

**STEGE SANITARY DISTRICT  
EL CERRITO, CALIFORNIA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
JUNE 30, 2023**

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DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

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District Manager

Kary Richardson  
Administrative Supervisor

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## **FINANCIAL SECTION**



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Stege Sanitary District  
El Cerrito, California

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Stege Sanitary District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Stege Sanitary District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, thereof, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

District management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial



statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAGAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of pension contributions, schedule of proportionate share of net pension liability, schedule of contributions for other postemployment benefits, and schedule of changes in net OPEB liability, as listed in the table of contents, 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.

### *Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The comparison of budget to actual and the schedule of operating expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of operating expenses is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of operating expenses is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The comparison of budget to actual included 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 them.



**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 28, 2023 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

C & A LLP

November 28, 2023  
Morgan Hill, California



## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

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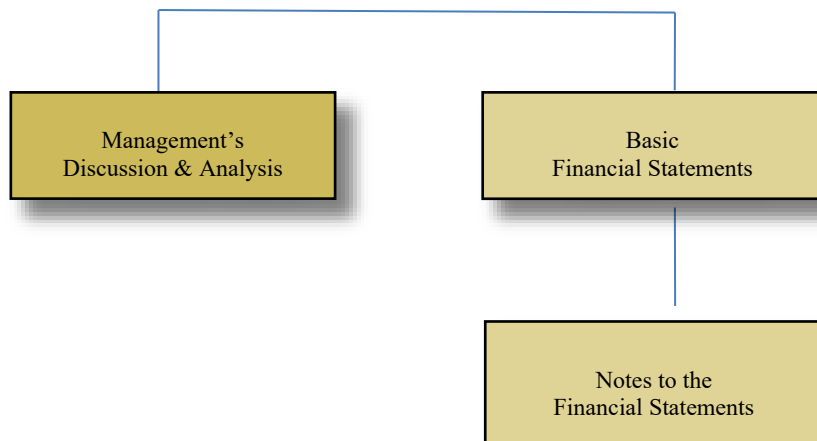
**INTRODUCTION**

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is a required section of the District's annual financial report, as shown in the overview below. The purpose of the MD&A is to present a discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2023. This report will (1) focus on significant financial issues, (2) provide an overview of the District's financial activity, (3) identify changes in the District's financial position, (4) identify any individual fund issues or concerns, and (5) provide descriptions of significant asset and debt activity.

This information, presented in conjunction with the annual Basic Financial Statements, is intended to provide a comprehensive understanding of the District's operations and financial standing. The annual report consists of a series of basic financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the District as an entire operating entity. The statements provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position provide information about the activities of the District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. The basic financial statements also include notes explaining pertinent information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

**Required Components of the Annual Financial Report**



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**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Key financial highlights for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 were as follows:

- The Statement of Net Position indicates that total assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded total liability and deferred inflows of resources by \$60,320,090. Unrestricted net position represents \$8,269,120, and net investment in capital assets was at \$51,802,641. The remaining \$248,329 was restricted for capital projects.
- Total net position increased \$3,935,347 (6.98%) in fiscal year 2023 compared to an increase of \$2,941,365 (5.5%) in fiscal year 2022.
- Total assets increased 8.9% from \$59,048,424 in fiscal year 2022 to \$64,305,950 in fiscal year 2023.
- Total liabilities increased 108.39% from \$2,388,202 in fiscal year 2022 to \$4,976,681 in fiscal year 2023.
- The District recorded deferred outflows of resources of \$1,149,838, an increase of \$522,419 from fiscal year 2022 and recorded deferred inflows of resources of \$159,017, an decrease of \$743,881 from fiscal year 2022, in order to record the different components required by GASB 68 for pension, and GASB 75 for OPEB, accounting and reporting. Deferred outflows of resources are technically not assets but increase net position similar to an asset and deferred inflows of resources are technically not liabilities but decrease net position similar to liabilities. See Note 2 under Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting in the notes to financial statements for a definition of deferred inflows and outflows of resources.
- Total operating revenue increased \$591,623 (9.54%) mainly due to an increase of \$590,022 in sewer service charges from prior year.
- Total operating expenses decreased \$67,915 (1.69%) mainly due to an decrease in pension expense of \$155,488.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This financial report includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis report, the Independent Auditor's report and the Basic Financial Statements of the District. The financial statements also include notes that explain the information in the financial statements in more detail.

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**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Financial Statements of the District report information about the District's accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. These statements have been prepared and audited using generally acceptable accounting standards. These required statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the District's activities and are often used to assess the financial position and health of the District.

*Statement of Net Position*

This statement includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflow of resources, and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources and obligations to creditors. It also provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure of the District.

*Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position*

This statement accounts for all revenues and expenses during the reporting period. This statement reflects the result of District operations over the past year as well as non-operating revenues, expenses, and contributed capital.

*Statement of Cash Flows*

This statement provides information on the District's cash receipts and cash payments during the reporting period. The statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operational, capital, and investing activities. It also identifies the sources and uses for the cash and changes in the cash balances.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT**

One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is whether or not the District's overall financial position has improved or deteriorated. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position report information about the District's activities in a way that will help answer this question. These two statements report the net position of the District as well as related changes. The difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources (net position) is one way to measure financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is one of many indicators to ascertain if its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Other factors to consider include changes in economic conditions, population growth, and new or changed legislation.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION ANALYSIS**

Net position increased by \$3,935,346 to \$60,320,089 from FY 2021-22 to FY 2022-23 as described below:

- Total assets increased by \$5,257,526. Current assets increased by \$3,618,775 mainly due to a increase in the cash accounts. Capital assets increased by \$1,502,321 mainly because of increases in construction and improvements to the sewage and collection system in FY 2022-23.
- Current liabilities (obligations due within 12 months) increased by \$1,460,675. The net increase was primarily due to a increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$1,603,110 which was mostly from construction contracts.
- Non-current (long-term) liabilities increased by \$1,127,804 mainly due to a increase in the net pension liability of \$1,108,697.

**Table 1 - Summary of Net Position**

	Fiscal Year June 30, 2023	Fiscal Year June 30, 2022	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>Assets</b>				
Current Assets	\$ 12,190,346	\$ 8,571,571	\$ 3,618,775	42.22%
Other Noncurrent Assets	187,230	50,800	136,430	268.56%
Capital Assets	51,928,374	50,426,053	1,502,321	2.98%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 64,305,950</b>	<b>\$ 59,048,424</b>	<b>\$ 5,257,526</b>	<b>8.90%</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 1,149,838</b>	<b>\$ 627,419</b>	<b>\$ 522,419</b>	<b>83.26%</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,961,462	\$ 500,787	\$ 1,460,675	291.68%
Noncurrent Liabilities	3,015,219	1,887,415	1,127,804	59.75%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 4,976,681</b>	<b>\$ 2,388,202</b>	<b>\$ 2,588,479</b>	<b>108.39%</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 159,017</b>	<b>\$ 902,898</b>	<b>\$ (743,881)</b>	<b>-82.39%</b>
<b>Net Position</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 51,802,641	\$ 50,260,358	\$ 1,542,283	3.07%
Restricted	248,329	156,120	92,209	59.06%
Unrestricted	8,269,120	5,968,265	2,300,855	38.55%
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 60,320,090</b>	<b>\$ 56,384,743</b>	<b>\$ 3,935,347</b>	<b>6.98%</b>

The largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, sewer lines and improvements, buildings, machinery, equipment, and vehicles) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide collection services for the residents and businesses in its service area. Consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other

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sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used or sold to liquidate District liabilities. The remaining balance of the unrestricted net position may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to its customers and creditors.

**REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION STATEMENT ANALYSIS**

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position reflects the District's operating and non-operating revenues by major sources, operating and non-operating expenses by categories and capital contributions.

**Table 2 - Change in Net Position**

	Fiscal Year June 30, 2023	Fiscal Year June 30, 2022	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
Sewer service charges	\$ 6,744,927	\$ 6,154,905	\$ 590,022	9.59%
Other operating revenues	48,822	47,221	1,601	3.39%
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>6,793,749</b>	<b>6,202,126</b>	<b>591,623</b>	<b>9.54%</b>
<b>Non-operating Revenues:</b>				
Property tax collections	660,347	610,155	50,192	8.23%
Interest and investment income	43,016	31,717	11,299	35.62%
Other non-operating revenues	49,355	2,946	46,409	1575.32%
<b>Total non-operating revenues</b>	<b>752,718</b>	<b>644,818</b>	<b>107,900</b>	<b>16.73%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7,546,467</b>	<b>6,846,944</b>	<b>699,523</b>	<b>10.22%</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Operating Expenses	3,958,218	4,026,133	(67,915)	-1.69%
Non-operating expenses	2,552	6,180	(3,628)	-58.71%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,960,770</b>	<b>4,032,313</b>	<b>(71,543)</b>	<b>-1.77%</b>
Income before Capital Contributions	3,585,697	2,814,631	771,066	27.39%
Capital contributions:				
Connection fee capacity charges	349,650	126,734	222,916	175.89%
Change in net position	3,935,347	2,941,365	993,982	33.79%
Net position - beginning	56,384,743	53,443,378	2,941,365	5.50%
<b>Net position - ending</b>	<b>\$ 60,320,090</b>	<b>\$ 56,384,743</b>	<b>\$ 3,935,347</b>	<b>6.98%</b>

The following summarizes significant changes in District operations:

- Total operating revenues exceeded operating expenses by \$2,835,531. This net increase is primarily due to an increase of \$590,022 in sewer service charges from prior year.
- Total non-operating revenues increased by \$107,899 mainly due to an increase in property tax revenue.
- Operating expenses decreased by \$67,915. The most significant decrease in expenses was an decrease in pension expense of \$155,488.
- The increase net position was also the result of \$349,650 in capital contributions from connection and impact fees.

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**CAPITAL ASSETS**

The District's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2023 totaled \$51,928,374 net of accumulated depreciation. Total property, plant and equipment, net of depreciation, accounted for 81% of total assets as of June 30, 2023. During FY 2022-23, the District acquired and constructed \$2,624,651 and depreciated \$1,122,330 in capital assets. The total net increase in the District's investment in capital assets was \$1,502,321 or 2.98%.

**Table 3 - Summary of Net Investment in Capital Assets**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Fiscal Year June 30, 2023</b>	<b>Fiscal Year June 30, 2022</b>	<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Land	\$ 134,475	\$ 134,475	\$ -	0.00%
Sewage and collection facilities	49,207,488	47,835,529	1,371,959	2.87%
Buildings and equipment	1,704,491	1,790,120	(85,629)	-4.78%
Maintenance equipment	358,203	155,836	202,367	129.86%
Vehicles	523,717	510,093	13,624	2.67%
<b>Total plant and facilities - net</b>	<b>\$ 51,928,374</b>	<b>\$ 50,426,053</b>	<b>\$ 1,502,321</b>	<b>2.98%</b>

Additional information about the District's capital assets can be found in Note 4 - Plant and Facilities.

**LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS**

Table 4 summarizes the District's outstanding long-term liabilities as of June 30, 2023, as well as comparable data for the prior year:

**Table 4 - Summary of Long-term Liabilities**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Fiscal Year June 30, 2023</b>	<b>Fiscal Year June 30, 2022</b>	<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
SRF Loans	\$ 125,733	\$ 165,695	\$ (39,962)	-24.12%
Net OPEB liability	306,430	292,464	13,966	4.78%
Net pension liability	2,117,002	989,167	1,127,835	114.02%
Compensated absences	466,054	440,089	25,965	5.90%
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 3,015,219</b>	<b>\$ 1,887,415</b>	<b>\$ 1,127,804</b>	<b>59.75%</b>

Long term liabilities increased by \$1,127,804 or 59.75%, from \$1,887,415 in FY 2021-22 to \$3,015,219 in FY 2022-23. As of June 30, 2023, the District had \$125,733 of remaining principle on the State Revolving Fund loans from the State Water Control Resources Board. The net pension liability increased due to actuarial assumption changes and earnings in excess of estimates.

Additional information on the District's outstanding debt can be found in Note 5 - Long-Term Liabilities.

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**FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE**

The District is governed in part by provisions of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) that require rate-based revenues that must cover the costs of operation, maintenance and recurring capital replacement (OM&R). The District is not subject to general economic conditions such as increases or declines in property tax values or other types of revenues that vary with economic conditions such as sales taxes. Accordingly, the District sets its rates to its users to cover the costs of OM&R and debt financed capital improvements, plus any increments for known or anticipated changes in program costs.

Increases in operating costs have been kept at or below inflationary levels in recent years. Medical premiums have risen and may continue to do so in the near future.

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, customers, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact the District Manager at 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530, or (510) 524-4668.



## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**STEGE SANITARY DISTRICT**

## Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2023

	<u>2023</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,975,925
Accounts receivable	133,833
Notes receivable	187,230
Prepaid expenses	80,588
Total Current Assets	<u>12,377,576</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital Assets:	
Non-depreciable	134,475
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	51,793,899
Total Noncurrent Assets - Net	<u>51,928,374</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 64,305,950</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
OPEB adjustments	\$ 72,169
Pension adjustments	1,077,669
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 1,149,838</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,924,127
Accrued salaries and benefits	35,254
Interest payable	2,081
Current portion of accrued compensated absences	155,351
Current portion of long-term debt	40,921
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,157,734</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Accrued compensated absences, net of current portion	310,703
Net OPEB liability	306,430
Net pension liability	2,117,002
Long-term debt, net of current portion	84,812
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>2,818,947</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,976,681</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
OPEB adjustments	\$ 59,654
Pension adjustments	99,363
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 159,017</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 51,802,641
Restricted for Capital Projects	248,329
Unrestricted	8,269,120
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 60,320,090</u>

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement*

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Sewer service charges	\$ 6,744,927
Other operating revenues	48,822
Total operating revenues	6,793,749
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Sewage collection	2,048,154
General and administrative	787,734
Depreciation	1,122,330
Total operating expenses	3,958,218
Operating Income (Loss)	2,835,531
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</b>	
Property tax collections	660,347
Investment income	43,016
Interest expense	(2,552)
Other Income	49,355
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	750,166
Income (loss) before contributions	3,585,697
<b>Capital Contributions</b>	
Connection fees	273,958
Impact fees	75,692
Total capital contributions	349,650
Change in net position	3,935,347
Beginning net position	56,384,743
Ending net position	\$ 60,320,090

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement*

**STEGE SANITARY DISTRICT**  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>	
Cash received from sewer service, connection and other charges	\$ 6,579,734
Cash payments to employees for services	(2,173,768)
Cash payments for services and supplies	1,707,024
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	6,112,990
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:</b>	
Cash received from connection fees and capital contributions	349,650
Acquisition of capital assets	(3,640,991)
Principal paid on long-term debt	(39,962)
Interest paid	(3,976)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(3,335,279)
<b>Cash Flows from Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>	
Property taxes collected	660,347
Other income	49,355
Net Cash Provided by Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities	709,702
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>	
Interest income and realized gains	43,016
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	43,016
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,530,429
Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning	8,445,496
Cash and Cash Equivalents Ending	\$ 11,975,925
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities:</b>	
Operating Income	\$ 2,835,531
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	1,122,330
(Increase) decrease in:	
Accounts receivable	(77,585)
Notes receivable	(136,430)
Prepaid expenses	(10,761)
Deferred outflows of resources	(522,419)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,477,770
Accrued salaries and benefits	669
Deferred inflows of resources	(743,881)
Compensated absences	25,965
Net pension liability	1,127,835
Other postemployment benefits	13,966
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 6,112,990

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement*

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION**

The Stege Sanitary District (the "District") was formed in May 1913 and provides a service of sanitary sewage collection to over 33,000 residents in El Cerrito, Kensington, and portions of the Richmond Annex. Treatment and disposal of the sewage is the responsibility of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) which maintains a pumping station on Point Isabel to receive the sewage from the Stege Sanitary District service areas.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*The Financial Reporting Entity*

Although the nucleus of a financial reporting entity usually is a primary government, an organization other than a primary government, such as a stand-alone government, may serve as the nucleus for its financial reporting entity when the stand-alone government provides separately issued financial statements. A stand-alone government is a legally separate governmental organization that does have a separately elected governing body and does not meet the definition of a component unit. The District meets the criteria as a stand-alone government, and accordingly, is accounted for and reported on as though it were a primary unit.

*Basis of Presentation*

The District's Basic Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the policies and procedures for California special districts. The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The activities of the District are accounted for in a single enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the Board has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

*Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting*

Enterprise funds are accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus utilizing full accrual accounting. With this measurement focus, all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources of the enterprise are recorded on its statement of net position, and under the full accrual basis of accounting, all revenues are recognized when earned and all expenses, including depreciation, are recognized when incurred.

The District applies all applicable GASB pronouncements for certain accounting and financial reporting guidance. In December of 2010, GASB issued *GASB No. 62, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*. This statement incorporates pronouncements issued on or before

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November 30, 1989 into GASB authoritative literature. In June of 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*. GASB 76 supersedes Statement No. 55, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*. GASB 76 also amends GASB 62 and AICPA Pronouncements paragraphs 64, 74, and 82. The GAAP hierarchy sets forth what constitutes GAAP for all state and local governmental entities. It establishes the order of priority of pronouncements and other sources of accounting and financial reporting guidance that a governmental entity should apply. The sources of authoritative GAAP are categorized in descending order of authority as follows:

- a. Officially established accounting principles—Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements (Category A)
- b. GASB Technical Bulletins; GASB Implementation Guides; and literature of the AICPA cleared by the GASB (Category B).

If the accounting treatment for a transaction or other event is not specified by a pronouncement in Category A, a governmental entity should consider whether the accounting treatment is specified by a source in Category B.

*Statement of Net Position*

The statement of net position is designed to display the financial position of the District. GASB Statement No. 63 requires that the difference between assets added to the deferred outflows of resources and liabilities added to the deferred inflows of resources be reported as net position. The District's net position is classified into three categories as follows:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets - This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are also included in this component of net position, as applicable.
- Restricted - This component of net position consists of constraints placed on an asset's use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or law and regulations of other governments, and reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. It also pertains to constraints imposed by law or constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. The District's net position restricted for capital projects are restricted for activities related to infrastructure improvements.
- Unrestricted - This component of net position consists of the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not

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included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

The use of certain assets is restricted by specific provisions of bond resolutions and agreements with various parties. Assets so designated are identified as restricted assets on the statement of net position. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use the District's policy is to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. Restricted assets are classified as noncurrent if they are for the acquisition or construction of capital assets, for liquidation of long-term liabilities, or are for other than current operations.

*Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position includes a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s), and as such will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then. The District has recognized a deferred outflow of resources related to the recognition of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability reported in the Statement of Net Position.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and as such, will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has recognized a deferred inflow of resources related to the recognition of the District's net pension liability reported in the Statement of Net Position.

*Unearned Revenue*

Unearned revenue arises when assets, such as cash, are received before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before eligibility requirements are met are recorded as deferred inflows from unearned revenue.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less. Included therein are cash on hand, demand deposits with financial institutions, and the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Disclosures (Amendment of GASB No.3)*, certain disclosure requirements for deposits and investment risks were made in the areas of interest rate risk and credit risk. The credit risk disclosures include the following components; overall credit risk, custodial credit risk and concentrations of credit risk. In addition, other disclosures are specified including use of certain methods to present deposits and investments, highly sensitive investments, credit quality at year-end and other disclosures.



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*Investments*

The District participates in an investment pool managed by the State of California and regulated by California government code Section 16429 known as the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), which has invested a portion of the pooled funds in structured notes and asset-backed securities. LAIF's investments are subject to credit risk with the full faith and credit of the State of California collateralizing these investments. In addition, the structured notes and asset-backed securities are subject to market risk as to change in interest rates.

Investments are reported in the statement of net position at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. Accordingly, changes in fair value that occur during the fiscal year are recognized as investment income reported for that fiscal year. Investment income includes interest earnings, changes in fair value, and any gains or losses realized upon the liquidation or sale of investments. All investment income and changes in fair value are recognized in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction. In determining this amount, three valuation techniques are available:

- Market approach - This approach uses prices generated for identical or similar assets or liabilities. The most common example is an investment in a public security traded in an active exchange such as the NYSE.
- Cost approach - This technique determines the amount required to replace the current asset. This approach may be ideal for valuing donations of capital assets or historical treasures.
- Income approach - This approach converts future amounts (such as cash flows) into a current discounted amount.

Each of these valuation techniques requires inputs to calculate a fair value. Observable inputs have been maximized in fair value measures, and unobservable inputs have been minimized.

*Accounts Receivables and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts*

The District has established an allowance for doubtful accounts based on a periodic review of its outstanding accounts receivable. The District establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts based on a history of past write-offs, collections, and current credit conditions.

The District recognizes bad debt expense relating to receivables, when it is probable that the accounts will be uncollectible. As of June 30, 2023, management believes no allowance for doubtful accounts was necessary due to historical experience and the nature of the receivables.

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*Plant and Facilities Capital Assets*

Capital assets are defined by the District as long-lived assets acquired for use, and not intended for consumption in operations. The capitalization threshold is at \$1,500 or above.

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost as costs are incurred. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. The cost of engineering studies related to capital asset additions are added to the total project cost and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets, as applicable. Engineering studies are considered necessary for maintaining the efficient operations of the wastewater collection system.

Capital assets under construction and not yet placed in service are recorded as construction in progress. Interest incurred during the construction phase of such projects is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of related asset classifications useful life in excess of one year. Depreciation of all plant and facilities in service is charged as an expense against operations each year and the total amount of depreciation taken over the years, called accumulated depreciation, is reported on the statement of net position as a reduction in the book value of the capital assets.

The District has assigned the useful lives listed below to plant and facilities:

Sewer collection	50 years
Building	30 years
Vehicles	5 - 10 years
Equipment	5 - 15 years

*Long-Term Liabilities*

Long-term liabilities include long-term debt and other long-term liabilities, such as net pension obligations, net OPEB obligations, the State of California Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan and compensated absences, and are reported as long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

*Compensated Absences*

The District recognizes a liability for compensated absences earned by District employees because future payment for vacation and sick leave have been earned and will not be forfeited. Compensated absences are recorded as an expense and liability as the benefits accrue to the employees. As of June 30, 2023, the District accrued \$466,054 in compensated absences.

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*Budgetary Policy and Control*

The District adopts an operations and maintenance budget at the beginning of each year for the following fiscal year. Capital budgets are adopted on a project basis. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device.

*Pensions*

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the District's California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) plan (the Plan) and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CalPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, requires that the reported results pertain to liability and asset information within certain defined timeframes. Liabilities are based on the results of actuarial calculations performed as of June 30, 2017. For this report, the following timeframes are used for the District's pension plans:

Valuation Date (VD).....June 30, 2021  
Measurement Date (MD).....June 30, 2022  
Measurement Period (MP).....June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022

*Other Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)*

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense, information about the District's Retiree Benefits Plan (the OPEB Plan) and additions to/deductions are based on when they are due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms for the measurement period included in the OPEB plan's actuarial reports. Investments are reported at fair value, except for money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost.

Valuation Date .....June 30, 2022  
Measurement Date .....June 30, 2022  
Measurement Period .....July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

*Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position*

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position is the operating statement for proprietary funds. This statement distinguishes between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses and presents a separate subtotal for operating revenues, operating expenses, and operating income. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in

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connection with the District's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the District include the cost of providing services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses. Capital contributions are reported as a separate line item in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

*Connection Fees*

The District, as authorized by its Board of Directors, charges new users a connection fee to reimburse the District for the cost of facilities and previously installed infrastructure to be able to provide collection system services. Fees received in excess of costs have been treated as additions to contributed capital and have been expended solely on infrastructure improvements.

*Property Taxes and Sewer User Charges*

Property taxes and sewer service charges are collected and distributed by Contra Costa County (the "County") in accordance with legislation. Property taxes and sewer service charges are attached as an enforceable lien on real property located in the County as of January 1 each year.

The County has adopted the Teeter Alternative Method of Property Tax Allocation known as the "Teeter Plan". The State Revenue and Taxation Code allows counties to distribute secured real property and supplemental property taxes on an accrual basis resulting in full payment to the District each fiscal year. Any subsequent delinquent payments and related penalties and interest revert to the County.

Property taxes are recognized as revenue when they are levied. Liens on real property are established January 1 for the ensuing fiscal year. The property tax is levied as of July 1 on all taxable property located in the County. Secured property taxes are due in two equal installments on November 1 and February 1, and are delinquent after December 10 and April 10, respectively. Additionally, supplemental property taxes are levied on a pro rata basis when changes in assessed valuation occur due to sales transactions or the completion of construction. Property tax collection and valuation information is disclosed in the County's annual financial statements.

*Statement of Cash Flows*

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered cash equivalents.

*Accounting Estimates*

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Significant estimates include estimates of the allowance for uncollectible receivables, the estimated useful lives of depreciable capital assets, estimates used in connection with analyses designed to identify the existence of capital asset impairment, and assumptions and actuarial

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amounts used in conjunction with the determination of pension plan obligations and other postemployment benefits. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Implemented Accounting and Reporting Changes*

**GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements***

During the year, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements*. GASB Statement No. 96 is an accounting pronouncement issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that provides guidance on how the costs and investments for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) are accounted for and disclosed by governmental entities. This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended. The District did not report any material SBITAs as of June 30, 2023.

*Upcoming Accounting Pronouncements*

The District is currently analyzing its accounting practices to determine the potential impact on the financial statements of the following recent GASB Statements:

**GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62, effective fiscal 2024.***

This statement enhances accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. GASB 100 also requires disclosure in notes to financial statements of descriptive information about accounting changes and error corrections, such as their nature. And, GASB 100 addresses how information that is affected by a change in accounting principle or error correction should be presented in required supplementary information (RSI) and supplementary information (SI).

**GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences, effective fiscal 2025.***

Updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences by:

1. Aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model
2. Amending certain previously required disclosures
3. Amends the existing requirement to disclose the gross increases and decreases in a liability for compensated absences to allow governments to disclose only the net change in the liability
4. Supersedes GASB 16

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**NOTE 3 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are composed of deposits and short-term investments and consisted of the following as of June 30, 2023:

Cash and Investments	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 621,388	\$ 621,388
Investment in LAIF	10,854,537	10,854,537
Money Market Accounts	500,000	501,014
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 11,975,925</u>	<u>\$ 11,976,939</u>

*Cash in Banks*

Cash balances in banks are insured up to \$250,000 per insured bank by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). The District's accounts are held with various banks. As of June 30, 2023, the District's bank balances exceeded FDIC coverage by \$402,799.

*Fair Value Measurements*

GASB 72 established a hierarchy of inputs to the valuation techniques above. This hierarchy has three levels:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 inputs are quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other than quoted prices that are not observable.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, such as a property valuation or an appraisal.

The District has the following investments with recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023:

Investment Type	Rating	Fair Value	Input Level	Maturities			Concen- trations
				12 Months or Less	13 - 24 Months	25 - 60 Months	
Certificate of Deposits	n/a	\$ 496,169	n/a	\$ 496,169	\$ -	\$ -	4.37%
LAIF	n/a	10,854,537	Level 2	10,854,537	-	-	95.63%
Total Investments		<u>\$ 11,350,706</u>		<u>\$ 11,350,706</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) of \$10,854,537; were invested in accordance with Government Code Sections 16430 and 16480, the stated investment authority for the Pooled Money Investment Account and are not required to be categorized using the levels above as deposits and withdrawals are made on the basis of \$1 and not fair value.

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*California Local Agency Investment Fund*

The District participates in an investment pool managed by the State of California known as the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), which has invested a portion of the pooled funds in structured notes and asset-backed securities, defined as follows:

- Structured Notes are debt securities (other than asset-backed securities) whose cash flow characteristics (coupon rate, redemption amount, or stated maturity) depend upon one or more indices and/or that have embedded forwards or options.
- Asset-Backed Securities, the bulk of which are mortgage-backed securities, entitle their purchasers to receive a share of the cash flows from a pool of assets such as principal and interest repayments from a pool of mortgages (such as Collateralized Mortgage Obligations) or credit card receivables.

LAIF's investments are subject to credit risk with the full faith and credit of the State of California collateralizing these investments. In addition, the structured notes and asset-backed securities are subject to market risk as to change in interest rates.

LAIF allows local agencies such as the District to participate in a Pooled Money Investment Account managed by the State Treasurers Office and overseen by the Pooled Money Investment Board and State Treasurer investment committee. A Local Agency Investment Advisory Board oversees LAIF. The investments with LAIF are not classified for credit risk due to their diverse nature and are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. The total amount invested by all public agencies in LAIF, as of June 30, 2023, was approximately \$177 billion. Of that amount, 100% is invested in non-derivative financial products. The balance in LAIF is available for withdrawal on demand.

*Investment Policy*

The District is authorized under California Government Code and the District's investment policy to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes, or warrants within the State; U.S. Treasury instruments; registered State warrants or treasury notes; securities of the U.S. Government or its agencies; bankers acceptances of U.S. banks; commercial paper of prime quality; negotiable certificates of deposit; and passbook savings account demand deposits. Investments prohibited by the District are inverse floaters, range notes, mortgage pool interest-only strips, and zero interest accrual at maturity notes. The District's investments were in compliance with the above provisions as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The District's investment policy follows the California Government Code which authorizes the District to invest in the following, with limitations as they relate to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk:

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Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Remaining Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Maximum Investment In One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
Registered State Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
Bankers Acceptance	180 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	270 days	25%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Medium Term Notes	5 years	30%	None
Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Money Market Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-through and Asset Backed Securities	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Joint Agency Authority Pools	N/A	None	None

*Risk Disclosures*

Limitations as they relate to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are described below:

- *Interest Rate Risk* - Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to the changes in market interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by depositing the majority of its funds with the State Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). LAIF is externally managed to minimize the sensitivity of investments to interest rate risk by purchasing a combination of short-term and long-term investments and by timing cash flows from maturities so a portion of their portfolios are maturing or coming close to maturity to ensure the cash flow and liquidity of operations. This information can be obtained from LAIFs annual financial statement.
- *Credit Risk* - Credit risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. In order to limit loss exposure due to Credit Risk, the investment policy limits purchases of investments to those rated A-1 by Standard & Poor's or P-1 by Moody's Investors Service. The District's minimum legal rating is not applicable to the LAIF investment pool and money market funds.
- *Custodial Credit Risk* - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's policy for custodial credit risk over deposits, as well as 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 fair value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must



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equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure public deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits and letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco having a value of 105% of the secured deposits. In the case of investments, the risk of loss of the investment due failure, impairment or malfeasance of the third party whose name in which the investment is held and who has physical possession of the instrument. Neither the California Government Code nor the District's investment policy contains legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial risk.

Bank balances are insured up to \$250,000 per bank by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company ("FDIC"). The actual bank statement balance of the District's cash in bank exceeded the insured limit by \$402,799 as of June 30, 2023. None of the District's deposits with financial institutions in excess of FDIC limits were held in uncollateralized accounts. All of the District's accounts met the collateral and categorization requirements.

- *Concentration of Credit Risk* - See the chart above for the District's limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. As of June 30, 2023, the District only had investments in LAIF. There were no other investments in any one issuer that represent five percent or more of the total investments.

**NOTE 4 - PLANT AND FACILITIES (CAPITAL ASSETS)**

The District's plant and facilities capital assets consisted of the following as of June 30, 2023:

Capital Assets	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance June 30, 2023
<b>Non-depreciable plant and facilities:</b>				
Land and easements	\$ 134,475	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,475
Total non-depreciable plant and facilities	134,475	-	-	134,475
<b>Depreciable plant and facilities:</b>				
Sewage and collection facilities	65,059,256	2,268,932	-	67,328,188
Buildings and equipment	2,829,143	-	-	2,829,143
Maintenance equipment	525,080	232,439	-	757,519
Vehicles	1,284,168	123,280	-	1,407,448
Total depreciable plant and facilities	69,697,647	2,624,651	-	72,322,298
<b>Less accumulated depreciation for:</b>				
Sewage and collection facilities	17,223,727	896,973	-	18,120,700
Buildings and equipment	1,039,023	85,629	-	1,124,652
Maintenance equipment	369,244	30,072	-	399,316
Vehicles	774,075	109,656	-	883,731
Total accumulated depreciation	19,406,069	1,122,330	-	20,528,399
Total depreciable plant and facilities - net	50,291,578	1,502,321	-	51,793,899
Total plant and facilities - net	<u>\$ 50,426,053</u>	<u>\$ 1,502,321</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 51,928,374</u>

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Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2023, was \$1,122,330.

**NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The District's long-term liabilities consisted of the following as of June 30, 2023:

Long-term Liabilities	Balance July 01, 2022	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2023	Due Within One Year
Direct Borrowings:					
SRF Loan C-06-4665-210	\$ 165,695	\$ -	\$ 39,962	\$ 125,733	\$ 40,921
Net OPEB Liability	292,464	139,070	125,104	306,430	-
Net Pension Liability	989,167	1,602,897	475,062	2,117,002	-
Compensated Absences	440,089	166,836	140,871	466,054	155,351
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,887,415</b>	<b>\$ 1,908,803</b>	<b>\$ 780,999</b>	<b>\$ 3,015,219</b>	<b>\$ 196,272</b>

The District has secured State Revolving Fund loan from the State Water Resources Control Board. Loan C-06-4665-210, for an original amount of \$706,004 under agreement dated June 13, 2006, has an interest rate of 2.4 percent and maturity date of December 21, 2026.

The District's debt service requirements on the State Water Resource Control Board loans were as follows as of June 30, 2023:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 40,921	\$ 1,760	\$ 42,681
2025	41,903	1,187	43,090
2026	42,909	601	43,510
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ 125,733</b>	<b>\$ 3,548</b>	<b>\$129,281</b>

**NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The District is involved in litigation arising in the ordinary course of its operations that, in the opinion of management, will not have a material effect on the District's results of operations.

**NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to risks of loss from property, liability, and workers' compensation. The District mitigates risk by participating in risk sharing and insurance purchasing pools through membership in the California Sanitation Risk Management Authority (CSRMA). Risk sharing pools provide general and automobile liability and workers' compensation coverage. The pools operate to share risk among the members of the pool up to a limit of \$15,500,000 and \$750,000 for general liability and workers' compensation, respectively.

Each CSRMA member is assessed a premium that is based on ratable exposure such as the size of payroll for workers' compensation insurance. At the end of the year, the premium is

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retrospectively rated based on the exposure and the actual loss history of the individual member. If a member's losses are less than the member's premium, the member receives a refund of 25% of the member's excess premium. All premiums are deposited into a trust fund from which claims are paid. The fund is analyzed actuarially each year to determine the sufficiency of the pool in meeting future needs and to consider whether a supplemental assessment applicable to each member is required, or in the event of a large pool, whether members' premiums might be reduced.

The cost to each CSRMA member agency for program participation is determined by the Executive Board upon the basis of cost allocation plan and rating formula. The premium for each participating agency includes the agency's share of expected losses, program insurance costs, and program administrative costs for the year, plus the agency's share of Authority general expense allocated to the program by the Board.

Audited condensed financial information for CSRMA is presented below for the year ended June 30, 2022 (most recent information available):

	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
Total Assets	\$ 32,261,331
Total Liabilities	25,220,675
Total Equity	7,040,656
Total Revenues	17,745,882
Total Expenditures	17,127,478

**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

*General Information about the Pension Plans*

**Plan Description** - All qualified permanent and probationary employees are eligible to participate in the District's Miscellaneous Employee Pension Plan (the Plan), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). Benefit provisions under the Plan are established by State statute and District resolution. 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 55 with statutorily reduced benefits. All members are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after 10 years of service. The death benefit is one of the following: the Basic Death Benefit, the 1957 Survivor Benefit, or the Optional Settlement 2W Death Benefit. The cost-of-living adjustments for the Plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees' Retirement Law.

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The Plan provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2023, are summarized as follows:

	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
	Tier 1	PEPRA
Benefit formula	2.7% @ 55	2% @ 62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 Years	5 Years
Benefit payments	Monthly for Life	Monthly for Life
Retirement age	55	62
Monthly benefits as a % of eligible compensation	2.7%	2%
Required employee contribution rates	8%	6.75%
Required employer contribution rates	15.3%	7.47%

**Employees Covered** - At June 30, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms for the Plan:

	Miscellaneous
Active	10
Transferred	3
Separated	2
Retired	8
Total	23

On September 12, 2012, the Governor signed pension reform AB 340, which the California State Legislature approved on August 31. Within AB 340 is the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), which affects most California retirement systems, including CalPERS, effective January 1, 2013. PEPRA generally restricts current pension provisions while increasing flexibility for employee/employer cost sharing. The Tier 1 plan is known as the classic plan offered to miscellaneous employees by CalPERS and is effective for employees hired prior to January 1, 2013.

**Contributions** - 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 are 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 District is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District contributed \$362,865 into the pension plan.

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*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*

As of June 30, 2023, the District reported net pension liabilities for its proportionate shares of the net pension liability of the Plan as follows:

	<b>Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability/(Asset)</b>
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 2,117,002</u>

The District'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, 2022, and the total pension liability for the Plan used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 rolled forward to June 30, 2022 using standard update procedures. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined.

The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Plan as of June 30, 2022 and 2023 was as follows:

	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
Proportion - June 30, 2022	<u>0.05209%</u>
Proportion - June 30, 2023	<u>0.04524%</u>
Change - Increase/(Decrease)	<u>-0.00685%</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$226,973. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Changes of Assumptions	\$ 216,931	\$ -
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	42,514	28,474
Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	387,779	-
Differences between Employer's Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	62,375	-
Change in Employer's Proportion	5,205	70,889
Pension Contributions Made Subsequent to Measurement Date	362,865	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,077,669</b>	<b>\$ 99,363</b>

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The District reported \$362,865 as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date that will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Measurement Date	June 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry-Age Normal Cost Method

Actuarial Assumptions:

Discount Rate	6.80%
Inflation	2.30%
Payroll Growth	2.80%
Projected Salary Increase	(1)
Investment Rate of Return	6.8% (2)
Mortality	(3)

- (1) Varies by entry age and service
- (2) Net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation
- (3) Derived using CalPERS' membership data for all funds

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.8 percent for the Plan. To determine whether the municipal bond rate should be used in the calculation of a discount rate for the Plan, CalPERS stress tested plans that would most likely result in a discount rate that would be different from the actuarially assumed discount rate. Based on the testing, none of the tested plans run out of assets. Therefore, the current 6.8 percent discount rate is adequate and the use of the municipal bond rate calculation is not necessary. The long term expected discount rate of 6.8 percent will be applied to all plans in the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF). The stress test results are presented in a detailed report that can be obtained from the CalPERS website. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments 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.

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account both short-term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Using historical returns of all the funds' asset classes, expected compound returns were calculated over the short-term (first 10 years) and the long-term (11-60 years) using a building-block approach. Using the expected nominal returns for both short-term and long-term, the present value of benefits was calculated for each fund. The expected rate of return was set by calculating the single equivalent expected return that arrived at the same present value of benefits for cash flows as the one calculated using both short-term and long-term returns. The expected rate of return was then set equivalent to the single equivalent rate calculated above and rounded down to the

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nearest one quarter of one percent.

The table below reflects the long-term expected real rate of return by asset class. The rate of return was calculated using the capital market assumptions applied to determine the discount rate and asset allocation. These rates of return are net of administrative expenses.

<u>Asset Class (a)</u>	<u>Assumed Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Return (1)(2)</u>
Global Equity Cap Weighted	30.00%	4.54%
Global Equity NonCap Weighted	12.00%	3.84%
Private Equity	13.00%	7.28%
Treasury	5.00%	0.27%
Mortgage-backed Securities	5.00%	0.50%
Investment Grade Corporates	10.00%	1.56%
High Yield	5.00%	2.27%
Emerging Market Debt	5.00%	2.48%
Private Debt	5.00%	3.57%
Real Assets	15.00%	3.21%
Leverage	-5.00%	-0.59%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

(1) An expected inflation of 2.3% used for this period.

(2) Figures are based on the 2021-22 Asset Liability Study.

**Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Plan, calculated using the discount rate for the Plan, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
1% Decrease	5.90%
Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,312,044
Current	6.90%
Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,117,002
1% Increase	7.90%
Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,133,779

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position** - Detailed information about each pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial reports.

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**NOTE 9 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

*Plan Description*

The District provides post-retirement benefits to eligible employees. Eligibility is based upon active employee status of the District at the time of retirement, completion of at least ten years employment with the District, having achieved the age of 55 or older, eligibility to retire under PERS, and not receiving health care benefits from any other source other than Medicare or workers' compensation. During the fiscal year 2020-2021, the District Resolution 2158-0421 established the amount of the employer's contribution of retiree health medical benefit up to a maximum of \$324.48 per month per retired employee. That rate is still in effect for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The District contracts with CalPERS to administer its retiree health benefits plan (an agent multiple-employer plan) and to provide an investment vehicle, the California Employees' Retiree Benefit Trust Fund (CERBT), to prefund future OPEB costs. The District chooses from a menu of benefit provisions and adopts certain benefit provisions by Board resolution. A menu of benefit provisions as well as other requirements is established by State statute within the Public Employees' Retirement Law. By participating in CERBT, the District is also obligated to follow the actuarial assumptions established by the CalPERS Board of Administration. CalPERS issues a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the retirement plans. Copies of the CalPERS annual financial report may be obtained from the CalPERS Executive Office at 400 P Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

*Benefits Provided*

The following summarizes the benefits in the plan:

Benefits Provided:	Medical Only
Duration of Benefits:	Lifetime
Required Services:	Retirement under CalPERS
Minimum Age:	Retirement under CalPERS
Dependent Coverage:	Spouse only
Contribution Percentage:	100% to cap
Cap:	\$324.48 in 2023

*Employees Covered by Benefit Terms*

At June 30, 2022 (the valuation date), the benefit terms covered the following employees:

Active employees	10
Inactive employees	6
<b>Total employees</b>	<u>16</u>



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*Contributions*

The District makes contributions based on an actuarially determined rate and are approved by the authority of the District's Board. Total contributions during the year were \$22,404. Total contributions included in the measurement period were \$22,404. The actuarially determined contribution for the measurement period was \$22,151. The District's contributions were 1.72% of covered employee payroll during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The Plan is to be fully funded by employer contributions with no requirement for matching or employee contributions.

*Actuarial Assumptions*

The following summarized the actuarial assumptions for the OPEB plan included in this fiscal year:

<b>Valuation Date:</b>	June 30, 2022
<b>Measurement Date:</b>	June 30, 2022
<b>Actuarial Cost Method:</b>	Entry-Age
<b>Amortization Period:</b>	20 years
<b>Asset Valuation Method:</b>	Level percentage of payroll, closed
<b>Actuarial Assumptions:</b>	
<b>Discount Rate</b>	6.75%
<b>Inflation</b>	2.50%
<b>Salary Increases</b>	2.75%
<b>Healthcare Trend Rate</b>	4.00%
<b>Investment Rate of Return</b>	6.75%
<b>Mortality</b>	2021 CalPERS Active Mortality for Miscellaneous Employees
<b>Retirement</b>	Hired <1/1/2013: 2021 CalPERS 2.0%@55 Rates for Miscellaneous Employees Hired >12/31/2012: 2021 CalPERS 2.0%@62 Rates for Miscellaneous Employess

*Discount Rate*

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that the District contribution 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 cover all future OPEB payments. Therefore, the discount rate was set to be equal to the long-term expected rate of return which was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

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*Long-Term Expected Rate of Return*

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB 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:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Percentage of Portfolio</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return</b>
All Equities	59.00%	7.545%
All Fixed Income	25.00%	4.250%
US Real Estate	8.00%	7.250%
All Commodities	3.00%	7.545%
Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS)	5.00%	3.000%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

*Net OPEB Liability*

The District's net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 (measurement date), and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 (valuation date) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 (reporting date).

*Change in the Net OPEB Liability*

The following summarizes the changes in the net OPEB liability during the year ended June 30, 2023:

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<b>Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 (Measurement Date June 30, 2022)</b>	<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>Net OPEB Liability (Asset)</b>
<b>Balance at June 30, 2022</b>	\$ 589,790	\$ 297,326	\$ 292,464
Service cost	15,053	-	15,053
Interest in Total OPEB Liability	39,574	-	39,574
Employer contributions	-	22,151	(22,151)
Balance of diff between actual and exp experience	(73,723)	-	(73,723)
Balance of changes in assumptions	15,347	-	15,347
Actual investment income	-	(39,791)	39,791
Administrative expenses	-	(75)	75
Benefit payments	(22,151)	(22,151)	-
<b>Net changes</b>	<b>(25,900)</b>	<b>(39,866)</b>	<b>13,966</b>
<b>Balance at June 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 563,890</b>	<b>\$ 257,460</b>	<b>\$ 306,430</b>

Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 1,304,373
Total OPEB Liability as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	43.23%
Plan Fid. Net Position as a % of Total OPEB Liability	45.66%
Service Cost as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	1.15%
Net OPEB Liability as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	23.49%

*Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources*

At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Difference between actual and expected experience	\$ -	\$ 59,654
Difference between actual and expected earnings	22,775	-
Change in assumptions	26,990	-
OPEB contribution subsequent to measurement date	22,404	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 72,169</b>	<b>\$ 59,654</b>

Of the total amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, \$22,404 resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date and before the end of the fiscal year will be included as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2024.

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Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,		
2024	\$	(463)
2025		(814)
2026		(2,373)
2027		7,145
2028		(4,977)
Thereafter		(8,407)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>(9,889)</u></b>

*OPEB Expense*

The following summarizes the OPEB expense by source during the year ended June 30, 2023, for the measurement date of June 30, 2022:

Service cost	\$	15,053
Interest in TOL		39,574
Expected investment income		(20,067)
Difference between actual and expected experience		(8,826)
Difference between actual and expected earnings		3,979
Change in assumptions		4,006
Administrative expenses		75
<b>OPEB Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>33,794</u></b>

The following summarizes changes in the net OPEB liability as reconciled to OPEB expense during the year ended June 30, 2023, for the measurement date of June 30, 2022:

Net OPEB liability ending	\$	306,430
Net OPEB liability beginning		<u>(292,464)</u>
Change in net OPEB liability		13,966
Changes in deferred outflows		(29,126)
Changes in deferred inflows		26,550
Employer contributions and implicit subsidy		<u>22,404</u>
<b>OPEB Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>33,794</u></b>

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*Sensitivity to Changes in the Discount Rate*

The net OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher, is as follows:

	<b>Discount Rate</b>		
	<b>(1% Decrease )</b>	<b>6.75%</b>	<b>(1% Increase )</b>
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 388,927	\$ 306,430	\$ 222,721

*Sensitivity to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates*

The net OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than current healthcare cost trend rates, is as follows:

	<b>Trend Rate</b>		
	<b>(1% Decrease )</b>	<b>4.00%</b>	<b>(1% Increase )</b>
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 238,754	\$ 306,430	\$ 403,169

**NOTE 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated all subsequent events from the statement of financial position date of June 30, 2023, through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, November 28, 2022 and did not note any material items that required adjustment to the financials or related notes.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**Schedule of Contributions - Pension Plans**  
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<b>Miscellaneous Plan</b>									
Plan Measurement Date	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Fiscal Year Ended	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 144,055	\$ 151,311	\$ 173,504	\$ 246,476	\$ 268,834	\$ 297,311	\$ 334,025	\$ 374,710	\$ 362,865
Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contributions	144,055	151,311	173,504	246,476	268,834	297,311	334,025	374,710	362,865
<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Covered Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 841,869</b>	<b>\$ 876,660</b>	<b>\$ 936,924</b>	<b>\$ 984,480</b>	<b>\$ 1,067,954</b>	<b>\$ 1,099,993</b>	<b>\$ 1,067,954</b>	<b>\$ 1,169,328</b>	<b>\$ 1,158,885</b>
<b>Contributions as a % of Covered F</b>	<b>17.11%</b>	<b>17.26%</b>	<b>18.52%</b>	<b>25.04%</b>	<b>25.17%</b>	<b>27.03%</b>	<b>31.28%</b>	<b>32.04%</b>	<b>31.31%</b>

**Notes to Schedule:**

Valuation Date: June 30, 2021

Assumptions Used: Entry Age Method used for Actuarial Cost Method

Level Percentage of Payroll and Direct Rate Smoothing

Remaining Amortization Period no more than 29 years

Inflation Assumed at 2.30%

Investment Rate of Returns set at 6.8%

The mortality table was developed based on CalPERS-specific data. The rates incorporate Generational Mortality to capture ongoing mortality improvement using 80% of Scale MP 2020 published by the Society of Actuaries. For more details, please refer to the 2021 experience study report that can be found on the CalPERS website.

Fiscal year 2015 was the first year of implementation, therefore only nine years are shown.

The CalPERS discount rate was increased from 7.50% to 7.65% in FY2016, to 7.15% in FY2018 and then decreased to 6.8% in FY2023.

The CalPERS mortality assumptions was adjusted in fiscal year 2023.

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**Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

<b>Miscellaneous and Safety Plan</b>									
Plan Measurement Date	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Fiscal Year Ended	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Proportion of Net Pension Liability (Safety and Misc)	0.01800%	0.01651%	0.01659%	0.01664%	0.01652%	0.01675%	0.01687%	0.01829%	0.01833%
Proportion of Net Pension Liability (Misc Plan Only)	0.04531%	0.04131%	0.04133%	0.04185%	0.04223%	0.04286%	0.04353%	0.05209%	0.04524%
Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,119,792	\$ 1,133,444	\$ 1,435,727	\$ 1,649,930	\$ 1,591,705	\$ 1,716,493	\$ 1,835,927	\$ 989,168	\$ 2,117,002
Covered Payroll	\$ 860,430	\$ 841,869	\$ 876,660	\$ 936,924	\$ 984,480	\$ 1,067,954	\$ 1,099,993	\$ 1,067,954	\$ 1,169,328
<b>Proportionate Share of NPL as a % of Covered Payroll</b>	<b>130.14%</b>	<b>134.63%</b>	<b>163.77%</b>	<b>176.10%</b>	<b>161.68%</b>	<b>160.73%</b>	<b>166.90%</b>	<b>92.62%</b>	<b>181.04%</b>
<b>Plan's Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the TPL</b>	<b>81.15%</b>	<b>78.90%</b>	<b>75.09%</b>	<b>74.36%</b>	<b>76.59%</b>	<b>75.30%</b>	<b>74.96%</b>	<b>87.38%</b>	<b>75.85%</b>



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**Schedule of Contributions for Other Postemployment Benefits**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

<b><u>Fiscal Year Ended</u></b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Actuarially determined contribution (ADC)	\$ 11,609	\$ 10,544	\$ 10,870	\$ 33,703	\$ 40,980	\$ 43,493
Less: actual contribution in relation to ADC	(17,698)	(20,304)	(20,302)	(20,264)	(22,151)	(22,404)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ (6,089)</u>	<u>\$ (9,760)</u>	<u>\$ (9,432)</u>	<u>\$ 13,439</u>	<u>\$ 18,829</u>	<u>\$ 21,089</u>
 Covered employee payroll	 \$ 1,130,054	 \$ 1,170,239	 \$ 1,202,421	 \$ 1,235,487	 \$ 1,269,463	 \$ 1,304,373
Contrib. as a % of covered employee payroll	1.57%	1.74%	1.69%	1.64%	1.74%	1.72%

**Notes to Schedule:**

*Assumptions and Methods*

Valuation Date:	June 30, 2022
Measurement Date:	June 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry-Age Normal Cost Method
Amortization Period:	20 years
Asset Valuation Method:	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount Rate	6.75%
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	2.75%
Healthcare Trend Rate	4.00%
Investment Rate of Return	6.75%
Mortality	2021 CalPERS Active Mortality for Miscellaneous Employees
Retirement	Hired <1/1/2013: 2021 CalPERS 2.0%@55 Rates for Miscellaneous Employees Hired >12/31/2012: 2021 CalPERS 2.0%@62 Rates for Miscellaneous Employees

*Other Notes*

GASB 75 requires a schedule of contributions for the last ten fiscal years, or for as many years as are available if less than ten years are available. GASB 75 was adopted as of June 30, 2018. The District cap was increased from a fixed \$280 per month to \$324.48 per month in FY21. Discount rate and inflation rates decreased by .25% in 2022.

**STEGE SANITARY DISTRICT**  
**Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

<b>Fiscal Year Ended</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability</b>						
Service cost	\$ 3,727	\$ 3,876	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,521	\$ 13,820	\$ 15,053
Interest	18,649	19,469	19,556	19,958	37,590	39,574
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	-	1,993	4,092	(1,632)	(73,723)
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-	(1,319)	18,805	15,347
Benefit payments	(17,698)	(20,887)	(20,304)	(20,302)	(19,396)	(22,151)
Other	-	-	5,794	241,629	-	-
Net change in Total OPEB Liability	4,678	2,458	11,439	248,579	49,187	(25,900)
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	273,449	278,127	280,585	292,024	540,603	589,790
Total OPEB Liability - ending	<u>\$ 278,127</u>	<u>\$ 280,585</u>	<u>\$ 292,024</u>	<u>\$ 540,603</u>	<u>\$ 589,790</u>	<u>\$ 563,890</u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position</b>						
Employer contributions	\$ 17,698	\$ 20,887	\$ 20,304	\$ 20,302	\$ 20,264	\$ 22,151
Net investment income	18,835	15,697	13,066	7,940	63,935	(39,791)
Benefit payments	(17,698)	(20,887)	(20,304)	(20,302)	(19,396)	(22,151)
Other	-	-	-	(58)	-	-
Administrative expense	(158)	(177)	(45)	(110)	(88)	(75)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	18,677	15,520	13,021	7,772	64,715	(39,866)
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	177,621	196,298	211,818	224,839	232,611	297,326
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	<u>\$ 196,298</u>	<u>\$ 211,818</u>	<u>\$ 224,839</u>	<u>\$ 232,611</u>	<u>\$ 297,326</u>	<u>\$ 257,460</u>
Net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 81,829	\$ 68,767	\$ 67,185	\$ 307,992	\$ 292,464	\$ 306,430
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	70.58%	75.49%	76.99%	43.03%	50.41%	45.66%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 938,400	\$ 1,130,054	\$ 1,170,239	\$ 1,202,421	\$ 1,235,487	\$ 1,269,463
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	8.72%	6.09%	5.74%	25.61%	23.67%	24.14% <sup>1</sup>
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	29.64%	24.83%	24.95%	44.96%	47.74%	44.42% <sup>1</sup>

*Other Notes*

GASB 75 requires a schedule of contributions for the last ten fiscal years, or for as many years as are available if less than ten years are available. GASB 75 was adopted as of June 30, 2018.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**STEGE SANITARY DISTRICT**  
Comparison of Budget to Actual (Unaudited)  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>				
Sewer service charges	\$ 6,984,000	\$ 6,744,927	\$ 239,073	3.42%
Permit and inspection fees	12,000	9,530	2,470	20.58%
Contracted services	33,000	39,292	(6,292)	-19.07%
Total operating revenue	<u>7,029,000</u>	<u>6,793,749</u>	<u>235,251</u>	3.35%
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUE AND CONNECTION FEES</b>				
Property tax	500,000	660,347	(160,347)	-32.07%
Interest income	20,000	43,015	(23,015)	-115.08%
Other income	21,000	49,357	(28,357)	-135.03%
Connection fees	100,000	349,650	(249,650)	-249.65%
Total nonoperating revenue	<u>641,000</u>	<u>1,102,369</u>	<u>(461,369)</u>	-71.98%
Total revenues	<u>7,670,000</u>	<u>7,896,118</u>	<u>(226,118)</u>	-2.95%
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Maintenance/engineering	2,225,474	1,939,110	286,364	12.87%
Pump stations	40,020	43,720	(3,700)	-9.25%
Contracted repairs	70,000	65,325	4,675	6.68%
General & administrative	992,813	787,734	205,079	20.66%
Total operating expenses	<u>3,328,307</u>	<u>2,835,889</u>	<u>492,418</u>	14.79%
<b>NON-OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Interest expense	-	2,552	(2,552)	-100.00%
Total expenses	<u>3,328,307</u>	<u>2,838,441</u>	<u>489,866</u>	14.72%
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION BEFORE DEPRECIATION</b>				
	<u>\$ 4,341,693</u>	5,057,677	<u>\$ (715,984)</u>	-16.49%
Depreciation		<u>(1,122,330)</u>		
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>		<u>\$ 3,935,347</u>		
<b>BALANCE SHEET ITEMS</b>				
Debt principal repayment	\$ 43,900	\$ 39,962	\$ 3,938	8.97%
Capital equipment	436,767	355,719	81,048	18.56%
Sewer rehabilitation	3,833,150	2,268,932	1,564,218	40.81%
<b>TOTAL BALANCE SHEET ITEMS</b>	<u>\$ 4,313,817</u>	<u>\$ 2,664,613</u>	<u>\$ 1,649,204</u>	61.89%

**STEGE SANITARY DISTRICT**  
Schedule of Operating Expenses Before Depreciation  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Sewage Collection	General & Administrative	Total
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>			
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,298,435	\$ 258,313	\$ 1,556,748
Employee benefits	352,764	122,287	475,051
Director's meeting fees	-	21,543	21,543
Director's training and travel	-	5,259	5,259
Gasoline, oil and fuel	39,386	-	39,386
Membership	1,681	15,621	17,302
Repairs and maintenance	240,394	16,705	257,099
Operating supplies	52,916	-	52,916
Office and safety supplies	-	4,635	4,635
Insurance	(2,870)	185,838	182,968
Training & travel	4,823	4,962	9,785
Professional services	52,660	81,361	134,021
Utilities	7,965	42,424	50,389
Other	-	28,155	28,155
Rents/leases	-	631	631
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES BEFORE DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>\$ 2,048,154</b>	<b>\$ 787,734</b>	<b>\$ 2,835,888</b>

**OTHER INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS**



**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**

To the Board of Directors  
Stege Sanitary District  
El Cerrito, California

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the Stege Sanitary District (the “District”) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2023.

***Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 District’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’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 a 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 a 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District'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 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*.

***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. This report is an integral part of an 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.

C & A LLP

November 28, 2023  
Morgan Hill, California