## LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Financial Statements, Management Discussion and Analysis, and Independent Auditor's Report

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2022

## LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Audit Report June 30, 2022

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Directors Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District Oroville, California

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, 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 business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position 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. 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

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 generally accepted 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a basic part of the 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 operation, 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 Budgetary Comparison Information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information 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. The 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 Budgetary Comparison Information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 26, 2022 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 the 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susanville, California October 26, 2022

#### LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) June 30, 2022

#### INTRODUCTION

Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District's present operations include providing sewage collection and transmission services to residents of the District.

Our discussion and analysis of Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. It should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements, including notes and supplementary information, which follow this section.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- □ The net position was \$10,229,698 at June 30, 2022. This was an decrease of \$141,855 from the prior year.
- Overall revenues were \$2,671,175 which were less than expenses of \$2,813,029 by \$141,854.
- □ Deferred Inflows Pension Plan was \$1,167,572, an increase of \$1,130,000 over the prior year, which is the result of the most recent actuarial valuation.

#### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The District's basic financial statements include five components:

- Statement of Net Position Proprietary Fund
- Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Proprietary Fund
- Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund
- Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Custodial Fund
- Statement of Changes in Net Position Custodial Fund
- Notes to the Financial Statements

The **Statement of Net Position** includes all the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as Net Position. Net Position is displayed in three categories:

- Net investment in capital assets
- Restricted
- Unrestricted

This statement provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure of the District and assessing its liquidity and financial flexibility.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents information which shows how the District's equity changed during each year. All of the year's revenues and expenses are recorded when the underlying transaction occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position measures the success of the District's operations during the year and determines whether the District has recovered its costs through user fees and other charges.

The Statement of Cash Flows provides information regarding the District's cash receipts and cash disbursements during the year. This statement reports cash activity in four categories:

- Operating Activities
- Noncapital Financing Activities
- Capital and Related Financing Activities
- Investing Activities

The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, and Changes in Net Position – Custodial Fund includes all of the District's Villa Verona Assessment District assets and liabilities. This statement differs from the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in equity by only accounting for transactions that result in cash receipts or cash disbursements.

The **Notes to Financial Statements** provide a description of the accounting policies used to prepare the financial statements and present material disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles that are not otherwise present in the financial statements.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY AS A WHOLE

#### **Net Position**

The District's net position was \$10,229,698 at June 30, 2022. See Table 1. The significant changes in Table 1 line items for fiscal 2022 vs. 2021 are:

Cash increased as a result of careful budgeting, which resulted in an operating surplus.

**Table 1: Net Position** 

		Business-Type Activities			Total % Change
		2022		2021	2022-2021
Assets					
Cash	\$	3,424,259	\$	2,302,510	48.72%
Accounts Receivable		1,190,626		1,060,675	12.25%
Other Current Assets		174,207		164,220	6.08%
Restricted Cash		1,636,739		1,710,046	-4.29%
Investment in Sewer Treatment Association		41,982		41,982	0.00%
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	-	8,607,695		8,820,203	-2.41%
Total Assets	\$	15,075,508	\$	14,099,636	
Deferred Outflows of Resources					
Deferred Recognition of Contributions to Pension Plan		435,998	\$	404,576	7.77%
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$	438,177	\$	24,542	1685.42%
Due to Other Funds				1,402	-100.00%
Accrued Compensated Absences		60,365		60,365	0.00%
Amounts payable from restricted assets:					
Bond Interest Payable		50,108		51,425	-2.56%
Current Portion of Bonds Payable		65,000		62,000	4.84%
Total Current Liabilities		613,650		199,734	
Long Term Liabilities:					
Bonds Payable		1,207,586		2,358,000	-48.79%
Net Pension Liability		2,293,000		1,537,423	49.15%
Total Long Term Liabilities		3,500,586		3,895,423	
Total Liabilities	\$	4,114,236	\$	4,095,157	
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Deferred Recognition of Pension Plan Earnings	\$	1,167,572	\$	37,502	3013.36%
Net Position					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$	6,249,695	\$	6,400,203	-2.35%
Restricted		1,529,691		1,710,046	-10.55%
Unrestricted		2,450,312		2,261,304	8.36%
Total Net Position	\$	10,229,698	\$	10,371,553	

#### **Changes in Net Position**

The District's total revenues were \$2,671,175. A majority of the revenue comes from Service Charges (65%). The Rural Development Loan Surcharge accounted for 14% of the total revenues. The total cost of all services was \$2,813,029. Charges for Services increased due to an increase in utility rates.

Table 2: Changes in Net Position

Changes in 14ct I ostilon			
	2022	2021	2022-2021
Revenues			
Operation Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 1,747,122	\$ 1,647,220	6.06%
Special Assessment	42,011	44,951	-6.54%
General Revenues			
Taxes	380,880	347,112	9.73%
Interest Income and Late Fees	74,151	53,459	38.71%
Capacity Charges	26,560	4,777	456.00%
Rural Development Loan Surcharge	362,326	361,821	0.14%
Miscellaneous	38,125	9,466	302.76%
TOTAL REVENUES	2,671,175	2,468,806	
Operation Expenses:			
Administration and General	1,119,947	699,080	60.20%
Sewage Collection Services	1,068,838	693,173	54.19%
Depreciation	522,711	526,875	-0.79%
Other Expenses			
Bond Interest Expense	101,533	102,850	-1.28%
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,813,029	2,021,978	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN			
NET POSITION	\$ (141,854)	\$ 446,828	-131.75%

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The overall financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in the communication between the Board of Directors and the District employees as they all work together in providing the best quality of service to its customers.

#### **Budgetary Highlights**

The District prepares a preliminary budget in May or June of each fiscal year. A final budget is adopted by the Board in August. A schedule of the District's original and final budget amounts compared with actual revenues and expenses is provided in the supplemental information section of the audited financial report.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### **Capital Assets**

At June 30, 2022, the District had invested \$8,607,695 in a broad range of capital assets, including land and surface lines. See Table 4. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Table 4
Capital Assets

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#### Long-Term Debt

At year end, the District had \$3,500,586 in long-term debt, consisting of Series A - Sewer Revenue Bonds and Net Pension Liability, as shown in Table 5. More detailed information about the District's debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Table 5 Long-Term Debt

			Total Percentage
	Business-Type Activities		Change
	2022	2021	2022-2021
Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,207,586	\$ 1,537,423	-21.45%
Sewer Revenue Bonds-Series A	2,293,000	2,358,000	-2.76%
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	\$ 3,500,586	\$ 3,895,423	-10.14%

#### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of circumstances that could affect its future financial health, specifically:

□ The State of California PERS unfunded liability will most likely result in retirement benefit cost increases in future years.

#### CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, parents, participants, 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 questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact:

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# LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND JUNE 30, 2022

	Utility Fund
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,424,259
Accounts Receivable	1,190,626
Taxes Receivable	85,351
Inventory	15,583
Prepaid Expenses	73,273
Accrued Interest	13,213
Total Current Assets	4,789,092
Restricted and Noncurrent Assets:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,636,739
Investment in Sewer Treatment JPA	41,982
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	8,607,695
Total Restricted and Noncurrent Assets	10,286,416
Total Assets	\$ 15,075,508
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Outflows - Pension Plan	\$ 435,998
	\$ 435,998
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable and other current liabilities	\$ 438,177
Due to other fund	
Accrued Compensated absences	60,365
Amounts payable from restricted assets:	
Bond interest payable	50,108
Current portion - bonds payable Total Current Liabilities	65,000
	613,650
Long-Term Liabilities	
Net Pension Liability	1,207,586
Bonds Payable Total Long-Term Liabilities	2,293,000
Total Liabilities	3,500,586
Total Elabinties	\$ 4,114,236
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Inflows - Pension Plan	\$ 1,167,572
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 6,249,695
Restricted	, , ,
Unrestricted	1,529,691
Total Net Position	2,450,312
TOTAL INCL I USITIVII	\$ 10,229,698

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Ţ	Utility Fund	
Operating Revenues:			
Sewer service charges	\$	1,594,319	
Pumping charges		127,447	
Connection & inspection fees		25,356	
Special Assessment - Kelly Ridge		42,011	
Total Operating Revenue		1,789,133	
Operating Expenses:			
Administration and general		1,119,947	
Sewage collection services		1,068,838	
Depreciation		522,711	
Total Operating Expense		2,711,496	
Net Operating Income (Loss)		(922,363)	
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)			
Property Tax		380,880	
Interest income and late fees		74,151	
Capacity charges		26,560	
Rural Development loan surcharges		362,326	
Miscellaneous		38,125	
Bond Interest Expense		(101,533)	
Net Nonoperating Revenue		780,509	
Change in Net Position		(141,854)	
Net Position Beginning		10,371,553	
Net Position Ending	\$	10,229,698	

# LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILTIY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Cash received from customers	\$	1,617,171
Other income		42,011
Cash paid to employees for service		(1,936,852)
Cash paid to suppliers		(164,723)
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities		(442,393)
Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Miscellaneous nonoperational receipts		38,125
Property Taxes		363,797
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Non-Capital Financing	-	
Activities		401,922
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(310,204)
Capacity charges received		26,560
Principal paid on Capital Debt		(62,000)
Interest Paid on Capital Debt		(100,568)
Rural development loan surcharges		362,326
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Capital and Related		
Financing Activities		(83,886)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Deferred Outflows/Inflows		1,098,648
Interest on investments and customer late fees		74,151
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities		1,172,799
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	-	1,048,442
Cash Balance - July 1, 2021		4,012,556
Cash Balance - June 30, 2022	\$	5,060,998
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net		
Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$	(922,363)
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash		
Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation Character and Linking		522,711
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		(120.051)
(Increase)/decrease in receivables (Increase)/decrease in prepaid assets		(129,951)
Increase/(decrease) in payables		4,814 412,233
Increase/(decrease) in net pension liabilities		(329,837)
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities	\$	(442,393)
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# LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUND JUNE 30, 2022

	Villa	Verona	Assessment District
	Custodial Fund		
ASSETS		-	
Cash and cash equivalents		\$	33,175
Due from other fund			425
Assessments receivable - current			20,083
Assessments receivable - delinquent			3,381
Assessments receivable - deferred			157,961
Total Assets		\$	215,025
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Deferred Revenues		\$	157,961
Easements payable			2,703
Due to bondholders			148,000
Total Current Liabilities		\$	308,664
NET POSITION			
Restricted for Other Purposes		\$	(93,639)
<b>Total Net Position</b>		\$	(93,639)

## LAKE OROVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUND

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Villa Verona Assessment District		
Custodial Fund			
ADDITIONS:			
Special Assessments	\$ 20,083		
Interest Income	28		
Penalties	110		
Total Additions	20,221		
DEDUCTIONS:			
Collections Fees	598		
Bond Interest Expense	7,675		
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Total Deductions	8,754		
Change in Custodial Fund Net Posit	ion 11,467		
Total Net Postion, Beginning	(105,106)		
Total Net Position, Ending	\$ (93,639)		

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District (District) is a California Public Utility District that was organized on June 27, 1938. It provides sewage collection and transmission services to residents of the Kelly Ridge and other eastern Oroville areas.

#### A. <u>Definition of the Reporting Entity</u>

The District's financial statements include the accounts of all District operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the District's reporting entity, as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 39, include:

- The organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name).
- The District holds the corporate powers of the organization.
- The District appoints a majority of the organization's governing board.
- The District is able to impose its will on the organization.
- The organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the District.
- There is fiscal dependency by the organization on the District.

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District has no component units.

#### B. Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The District accounts for its operations and activities as a utility enterprise fund. The enterprise fund is operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user service charges.

The District distinguishes *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Principal operating revenues of the District are charges to customers for sales and services including operating charges collected through special assessments on certain property tax rolls. Operating expenses for the District include salaries and benefits, supplies and other services, and insurance premiums.

Revenues and expenses are recognized on the accrual basis. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows actually take place.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as needed.

#### Fiduciary Fund

Custodial Fund - Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported as another fiduciary fund type.

#### C. Inventory

Inventories are valued at cost using the average cost method.

#### D. Use of Estimates

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

#### E. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District's proprietary fund considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Investments at June 30, 2022 are stated at fair value.

#### F. Restricted Assets

The District has presented restricted cash for amounts received from the District's capacity charge and rural development surcharge. In addition, the USDA Bond Reserve is presented as restricted cash. These amounts have been classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position because their use is limited by applicable bond or other covenant.

#### G. Interfund Receivables and Payables

The purpose of the interfund balance is to reflect the District's collections of Villa Verona special assessments that will be transferred to the Villa Verona bank account at a future date. The amount due to Villa Verona Special Assessment from the District at June 30, 2022 was \$1,402.

#### H. Bad Debts

It is the District's policy to collect past due accounts by adding such amounts to the County of Butte's property tax rolls. As such, it is management's opinion that past due accounts are, in all material respects, fully collectible, and no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded on the accompanying financial statements.

#### I. Capital Assets

Property and equipment with a life greater than one year are capitalized and stated at cost, except for portions acquired by contribution, which are reported at the agreed upon cost to the donee, which equates fair market value. It is the District's policy to capitalize individual items costing more than \$5,000. Maintenance and repair costs are expensed as incurred unless they extend the asset's useful life. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over asset estimated useful lives as presented below:

Subsurface lines 50 years
Sewage collection 10 - 50 years
General plant and Administrative Facilities 3 - 30 years

Construction-in-progress — Costs associated with development stage projects are accumulated in the construction-in-progress account until the project is fully developed. Once the project is complete, the entire cost of the project is transferred to a capital asset account and depreciated over the estimated useful life.

#### J. Accrued Compensated Absences

All probationary and permanent employees of the District earn sick leave at a rate of one eight hour working day per month and can accrue an unlimited number of hours. At the employees' request unused sick leave time may be "bought back" by the District at a rate of one-half (1/2) day for each whole day accrued. Buy back shall be limited only to time over and above thirty (30) days of accrued sick leave. No more than 12 days of accrued sick leave shall be bought back in any given calendar year unless employment is voluntarily terminated, in which case all accrued sick leave may be "bought back" by the District at a rate of one-half day for each whole day accrued. Vacation is based upon the length of service. The District will buy back accumulated vacation of an employee upon termination or retirement from the District.

#### K. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 26, 2022 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments at June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

\$ 500
2,353,018
2,707,480
\$ 5,060,998
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Investment Policies - The District may invest in the following types of investments:

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

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

#### Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder

of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. LAIF does not have a rating provided by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The District does not hold direct investments, therefore, there is no concentration of credit risk.

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The California Government Code and the District's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits, other than the following provision for deposits: The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure District deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits.

The District's deposits with financial institutions in excess of federal depository insurance limits were held in uncollateralized accounts. The amounts in excess of federal depository insurance limits were \$1,725,546 as of June 30, 2022 and the remaining amounts were collateralized as described above.

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

#### Investment in State Investment Pool

The District is a voluntary participant in LAIF. LAIF is regulated by the California Government Code under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California. The fair value of the entity's investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the Entity's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by LAIF for the entire LAIF portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by LAIF, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis.

#### NOTE 3 PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Taxes are levied on July 1 and are payable in two installments, on December 10 and April 10. The District relies on the competency of the County of Butte for the billing, collection, and distribution of its share of property tax revenues.

#### NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets follows:

Fixed Assets	Balance <u>06/30/21</u>	Additions	<u>Dispositions</u>		Balance <u>06/30/22</u>
Land	\$ 107,174	\$ -	\$ -	\$	107 174
Subsurface lines	13,865,710	φ -	φ -	Ф	107,174 13,865,710
Sewer collection facilities	4,434,824				4,434,824
General plant and administration facilities	4,209,077	166,808			4,375,885
Work in Progress	227,319	260,000	(116,605)		370,714
	22,844,104	426,808	(116,605)		23,154,307
Accumulated Depreciation					
Subsurface lines	(8,071,866)	(330,953)			(8,402,819)
Sewer collection facilities	(3,615,308)	(86,398)	521,033		(4,222,739)
General plant and administration facilities	(2,487,693)	(626,393)			(3,114,086)
Accumulated Depreciation	(14,023,901)	(1,043,744)	521,033	\$	(14,546,612)
Property and Equipment, Net	\$ 8,820,203	\$ (616,936)	\$ 404,428	\$	8,607,695

#### NOTE 5 LONG-TERM DEBT - BONDS

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities – Long-term liability activity, excluding the liability for compensated absences and net pension liability is summarized as follows:

		Balance					Balance	Du	e Within
	Ju	ne 30,2021	Additions	R	eductions	Ju	me 30,2022	О	ne Year
Sewer Revenue Bonds - Series A	\$	2,420,000		\$	(62,000)	\$	2,358,000	\$	65,000
Total Long-Term Liabilities-Bonds	\$	2,420,000	_	\$	(62,000)	\$	2,358,000	\$	65,000

Sewer Revenue Bonds – The District authorized the issuance of \$5,000,000 in Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District Sewer Revenue Bonds (Bonds). The Bonds were issued in two separate series. All the bonds were purchased by the USDA Rural Development through its Rural Utilities Service. The Bonds are secured by a first lien and a pledge of all revenues of the enterprise fund to repay the Bonds.

The District assessed a "Rural Development Loan Surcharge" for the purpose of making bond principal and interest payments and established required debt service reserves.

The Series A bonds accrue interest at a rate of 4.25% per annum. "Series A" requires annual principal payments ranging from \$29,000 to \$163,000 each July 1 through the year 2043. Interest is paid semi-annually on January 1 and July 1. Total "Series A" bonds outstanding at June 30, 2022, was \$2,358,000

Debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ended	Sewer Revenue Bonds						
June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total				
2023	65,000	100,215	165,215				
2024	68,000	97,453	165,453				
2025	71,000	94,563	165,563				
2026	74,000	91,545	165,545				
2027	78,000	88,400	166,400				
2028-2032	443,000	389,428	832,428				
2033-2037	551,000	286,493	837,493				
2038-2042	688,000	158,313	846,313				
2043-2044	320,000	20,528	340,528				
Totals	\$ 2,358,000	\$ 1,326,938	\$ 3,684,938				

#### NOTE 6 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS DISTRICT

The District acts as agent for the property owners of the Villa Verona Assessment District in collecting assessments, forwarding the collections to the assessment bond holders, and initiating foreclosure proceedings when required. The District is not obligated in any manner for the repayment of the special assessment debt. At June 30, 2022 the Villa Verona Assessment District had \$148,000 in bonds payable.

#### NOTE 7 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

The District offers its full-time employees two deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 457. The plans are available to all District employees, which permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Employees may participate in both plans; however, the District will only contribute to the PERS 457 Plan. This contribution amounts to 2% of the employee's salary only if the employee is matching 2% into the PERS 457 Plan, effective July 1, 2019. The PERS 457 Plan and District match began July 1, 2008. Amounts credited to deferred compensation are deposited in savings or other type of investment accounts with Voya, Nationwide, and PERS. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseen emergency.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributed to those amounts, property, or rights are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the plan participants and their beneficiaries. As required by GASB Statement 32, the District does not meet the criteria for inclusion of plan assets within its financial statements and has, therefore, excluded the plan assets from the accompanying financial statements.

The following is a summary of plan activity for the year ended June 30, 2022:

		<u>2022</u>
Market Value - July 1	\$	456,649
Employee Contributions		14,538
Employer Contributions		14,538
Plan Earnings/(Losses)		(65,112)
Withdrawals/Fees		(15,680)
Market Value - June 30	\$	404,933

#### NOTE 8 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

#### A. General Information about the Pension Plans

#### Plan Description

The District approved a contract with the Board of Administration, California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) on March 16, 2004, which began May 1, 2004. The District is required to make a monthly contribution to PERS to include actuarial valuations of prior and future years of service of each employee. All eligible District employees participate in PERS. The District is required to participate in a PERS cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit retirement plan, since the District had less than 100 active members. PERS acts as a common investment and administrative agent for various local and state governmental agencies within the state.

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

All qualified permanent and probationary employees are eligible to participate in the District's costsharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan (Plan) which is administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). Benefit provisions under the Plan are established by State statute and local government resolution. CalPERS issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plan regarding benefit provisions, assumptions, and membership information that can be found on the CalPERS website.

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

The Plan's provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2022, are summarized as follows:

Hire Date	Prior to January 1, 2014	On or After January 1, 2014
Benefit formula	2.7 % @ 55	2% @ 62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years service	5 years service
Benefit payments	Monthly for life	Monthly for life
Retirement age	50-55	62-67
Monthly benefits as % of eligible compensation	2.0 to 2.7 %	1.0 to 2.5 %
Required employee contributions	8%	8%
Required employer contributions rates	27.80%	11.40%

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 is determined annually on an actuarial basis as of June 30 by CalPERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The District is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the contributions recognized as part of pension expense for the Plan was as follows:

Contributions-Employer	\$ 193,343
Contributions-Employee	\$ 31,023

As of June 30, 2022, the District reported net pension liability of \$1,207,586 for its share of the net pension liability of the Plan. 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 each 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, 2021 and 2022, were as follows:

Proportion:	June 30, 2021	0.03645%
Proportion:	June 30, 2022	0.06360%
Change-Increa	ase (Decrease)	0.02715%

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized pension expense of \$193,343. At June 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	red Outflows Resources	Deferred Inflow of Resources	
Change in Assumptions			1-10-1
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 135,418		
Difference Between Expected and Actual Investment Earnings	,		1,054,159
Difference Between Employer's Contributions and Proportionate			1,001,100
Share of Contributions	107,237		
Change in Employer's Proportion			113,413
Contributions Subequent to the Measurement Date	193,343		115,115
Total	\$ 435,998	\$	1,167,572

The \$193,343, which is reported as contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Measurement Periods Ended	Deferre	ed Outflows/
June 30:	(Inflows)	of Resources
2023	\$	(183,541)
2024		(207,759)
2025		(242,303)
2026		(291,315)
2027		_
Thereafter		-
Total:	\$	(924,918)

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liabilities in the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions for the all Plans:

Valuations Date	June 30, 2021
Measurement Date	June 30, 2022
	Entry Age
Actuaial Cost Method	Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount Rate	7.15%
Inflation	2.75%
Payroll Growth	3.00%
Projected Salary Increase	3.3%-14.2% (1)
Investment Rate of Return	7.15% (2)

- (1) Depending on entry age and service
- (2) Net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation

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

Asset Class	New Strategic Allocation	Real Return Years 1-10 <sup>1</sup>	Real Return years $11 + \frac{2}{3}$
Global Equity	47.00%	5.25%	5.71%
Global Fixed Income	19.00	0.99	2.43
Inflation Sensitive	6.00	0.45	3.36
Private Equity	12.00	6.83	6.95
Real Estate	11.00	4.50	5.13
Infrastructure and Forestland	3.00	4.50	5.09
Liquidity	2.00	(0.55)	(1.05)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An expected inflation of 2.5% used for this period

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>An expected inflation of 3.0% used for this period

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.15%. To determine whether the municipal bond rate should be sued in the calculation of a discount rate for each 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 7.15% discount rate is adequate and the use of the municipal bond rate calculation is not necessary. The long term expected discount rate of 7.15% is applied to all plans in the Public Employees Retirement Fund. The stress test results are presented in a detailed report called "GASB Crossover Testing Report" that can be obtained at the CalPERS' website under the GASB 68 section.

#### Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability/(asset) of the Plan as of the measurement date using the discount rate of 7.15%, as well as what the net pension liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower (6.15%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.15%) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate -1%			Curre	nt Discount Rate	ount Rate +1%	
	6.15%		7.15%		8.15%		
Net Pension Liability:	\$		1,705,252	\$	1,207,586	\$	796,173

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report of CalPERS which can be located at <a href="https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/forms-publications">https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/forms-publications</a>.

#### NOTE 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. It is the District's policy to transfer the risks that may arise from these and other events through the purchase of commercial insurance. Over the past three years, no loss settlements have exceeded insurance coverage amounts.

#### NOTE 10 JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

On March 29, 1973, the District, the City of Oroville, and the Thermalito Water and Sewer District entered into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement that reorganized its governing board and created an independent Agency known as the Sewerage Commission - Oroville Region (SC-OR). SC-OR was created to operate a sewerage treatment plant for the mutual advantage of the member entities. The District presently reports \$41,982 (its original contribution to SC-OR) as an investment. The Fair Market Value is not materially different from cost.

Two members (only one with voting powers) of SC-OR's Board of Commissioners are appointed by each member entity. SC-OR's operating and capital budgets are funded by user charges for sewage

treatment services provided to the residents of each member entity. Each member entity is responsible for billing, collecting, and remitting SC-OR's user charges applicable to their separate residents. The District held \$330,529 in unremitted SC-OR service charges at June 30, 2022.

SC-OR's separate financial statements may be obtained by contacting its administrative offices at:

P.O. Box 1350 Oroville, CA 95965

Noted below is the summarized financial information of SC-OR as of June 30, 2021 which is the latest report available at the time these financial statements were prepared:

	June 30, 2021			
Total Assets	\$	3 2,708,976		
Deferred Outflows		512,322		
Total Liabilities		(2,579,198)		
Deferred Inflows		(65,860)		
Net position	\$	24,886,290		
Total Revenues	\$	5,786,946		
Total expenses		(2,783,765)		
Change in Net Position	\$	3,003,181		

#### NOTE 11 RESTRICTED NET POSITION

The District has restricted a portion of its net position to segregate funds restricted for use by external sources as follows:

	2022
Restricted for capacity capital outlay	1,366,340
Restricted for rural development loan surcharge	163,351
Total restricted Net Position	\$ 1,529,691

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## SCHEDULE OF THE LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MISCELLANEOUS PLAN)

	Ju	me 30, 2015	Ju	me 30, 2016	Jı	une 30, 2017	Ju	ne 30, 2018	Jui	ne 30, 2019	Jur	ie 30, 2020
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)		0.015690%		0.020923%		0.020923%		0.020130%		0.037684%		0.037060%
Districts Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$	976,118	\$	1,003,745	\$	5 1,158,278	\$	1,272,892	\$	1,420,199	\$	1,484,215
District's Covered-Employee Payroll District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension	\$	505,421	\$	475,618	\$	553,431	\$	579,643	\$	574,942	\$	580,970
Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll		193.13%		211.04%		209.29%		219.60%		247.02%		255.47%
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Fiduciary												
Net Position as a Percentage of the Plan's total Net Pension Liability		81.15%		62.66%		59.79%		71.76%		77.69%		67.91%
	Ju	ne 30, 2021	Ju	ne 30,2022								
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)		0.01365%	-	0.06360%								
Districts Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$	1,537,423	\$	1,207,586								
District's Covered-Employee Payroll District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension	\$	555,130	\$	391,853								
Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll Plan's Proportionate Share of the Fiduciary		276.95%		308.17%								
Net Position as a Percentage of the Plan's total Net Pension Liability		59.41%		57.40%								

Notes to Schedule: Only eight years are presented because 10-year data is not yet available.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS (MISCELLANEOUS PLAN)

	FY 2015	FY 2016	Ā	FY 2017	F	FY 2018	Ţ	FY 2019	Ţ.	FY 2020	لبخا	FY 2021	FY	FY 2022
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 128,957	\$ 137,556	S	130,420	8	\$ 145,114	8	150,275	8	175,489	8	\$ 185,178	↔	193,343
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	(128,957)	(130,422)		(138,431)		(145,114)		(150,275)		(175,489)		(185,178)		193,343)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)		\$ 7,134	S	(8,011)	S		S	1	S					1
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 505,421	\$ 475,618	↔	553,431	8	579,643	8	574,942	↔	580,970	↔	555,130	<b>↔</b>	391,853
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	25.51%	27.42%		27.57%		25.04%		26.14%		30.21%		33.36%		49.34%
Valuation date	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	9	6/30/2016	9	6/30/2017	9	6/30/2018	Ŭ	6/30/2019	9	6/30/2020	/9	6/30/2021

Notes to Schedule: Only eight years are presented because 10-year data is not yet available.

#### OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

		Budget		Actual	1	Variance Favorable nfavorable)
Operating Revenues:	***************************************					
Sewer service charges	\$	1,592,439	\$	1,594,319	\$	1,880
Pumping charges		127,322		127,447	*	125
Connection fees				25,356		25,356
Special Assessment - Kelly Ridge	•	45,000	-	42,011		(2,989)
Total Operating Revenue		1,764,761		1,789,133		24,372
Operating Expenses:						
Salararies and wages		664,837		503,295		161,542
Employee benefits		516,872		1,103,720		(586,848)
Professional services		205,400		224,988		(19,588)
Utilities		99,216		73,967		25,249
Services and supplies		104,700		105,491		(791)
Training, memberships, and fees		72,300		30,324		41,976
Operations and maintenance		121,615		124,847		(3,232)
Fuel, oil, grease and auto		65,500		22,153		43,347
Depreciation (non-cash budgeted item)		564,000	-	522,711		41,289
Total Operating Expenses		2,414,440		2,711,496		(297,056)
Net Operating Income		(649,679)		(922,363)		(272,684)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):						
Taxes		295,600		200.000		05.200
Interest income and late fees		6,377		380,880 74,151		85,280
Capacity charges		0,377		26,560		67,774
Rural Development loan surcharges		362,149		362,326		26,560
Miscellaneous		302,149		38,125		177
Bond Interest Expense		(101,533)				38,125
Total Non Operating Revenues (Expenses)		562,593		(101,533) 780,509	***	217,916
Other Budgeted Items:						
Capitalized costs		(802 825)		(426, 909)		276 027
Bond principal payments		(802,835)		(426,808)		376,027
Total Other Budgeted Items	-	(62,000)		(62,000)		2006 200
Total Other Budgeted Items		(864,835)		(488,808)		376,027
Net Income (Loss) - Budget Basis	\$	(951,921)	\$	(630,662)	\$	321,259

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

Board of Directors Lake Oroville Area Public Utilities District Oroville, California

Members of the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Controller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the district's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 26, 2022.

#### **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) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be material weaknesses. See Finding 2022-001.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### District's Response to Findings

The District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Purpose of the Report

This 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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

SingletonAuman, PC Susanville, California October 26, 2022

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

## LAKE OROVILLE ARE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT COMBINED SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS JUNE 30, 2022

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The District provides sewer services to residential and commercial customers within the boundaries of the District.

The quality of the District's internal controls is dependent upon oversight by the Board Members. Also, due to the limited number of employees of the District, there is an inability to ideally segregate the custody of and accountability for District assets in the manner generally required for model systems of internal accounting controls. A summary of the auditors' results follows:

- 1. Type of Auditors' Report on Financial Statements: Unmodified.
- 2. Internal Control Findings: 1 Material Weakness.
- 3. Material Noncompliance Noted: None.

## LAKE OROVILLE ARE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT COMBINED SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS JUNE 30, 2021

#### YELLOW BOOK SECTION Material Weakness

#### Finding 2022-001 Financial Reporting

#### Criteria Upon Which Audit Finding is Based (Legal Citation)

AU-C Section 265: Communicating Internal Control Matters Identified in an Audit

#### Finding (Condition)

Similar to many other small special districts, the District does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure that complete and accurate financial statements and footnote disclosures are prepared in accordance with GAAP prior to the annual audit. Management relies upon the auditor to recommend footnote disclosures for the financial statements and to prepare adjusting journal entries for approval in order to report financial information in accordance with GAAP.

### Amount of Questioned Cost, How Computed and Prevalence

None.

#### Effect

There is a risk that a material financial statement misstatement may exist and not be prevented or detected by the District's system of internal control.

#### Cause

This condition has always existed at the District, and is being reported in accordance with AU-C Section 265.

#### Recommendation

We recommend that the District should consider the cost benefit of hiring an accountant familiar with GAAP or hiring an independent CPA firm to compile financial statements in conformity with GAAP.

#### **District's Response**

The District has determined that the costs of correcting this control weakness outweigh the benefits to be received. The District will continue to rely on the independent auditor to prepare its annual financial statements.

#### LAKE OROVILLE ARE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2022

#### **Finding 2021-001**

Similar to many other small special districts, the District does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure that complete and accurate financial statements, MD&A and footnote disclosures are prepared in accordance with GAAP prior to the annual audit. Management relies upon the auditor to recommend footnote disclosures for the financial statements and to prepare adjusting journal entries for approval in order to report financial information in accordance with GAAP.

#### Status

Not Implemented – See current year finding 2022-001.

#### LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN JUNE 30, 2022

**Person Monitoring Corrective Action Plan**David Goyer, General Manager

#### Finding 2022-001 Financial Reporting

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#### Corrective Action Planned

The District has determined that the costs of correcting this control weakness outweigh the benefits to be received. The District will continue to rely on the independent auditor to prepare its annual financial statements.

Expected Completion Date Ongoing.