#### J. Other Post-Employment Benefits – Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45 and No. 75

The Commission has agreed to provide the former Manager/Superintendent with medical insurance coverage (including covered dependents) from the date of retirement through December 1, 2021. Beginning in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, the Commission implemented GASB Statement 45 for accrual of the liability for other post-employment benefits (OPEB) offered to the Manager. For the year ended June 30, 2018, the Commission implemented the new GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION – OROVILLE REGION**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021 and 2020

**Note 2: Cash and Investments**

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,218,439	\$ 11,154,510
<b>Restricted Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>2,545,328</u>	<u>2,634,082</u>
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<u><u>\$ 14,763,767</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,788,592</u></u>

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, consist of the following:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash on hand	\$ 161	\$ 161
Deposits with financial institutions	696,700	124,249
LAIF	<u>14,066,906</u>	<u>13,664,182</u>
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<u><u>\$ 14,763,767</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,788,592</u></u>

Investment Policies – The Commission may invest in the following types of investments:

- Passbook savings account demand deposits
- Money market accounts
- Certificates of deposit with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies
- Local Agency Investment Fund (State Pool) demand deposits
- Mutual funds

The Commission has, in practice, limited deposits and investments to insured and/or collateralized demand deposit accounts, the State Treasurer's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), and certificates of deposit. The Commission does not enter into reverse repurchase agreements.

**Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and investments that are restricted by legal or contractual requirements at June 30, 2021 and 2020, consist of the following:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 785,169	\$ 731,544
Regulatory and Capital Account Fund	<u>1,760,159</u>	<u>1,902,538</u>
<b>Total Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,545,328</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,634,082</u></u>

## SEWERAGE COMMISSION – OROVILLE REGION

Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021 and 2020

### Note 2: Cash and Investments - continued

#### Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. LAIF does not have a rating provided by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Commission does not hold direct investments; therefore, there is no concentration of credit risk.

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The California Government Code and the Commission's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits, other than the following provision for deposits: The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure City deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits. For 2021 and 2020, none of the Commission's deposits with financial institutions were in excess of federal depository insurance limits and were held in collateralized accounts.

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The California Government Code and the Commission's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for investments. With respect to investments, custodial credit risk generally applies only to direct investments in marketable securities. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools (such as LAIF).

#### Investment in State Investment Pool (LAIF)

The Commission is a voluntary participant in LAIF. LAIF is a special fund of the California State Treasury through which local governments may pool investments. The participating entity may invest up to \$50,000,000 in the fund. Investments in LAIF are highly liquid, as deposits can be converted to cash within 24 hours without loss of interest. Funds deposited in LAIF are invested in accordance with Government Code Sections 16430 and 16480. Oversight of LAIF is provided by the Pooled Money Investment Board whose members are the California State Treasurer, California Director of Finance, and the California State Controller. Fair values of the fund are determined monthly. For the purpose of these financial statements, the fair value of amounts in LAIF are deemed equivalent to the dollars held in the accompanying financial statements.



**SEWERAGE COMMISSION – OROVILLE REGION**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021 and 2020

**Note 3: Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2020	Additions	Retirements/ Transfers	Balance June 30, 2021
<b>Nondepreciable Capital Assets:</b>				
Land	\$ 384,532	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 384,532
Property rights	26,829	-	-	26,829
Construction in progress	2,098,046	1,539,719	-	3,637,765
<b>Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets</b>	<b>2,509,407</b>	<b>1,539,719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,049,126</b>
<b>Depreciable Capital Assets:</b>				
Collection facilities	3,183,448	-	-	3,183,448
Treatment facilities	9,536,608	-	-	9,536,608
Disposal facilities	2,450,093	-	-	2,450,093
Buildings and structures	735,816	-	-	735,816
Vehicles and equipment	4,333,313	192,479	(47,398)	4,478,394
Grounds and landscaping	33,615	-	-	33,615
Capacity and management plans	691,359	-	-	691,359
<b>Total Depreciable Capital Assets</b>	<b>20,964,252</b>	<b>192,479</b>	<b>(47,398)</b>	<b>21,109,333</b>
<b>Less: Accumulated Depreciation:</b>				
Collection facilities	(1,613,936)	(89,535)	-	(1,703,471)
Treatment facilities	(6,993,455)	(228,479)	-	(7,221,934)
Disposal facilities	(1,860,032)	(77,688)	-	(1,937,720)
Buildings and structures	(322,532)	(15,646)	-	(338,178)
Vehicles and equipment	(2,741,650)	(90,562)	47,398	(2,784,814)
Grounds and landscaping	(30,803)	(324)	-	(31,127)
Capacity and management plans	(566,104)	(31,002)	-	(597,106)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>(14,128,512)</b>	<b>(533,236)</b>	<b>47,398</b>	<b>(14,614,350)</b>
<b>Depreciable Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>6,835,740</b>	<b>(340,757)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,494,983</b>
<b>Total Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>\$ 9,345,147</b>	<b>\$ 1,198,962</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$10,544,109</b>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$533,236.

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION – OROVILLE REGION**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021 and 2020

**Note 3: Capital Assets - continued**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, was as follows:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements/ Transfers</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2020</u>
<b>Nondepreciable Capital Assets:</b>				
Land	\$ 384,532	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 384,532
Property rights	26,829	-	-	26,829
Construction in progress	1,009,783	1,110,471	(22,208)	2,098,046
<b>Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets</b>	<u>1,421,144</u>	<u>1,110,471</u>	<u>(22,208)</u>	<u>2,509,407</u>
<b>Depreciable Capital Assets:</b>				
Collection facilities	3,183,448	-	-	3,183,448
Treatment facilities	9,514,400	-	22,208	9,536,608
Disposal facilities	2,450,093	-	-	2,450,093
Buildings and structures	735,816	-	-	735,816
Vehicles and equipment	4,300,963	34,147	(1,797)	4,333,313
Grounds and landscaping	33,615	-	-	33,615
Capacity and management plans	691,359	-	-	691,359
<b>Total Depreciable Capital Assets</b>	<u>20,909,694</u>	<u>34,147</u>	<u>20,411</u>	<u>20,964,252</u>
<b>Less: Accumulated Depreciation:</b>				
Collection facilities	(1,524,021)	(89,915)	-	(1,613,936)
Treatment facilities	(6,764,976)	(228,479)	-	(6,993,455)
Disposal facilities	(1,782,344)	(77,688)	-	(1,860,032)
Buildings and structures	(307,418)	(15,114)	-	(322,532)
Vehicles and equipment	(2,652,045)	(91,402)	1,797	(2,741,650)
Grounds and landscaping	(30,479)	(324)	-	(30,803)
Capacity and management plans	(535,101)	(31,003)	-	(566,104)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<u>(13,596,384)</u>	<u>(533,925)</u>	<u>1,797</u>	<u>(14,128,512)</u>
<b>Depreciable Capital Assets, Net</b>	<u>7,313,310</u>	<u>(499,778)</u>	<u>22,208</u>	<u>6,835,740</u>
<b>Total Capital Assets, Net</b>	<u>\$ 8,734,454</u>	<u>\$ 610,693</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,345,147</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2020 was \$533,925.

**Note 4: Changes in Long-Term Liabilities**

Long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 140,777	\$ 31,987	\$ (58,574)	\$ 114,190	\$ 57,387
Other post-employment benefits - insurance	24,962	-	(17,325)	7,637	7,637
Net pension liability	1,981,952	86,034	-	2,067,986	-
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 2,147,691</u>	<u>\$ 118,021</u>	<u>\$ (75,899)</u>	<u>\$ 2,189,813</u>	<u>\$ 65,024</u>

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**Note 4: Changes in Long-Term Liabilities - continued**

Long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2020	Due Within One Year
Compensated absences	\$ 125,869	\$ 124,054	\$ (109,146)	\$ 140,777	\$ 84,466
Other post-employment benefits - insurance	40,730	-	(15,768)	24,962	17,544
Net pension liability	1,885,217	96,735	-	1,981,952	-
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,051,816</b>	<b>\$ 220,789</b>	<b>\$ (124,914)</b>	<b>\$ 2,147,691</b>	<b>\$ 102,010</b>

**Note 5: Joint Powers Agreement**

Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 6500, et seq., and Section 990, et. seq., Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region joined the Special District Risk Management Authority (referred hereafter as “Authority”) under a joint powers agreement. The Authority is comprised of various special districts within the State of California and provides its member districts general liability, automotive liability, and property damage insurance, and errors and omissions risk financing.

Summary financial information for the Authority as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 (latest available), is presented below:

Cash and investments	\$ 119,353,349
Other assets	11,323,522
Deferred outflows of resources	595,599
<b>Total assets and deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>\$ 131,272,470</b>
Total liabilities	\$ 70,083,643
Deferred inflows of resources	246,193
Net position	60,942,634
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position</b>	<b>\$ 131,272,470</b>
Total revenues	\$ 82,177,782
Total expenses	77,599,711
<b>Changes in net position</b>	<b>\$ 4,578,071</b>

**Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**Plan Description**

All qualified permanent and probationary employees are eligible to participate in the Commission’s cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan (Plan) which is administered by the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS). Benefit provisions under the Plan are established by State statute and local government resolution.

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**Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan – continued**

Plan Description - continued

CalPERS issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plan regarding benefit provisions, assumptions, and membership information that can be found on the CalPERS website.

Benefits Provided

CalPERS provides service retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members, who must be public employees and beneficiaries. Benefits are based on years of credited service, equal to one year of full time employment. Members with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 50 with statutorily reduced benefits. All members are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after 10 years of service. The death benefit is the Optional Settlement 2W Death Benefit. The cost of living adjustments for each plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees' Retirement Law.

The Plan's provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2021, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Prior to 1/1/2013</u>	<u>On or After 1/1/2013</u>
Hire date		
Benefit formula	2.5% @ 55	2.0% @ 62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years service	5 years service
Benefits payments	Monthly for life	Monthly for life
Monthly benefits as % of eligible compensation	2.0% to 2.5%	1.0% to 2.5%
Required employee contributions	8%	8%
Required employer contribution rates	11.432%	50% of Total Normal Costs

Funding Policy

Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers be determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. Funding contributions for the Plan is determined annually on an actuarial basis as of June 30 by CalPERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The Commission is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the contributions recognized as part of pension expense for the Plan was as follows:

Contributions - employer	\$ 230,482
Contributions - employee (paid by employer)	44,790

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**Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan – continued**

Funding Policy – continued

As of June 30, 2021, the Commission reported net pension liability of \$2,067,986 for its share of the net pension liability of the Plan. The Commission’s net pension liability for the Plan is measured as the proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability of the Plan is measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability for each Plan used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, rolled forward to June 30, 2020, using standard update procedures. The Commission’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Commission’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The Commission’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Plan as of June 30, 2020 and 2021, were as follows:

Proportion - June 30, 2020	0.04949%
Proportion - June 30, 2021	<u>0.04903%</u>
Change - Increase (Decrease)	<u><u>-0.00046%</u></u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Commission recognized pension expense of \$323,913 in its financial statements. Pension expense represents the change in the net pension liability during the measurement period, adjusted for actual contributions and the deferred recognition of changes in investment gain/loss, actuarial gain/loss, actuarial assumptions or method, and plan benefits.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liabilities in the June 30, 2020, actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation date	June 30, 2019
Measurement date	June 30, 2020
Actuarial cost method	Entry-Age Normal Cost Method
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount rate	7.15%
Inflation	2.50%
Payroll growth	2.75%
Projected salary increase <sup>(1)</sup>	Varies by Entry Age and Service
Investment rate of return <sup>(2)</sup>	7.15%
Mortality <sup>(3)</sup>	CalPERS Table

<sup>(1)</sup> Depending on age, service, and type of employment.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation.

<sup>(3)</sup> 20 years of mortality improvement – Society of Actuaries Scale AA.

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Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan – continued

Actuarial Assumptions - continued

The mortality table used was developed based on CalPERS' specific data. The table includes 20 years of mortality improvements using Society of Actuaries Scale BB. For more details on this table, please refer to the 2016 experience study report.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (7.15%) was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	50.0%	5.98%
Fixed Income	28.0%	2.62%
Inflation Sensitive	0.0%	1.81%
Private Equity	8.0%	7.23%
Real Estate	13.0%	4.93%
Liquidity	1.0%	(0.92)%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.15%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from the Commission will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. In theory, the discount rate may differ from the long-term expected rate of return discussed previously. However, based on the projected availability of the pension fund's fiduciary net position, the discount rate is equal to the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments, and was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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**Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan – continued**

**Sensitivity of the Commission’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents what the Commission’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.15%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.15%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>6.15%</u>	Discount Rate <u>7.15%</u>	1% Increase <u>8.15%</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension plan liability	\$ 2,918,012	\$ 2,067,986	\$ 1,365,636

Detailed information about the pension fund’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS comprehensive annual financial report which may be obtained by contacting CalPERS.

**Deferred Inflows and Outflows**

At June 30, 2021, the Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Change of assumptions	\$ -	\$ 14,750
Differences between expected and actual experience	106,569	-
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	61,433	-
Differences between employer's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	92,532	-
Change in employer's proportion	-	51,110
Pension contributions made subsequent to measurement date	251,788	-
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 512,322</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 65,860</u></b>

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION – OROVILLE REGION**

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June 30, 2021 and 2020

**Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan – continued**

As of June 30, 2021, the Commission reported \$251,788 as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Commission contributions subsequent to the measurement date. This amount will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year-end June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources</u>
2022	\$ 34,235
2023	77,546
2024	53,428
2025	29,465
Total	<u>\$ 194,674</u>

**Note 7: Risk Management**

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The Commission provides property, comprehensive and collision, and workers' compensation insurance through the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), a public entity risk pool currently operating as an intergovernmental risk sharing joint powers authority for special districts and joint powers authorities throughout California. The Commission pays annual premiums to SDRMA for liability, property, comprehensive and collision, and workers' compensation insurance.

Through SDRMA, the Commission has a total of \$10,000,000 in general and auto liability, public officials' and employees' errors and omissions, and employment practices coverage. The Commission's deductible is \$500 (\$1,000 auto) and 50% co-insurance costs expended by SDRMA in excess of \$10,000, up to \$50,000 for employment related claims (may be waived if certain criteria are met).

SDRMA provides the Commission \$400,000 per loss in public employee dishonesty, forgery or alteration, theft, and disappearance and destruction coverage. SDRMA also provides property loss coverage of \$1 billion (\$1,000 deductible); boiler and machinery coverage of \$100 million (\$1,000 deductible); comprehensive and collision coverage for selected vehicles; and \$500,000 per occurrence of officials' personal liability coverage (\$500 deductible).

The Commission's workers' compensation and employer's liability coverages are also provided through SDRMA. The Commission is provided coverage at the statutory limits per occurrence for workers' compensation and \$5 million for employer's liability coverage.



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### Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2021 and 2020

**Note 7: Risk Management – continued**

During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Commission paid SDRMA \$66,680 and \$51,158 for property/liability coverage and \$46,971 and \$36,390 for workers' compensation coverage, respectively. Under the terms of the joint powers agreement, SDRMA members are subject to dividends and/or assessments. However, no dividends were declared, nor any assessments levied, for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

The Commission continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, such as employee health and accident. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**Note 8: Accounts Payable – Power**

The Commission has accrued a liability for estimated electric usage of \$137,913 and \$96,097 as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The liability is based on the Pacific Gas & Electric Company's estimated cumulative charges and credits for electricity as of June 30, 2021 and 2020. Pacific Gas & Electric Company has an annual billing cycle for customers that self-generate electricity. Each January, there will be a "true-up" of charges and credits for actual electricity consumed and the liability will be adjusted at that time.

**Note 9: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Plan**

**Background.** Beginning in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, the Commission implemented GASB Statement 45 for OPEB offered to a former manager at retirement. This standard addresses how local governments should account for and report their costs related to post-employment healthcare and other non-pension benefits, such as the Commission's retiree health benefit subsidy. Beginning in the year ended June 30, 2018, the Commission implemented GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)*. GASB 75 has many accounting and reporting features that are similar to the recently implemented GASB 68 pension statement.

**Plan Description.** The Commission administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan. The plan provides healthcare insurance for the former manager and his covered dependents through the Commission's group health insurance plan, which covers both active and retired members. The benefit plan agreement for healthcare insurance coverage will terminate on December 1, 2021 (when the retiree becomes 65 years of age).

**Funding Policy.** The contribution requirements of the Commission are established and may be amended by the Board of Commissioners. While GASB Statement 75 requires that the liability for all post-employment benefits be measured, it does not require that an agency "pre-fund" the accrued liability. The Commission will pay for the post-employment healthcare cost on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. The provisions of GASB Statement 75 determine the amount that must be presented as an annual expense and accrued liability on the Commission's financial statements. The contributions made on behalf of the former manager for the year ended June 30, 2021 were \$17,806.

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**Note 9: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Plan – continued**

**Net OPEB Liability.** The Commission’s net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined as of June 30, 2021, based on the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

**Actuarial Assumptions:**

Discount rate	3.0%
Inflation	2.75%
Healthcare trend rate	0.0%

**Discount Rate.** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that Commission contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected OPEB payments for inactive employees and beneficiaries. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

**Changes in the Net OPEB Liability**

The table below shows the changes in the total OPEB liability, the Plan Fiduciary Net Position, and the net OPEB liability during the measurement period ending on June 30, 2021, for the Commission.

	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability (Asset) (c) = (a) - (b)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$ 24,962	\$ -	\$ 24,962
Changes recognized for the measurement period:			
Change of assumptions	481	-	481
Employer contribution	-	17,806	(17,806)
Benefit payments	<u>(17,806)</u>	<u>(17,806)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net changes	<u>(17,325)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,325)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 7,637</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,637</u>

**Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in Health Care Cost Trend Rates**

Since the future health care costs for the retiree are known and not expected to change before the benefits terminate, there is no sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to changes in health care cost trend rates.

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### Note 9: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Plan – continued

#### Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan member) and include the type of benefit provided at the time of each valuation. The methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

Under the alternative measurement method used to compute the value of the liability for the Commission's post-employment healthcare benefits, it was necessary to make certain assumptions. The significant assumptions used for the Commission's valuation were as follows:

Retirement Date:	June 15, 2012
Discount Rate:	3.00%
Investment Rate of Return:	3.00%
Average Salary Increase:	n/a
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age Cost Method
Amortization Method:	n/a

### Note 10: COVID-19

In January 2020, the virus SARS -CoV-2 was transmitted to the United States from overseas sources. This virus, responsible for the Coronavirus disease COVID-19, has proven to be extremely virulent. Although the financial impact on the Commission thus far has been minimal, the long-term economic impact in the State of California and the County of Butte, as yet has not been determined. Therefore, any potential impact on the Commission is not yet known.

### Note 11: Subsequent Event

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2021, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this evaluation, except for the following, it was determined that no other subsequent events occurred that require recognition or additional disclosure in the financial statements.

In July of 2021, the Commission began construction of a new influent pump station, an \$8 million dollar project. This project will be partially funded (\$3.78 million dollars) by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, and through an agreement with the State Department of Water Resources. The projected completion date of this project is August 2022.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION**  
**SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**JUNE 30, 2021**

Last 10 Fiscal Years\*:

Measurement date	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018
Proportion of the collective net pension liability	0.01969%	0.05447%	0.04979%	0.04902%	0.05002%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,225,137	\$ 1,357,329	\$ 1,729,515	\$ 1,932,214	\$ 1,885,217
Covered employee payroll	\$ 572,157	\$ 597,910	\$ 646,734	\$ 589,435	\$ 693,706
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	214.13%	227.01%	267.42%	327.81%	271.76%
Plan Fiduciary net position	\$ 3,885,566	\$ 3,259,440	\$ 3,256,288	\$ 3,617,520	\$ 3,888,179
Plan Fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	76.03%	68.56%	65.31%	65.18%	70.06%
Valuation date	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017
Measurement date	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020			
Proportion of the collective net pension liability	0.04949%	0.05002%			
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,981,952	\$ 2,067,986			
Covered employee payroll	\$ 615,293	\$ 681,315			
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	322.12%	303.53%			
Plan Fiduciary net position	\$ 3,999,589	\$ 4,319,554			
Plan Fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	66.87%	67.62%			
Valuation date	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017			

**Benefit changes.** Above amounts do not include any liability impact that may have resulted from plan changes which occurred after June 30, 2013, as they have a minimal cost impact. This applies to voluntary benefit changes as well as any offers of Two Year Additional Service Credit (aka Golden Handshakes).

**Changes in assumptions.** None

\* Fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, was the first year of implementation.  
 Additional years will be presented as they become available.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Domestic sewage treatment	\$ 3,516,608	\$ 3,516,608	\$ 3,520,532	\$ 3,924
Excess flow charges	6,500	6,500	-	(6,500)
Septage dumpers' fees	265,000	265,000	105,320	(159,680)
Disposal of supernate fees	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenues	<u>3,788,108</u>	<u>3,788,108</u>	<u>3,625,852</u>	<u>(162,256)</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Administration	600,392	600,392	532,808	67,584
Sewage treatment	1,718,211	1,718,211	1,680,484	37,727
Sewage collection	60,669	60,669	37,237	23,432
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,379,272</u>	<u>2,379,272</u>	<u>2,250,529</u>	<u>128,743</u>
Operating income	<u>1,408,836</u>	<u>1,408,836</u>	<u>1,375,323</u>	<u>(33,513)</u>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>				
Interest income	256,480	256,480	75,720	(180,760)
Revenue from other agencies:				
Regional facilities charges	<u>398,280</u>	<u>398,280</u>	<u>2,077,694</u>	<u>1,679,414</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues and (Expenses)	<u>654,760</u>	<u>654,760</u>	<u>2,153,414</u>	<u>1,498,654</u>
<b>OTHER BUDGETED ITEMS</b>				
Capital outlay and major projects	<u>(2,174,500)</u>	<u>(2,174,500)</u>	<u>(1,732,198)</u>	<u>442,302</u>
Total Other Budgeted Items	<u>(2,174,500)</u>	<u>(2,174,500)</u>	<u>(1,732,198)</u>	<u>442,302</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ (110,904)</u>	<u>\$ (110,904)</u>	<u>\$ 1,796,539</u>	<u>\$ 1,907,443</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Budgetary Increase in Net Assets to GAAP Increase in Net Position</b>				
Change in Net Position (Budgetary Basis)			\$ 1,796,539	
Depreciation is not budgeted as an expense			(533,236)	
Other non-operating income (expense) not budgeted			7,680	
Equipment purchases capitalized on financial statements			<u>1,732,198</u>	
Change in Net Position (GAAP)			<u>\$ 3,003,181</u>	

**SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION  
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULES OF OPERATING EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Salaries and wages	\$ 191,705	\$ 198,804
Employee benefits	129,767	99,472
Postemployment insurance benefits	(17,486)	1,288
Depreciation	50,926	50,753
Office expenses	6,020	3,901
Travel and meetings	3,719	2,158
Utilities	1,003	874
Insurance	66,680	51,158
Commissioners' fees	43,200	37,800
Engineering fees	12,470	28,292
Legal fees	12,619	24,000
Audit and accounting services	23,449	12,295
Other professional services	1,251	929
Miscellaneous	7,528	7,773
Permits	50,883	52,203
Reimbursable expense	-	(3,968)
<b>Total Administration</b>	<u>583,734</u>	<u>567,732</u>
<b>SEWAGE TREATMENT</b>		
Salaries and wages	466,844	457,157
Employee benefits	501,081	525,463
Depreciation	306,434	306,789
Gas, oil, and fuel	17,031	16,962
Office expenses	2,195	-
Operating expenses	133,499	126,593
Repairs and maintenance	131,360	120,849
Laboratory testing and analysis	45,218	44,580
Travel and meetings	712	97
Utilities	382,261	300,705
Miscellaneous	283	281
<b>Total Sewage Treatment</b>	<u>1,986,918</u>	<u>1,899,476</u>
<b>SEWAGE COLLECTION</b>		
Salaries and wages	8,941	15,756
Employee benefits	4,536	4,578
Depreciation	175,876	176,383
Repairs and maintenance	2,470	626
Utilities	21,290	19,918
<b>Total Sewage Collection</b>	<u>213,113</u>	<u>217,261</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 2,783,765</u>	<u>\$ 2,684,469</u>



**SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN RESTRICTED AND COMMISSION RESERVED NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Restricted and District Reserved Net Position					Net Position			
	Restricted For WCRF	Restricted For R&CA	Reserved For Capital Outlay	Reserved For Annual O & M	Reserved For Penalties & Fines	Reserved For Flexible Spending	Unreserved	Total 2021	Total 2020
Balance, July 1	\$ 731,544	\$ 1,902,538	\$ 7,475,729	\$ 300,000	\$ 8,423	\$ 25,156	\$ 11,439,719	\$ 21,883,109	\$ 19,734,079
Change in Net Position	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,003,181	3,003,181	2,149,030
Transfers from WCRF for:									
Purchase of capital assets	(28,326)	-	-	-	-	-	28,326	-	-
Transfers to WCRF for:									
Interest income	4,191	-	-	-	-	-	(4,191)	-	-
Purchase of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portion of sewer service charges	77,760	-	-	-	-	-	(77,760)	-	-
Transfers from R&CA for:									
Purchase of capital assets	-	(1,319,133)	-	-	-	-	1,319,133	-	-
Transfers to R&CA for:									
Interest income	-	10,351	-	-	-	-	(10,351)	-	-
Portion of sewer service charges	-	1,166,403	-	-	-	-	(1,166,403)	-	-
Transfers from Capital Outlay for:									
Purchase of capital assets	-	-	(1,081,386)	-	-	-	1,081,386	-	-
Transfers to Capital Outlay for:									
Regional facility charges	-	-	2,077,694	-	-	-	(2,077,694)	-	-
Interest income	-	-	44,582	-	-	-	(44,582)	-	-
WWTP upgrade final design	-	-	1,066,269	-	-	-	(1,066,269)	-	-
Bypass station improvements	-	-	102,897	-	-	-	(102,897)	-	-
Solar savings	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	(100,000)	-	-
Transfers to Penalties & Fines for:									
Interest income	-	-	-	-	47	-	(47)	-	-
Balance, June 30	\$ 785,169	\$ 1,760,159	\$ 9,785,785	\$ 300,000	\$ 8,470	\$ 25,156	\$ 12,221,551	\$ 24,886,290	\$ 21,883,109

Note: The Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund (WCRF) is restricted externally by the State of California. The reserves for Capital Outlay, Annual O&M, Penalties & Fines and Flexible Spending were established by the District to accumulate funds to assist in financing future facility expansions and betterments, provide an emergency reserve for operations and unexpected fines and penalties, and accumulate resources for the Section 125 Flexible Spending Plan.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL  
CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON  
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN  
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Board of Commissioners  
Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region  
Oroville, California 95965

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2021, which was modified for the omission of management's discussion and analysis.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, we identified a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a material weakness as described in item 2021-1 below.

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2021-1 Reliance Upon Auditor For Preparation of Financial Statements and Footnote Disclosures

Condition: Management relies on the independent auditor to determine and prepare the proper presentation of the annual financial statements and related footnote disclosures.

Criteria: A system of internal control over financial reporting includes controls over financial statement presentation, including note disclosures, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. In considering a system of internal control over financial reporting, Statement of Auditing Standards state that the auditor may not be considered as part of the system. Specifically, someone from the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region must be knowledgeable enough in generally accepted accounting principles to know if a misstatement has occurred in the financial statements, including the notes to the financial statements.

Cause: The Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region does not have an employee experienced in generally accepted accounting principles to the degree required to make a determination a misstatement has occurred, nor has an outside accountant been engaged by the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region to provide the additional expertise.

Effect: Undetermined.

Recommendation: We recommend that management consider the cost benefit of hiring an accountant familiar with generally accepted accounting principles or engaging an independent Certified Public Accounting firm to compile full disclosure financial statements.

Management's Response: Management has considered the cost-benefit of hiring an individual familiar with generally accepted accounting principles or engaging an accounting firm to prepare full disclosure financial statements and have determined that the cost of such an action would exceed the resulting benefits derived.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

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Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. The report is an integral part of the audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Fechter & Company  
Certified Public Accountants

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fechter & Company, CPAs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sacramento, California  
October 15, 2021



Craig R. Fechter, CPA, MST

October 15, 2021

Board of Commissioners  
Sewerage Commission - Oroville Region  
2880 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Oroville, CA 95965

We have audited the financial statements of the Sewerage Commission - Oroville Region (the Commission) for the year ended June 30, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 19, 2021. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

*Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Commission are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by Commission during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate(s) affecting the Commission's financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the net pension liability is based on CalPERS actuarial reports. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

*Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

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### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the following audit adjustments were made to correct misstatements to the Commission's financial statements.

- To record additional accounts payable of \$173,226.
- To record the true-up for PG&E expenses of \$41,816.
- To record current year changes in net pension liability accounts.
- To record current year changes to OPEB liability.
- To record current year depreciation expense.
- To record current year changes to accrued compensated absences.
- To record an adjustment to the beginning balance of accounts receivables to agree to prior year financial statements.

### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 15, 2021.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Commission's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Commission's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Required Supplementary Information related to pensions, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were not engaged to report on the other supplemental information which includes: the budgetary comparison schedule, the comparative schedules of operating expenses by department, and the schedule of changes in restricted and reserved net position, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of Board of Commissioners and management of the Sewerage Commission - Oroville Region and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Fechter & Company, Certified Public Accountants

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fechter & Company, CPAs". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the company.

Sacramento, California