

**SIERRA LAKES  
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
for the year ended June 30, 2020**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Sierra Lakes County Water District  
Soda Springs, California

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sierra Lakes County Water District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

**Auditor's Responsibility**

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sierra Lakes County Water District as of June 30, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as the accounting systems prescribed by the State Controller's Office and State Regulations governing Special Districts.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, and other required supplementary information 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. Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information. We have applied certain limited procedures to the other required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

The supplemental information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of Sierra Lakes County Water District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 20, 2020 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 effectiveness of the District's 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.

*Robert W. Johnson, An Accountancy Corporation*

Citrus Heights, California

September 20, 2020

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS

Current assets:		
Cash (Note 3)		\$ 3,406,273
Accounts receivable, billings		92,975
Interest receivable		2,510
Loan receivable (Note 12)		65,575
Prepaid expenses		<u>4,170</u>
Total current assets		3,571,503
Capital assets, at cost (Note 4):		
Water plant	\$ 7,327,232	
Sewer plant	<u>4,540,015</u>	
	11,867,247	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,015,683)</u>	
	4,851,564	
Construction in progress	22,444	
Land	<u>157,035</u>	
		5,031,043
Net pension asset (Note 7)		8,792
Restricted assets (Note 3):		
Cash with fiscal agent	208,359	
Cash in OPEB account	<u>687,888</u>	
		896,247
Deferred outflows (Notes 7 and 8)		
Pension related amounts	74,875	
OPEB related amounts	<u>47,232</u>	
		<u>122,107</u>
		<u>\$ 9,629,692</u>

See notes to financial statements

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION

Current liabilities:

Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	\$ 223,950
Accounts payable and accrued charges	59,179
Prepaid water/sewer service fees	247,341
Accrued interest	29,316
Compensated absences	<u>4,484</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>564,270</u>

Non-current liabilities:

Notes payable, net of current portion (Note 5)	4,548,302
Total OPEB liability (Note 8)	<u>1,173,701</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>5,722,003</u>
Total liabilities	<u>6,286,273</u>

Deferred inflows related to pension (Note 7)	<u>96,510</u>
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Net position:

Net investment in capital assets	\$ 4,677,610	
Restricted (Note 6)	208,359	
Unrestricted	<u>(1,639,060)</u>	
		<u>3,246,909</u>
		<u>\$9,629,692</u>

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating revenues:			
Water sales	\$ 857,384	\$ -	\$ 857,384
Sewer service	-	1,189,169	1,189,169
Connection fees	3,650	15,600	19,250
Penalties and costs	3,791	3,791	7,582
Other	<u>5,898</u>	<u>5,898</u>	<u>11,796</u>
Total revenues	<u>870,723</u>	<u>1,214,458</u>	<u>2,085,181</u>
Operating expenses:			
Pumping	43,987	-	43,987
Treatment	303,394	-	303,394
Transmission and distribution	429,013	-	429,013
Administrative and general	145,292	145,292	290,584
Depreciation	128,940	94,525	223,465
Collection	-	531,057	531,057
Disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>20,038</u>	<u>20,038</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,050,626</u>	<u>790,912</u>	<u>1,841,538</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>( 179,903)</u>	<u>423,546</u>	<u>243,643</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses):			
Property taxes	230,452	230,452	460,904
Interest income	34,858	34,859	69,717
Interest expense	<u>( 10,267)</u>	<u>( 123,505)</u>	<u>( 133,772)</u>
	<u>255,043</u>	<u>141,806</u>	<u>396,849</u>
Income before contributions (carried forward)	75,140	565,352	640,492

See notes to financial statements



SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION, continued  
 for the year ended June 30, 2020

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income before contributions (brought forward)	\$ 75,140	\$ 565,352	\$ 640,492
Capital contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Changes in net position	<u>\$ 75,140</u>	<u>\$ 565,352</u>	640,492
Total net position:			
Beginning of year			<u>2,606,417</u>
End of year			<u>\$3,246,909</u>

See notes to financial statements

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers		\$ 2,011,624
Payments to suppliers		(1,024,005)
Payments to employees		<u>( 315,492)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		672,127
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Receipts from property taxes and other operating income		460,904
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Property additions, including work in progress	\$( 373,324)	
Payment of long-term debt	( 218,092)	
Interest expense	<u>( 133,772)</u>	
		( 725,188)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest income		<u>69,717</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		477,560
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of year		<u>3,824,960</u>
End of year		<u>\$ 4,302,520</u>
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents to statement of net position:		
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 3,406,273
Restricted - cash and cash equivalents		<u>896,247</u>
		<u>\$ 4,302,520</u>

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SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)		\$ 243,643
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided to operating activities:		
Depreciation	\$ 223,465	
Changes in operating assets, liabilities, deferred inflows and deferred outflows:		
Receivables	59,378	
Prepays	3,290	
Payables	( 5,635)	
Prepaid water and sewer service fees	18,762	
Compensated absences	876	
Net pension asset	9,123	
Total OPEB liability	88,074	
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	( 4,166)	
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	8,130	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	<u>27,187</u>	
		<u>428,484</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		\$ <u>672,127</u>
Supplemental information:		
Cash paid for interest		\$ <u>135,772</u>

See notes to financial statements

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

1. Organization:

Sierra Lakes County Water District (the “District”) was formed in 1961 and provides water service/distribution and sewer collection to residents of the District. The District’s financial and administrative functions are governed by a five member Board of Directors elected by the landowners and residents of the District. The District’s mission statement is to provide quality water treatment/distribution and sewer collection services at the lowest possible cost.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The basic financial statements of Sierra Lakes County Water District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District’s accounting policies are described below.

Basis of Presentation

The District is an enterprise fund. All operations are accounted for as an enterprise fund.

Enterprise Fund – The enterprise fund is used to account for water and sewer operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The intent of the District is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The financial transactions of Sierra Lakes County Water District Assessment District No. 2011-1 (Assessment District No. 2011-1) are included in this report as supplemental information since this Assessment District is a separate legal entity from Sierra Lakes County Water District.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

Basis of Accounting, continued

The District's books and accounts are based upon the Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Fiscal Affairs of the State of California. The records are maintained and the accompanying financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Operating revenues and expenses, such as water sales along with water expenses, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the District. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Management, administration and depreciation expenses are also considered operating expenses. Other revenues and expenses not included in the above categories are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses. Non-operating revenues and expenses, such as grant funding, investment income and interest expense, result from non-exchange transactions, in which, the District gives (receives) value without directly receiving (giving) value in exchange.

Property tax revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers property tax revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment is recorded on the basis of purchase cost. Assets acquired by contributions are recorded at estimated cost or fair market value at the date of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents, including restricted assets. Cash in banks, deposits in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), Placer County Treasurer's Pooled Investment and deposits with fiscal agents are considered to be cash and cash equivalents.

Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation and comp. time (non-exempt employees) that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expense and as a current liability. Sick pay is not vested.

Sewage Processing-Accounting

Contract costs of the service agreement with Donner Summit Public Utility District for processing sewage generated by the District are expensed as incurred; also expensed are the improvement project costs for the wastewater treatment plant. Regular processing costs including prior year adjustments received are recorded as operating expenses; capital processing costs are recorded as non-operating expense.

Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Board of Directors annually adopts an operating budget. The operating budgets are prepared on the accrual basis.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of 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 reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

Investments

Investments consist of LAIF (State of California pooled investment fund) and Placer County Treasurer's Investment Pool. Investments are stated at fair value. Such investments are within the State statutes and the District's investment policy.

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) plans (Plans) and additions to/deductions from the Plans' 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.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

A deferred outflow of resources represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that future time.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

A deferred inflow of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
 for the year ended June 30, 2020

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

Net Position

Net position is classified in the following categories:

Net Investment in capital assets – groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these assets reduce this category.

Restricted – presents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – represents the net position of the District, which are not restricted or invested in capital assets net of related debt.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2020 consisted of the following:

Cash on hand	\$ — 50
Deposits with financial institutions	419,089
Held by fiscal agent:	
Money Market checking	<u>208,359</u>
Total cash	<u>627,498</u>
Investments in Local Agency	
Investment Fund (LAIF) –	
OPEB funds	\$ 687,888
Placer County Treasurer’s	
Pooled Investment	<u>2,987,134</u>
Total investments	<u>3,675,022</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$4,302,520</u>



SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
 for the year ended June 30, 2020

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents, continued:

Cash and cash equivalents are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Cash and investments	\$3,406,273
Restricted cash and investments	<u>896,247</u>
	<u>\$4,302,520</u>

At June 30, 2020, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$627,448 and the balance in financial institutions was \$616,767. Of the balance in the financial institutions, \$458,359 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$158,408 was collateralized as required by State Law (Government Code Section 53630), by the pledging financial institution with assets held in a common pool for the District and other agencies, but not in the name of the District.

Investments:

California statutes authorize the District to invest in a variety of credit instruments as provided for in the California Government Code Section 53600, Chapter 4 – Financial Affairs. The Government Code allows investments in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities, commercial paper rated A-1 by Standard & Poor's or P-1 by Moody's Commercial Paper Record, bankers' acceptances, repurchase agreements, medium-term corporate notes, mutual funds and the State Treasurer's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). The investments at June 30, 2020 consist of:

	Carrying Amount	Maturity - 12 Months or Less
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	\$ 687,888	\$ 687,888
Placer County Treasurer's Pooled Investment	<u>2,987,134</u>	<u>2,987,134</u>
	<u>\$3,675,022</u>	<u>\$3,675,022</u>

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents, continued:

Pursuant to Government Accounting Standards Board Statement 3, the investment in LAIF and Placer County Treasury are not classified in categories of credit risk. The District's funds in LAIF and Placer County Treasurer's Pooled Investment are invested in a diversified portfolio (of underlying investments e.g. U.S. Treasury obligations) such that it considers the risk of material loss to be minimal. The funds held in LAIF and Placer County Treasurer's Pooled Investment can be withdrawn on demand. The District reports its investments in LAIF and Placer County Treasurer's investment pool at fair value.

Restricted Cash:

The District had \$208,359 in cash as of June 30, 2020, held by a fiscal agent pledged for the payment or security of a loan contract. The California Government Code provides that these monies, in the absence of specific statutory provisions governing the issuance of bonds, certificates, or leases, may be invested in accordance with the ordinance, resolutions, policies or indentures specifying the types of investments its fiscal agents may make.

The District had \$687,888 in cash at June 30, 2020 established for OPEB (Post Employment Benefits) funding. The funds are held in LAIF.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

4. Capital Assets:

At June 30, 2020 changes in capital assets are as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>6-30-19</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals/ Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6-30-20</u>
Water:				
Source of supply	\$ 49,687	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,687
Pumping plant	142,950	5,919	-	148,869
Water treatment	683,796	-	-	683,796
Transmission and distribution	4,241,589	336,647	-	4,578,236
General plant	241,304	4,369	-	245,673
FMHA project	904,122	-	-	904,122
DWR project	628,830	-	-	628,830
Filter plant modification	<u>88,019</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,019</u>
	<u>6,980,297</u>	<u>346,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,327,232</u>
Sewer:				
Camera	10,427	-	-	10,427
Vehicles	292,127	-	-	292,127
Collection system	1,152,367	4,369	-	1,156,736
Filter plant modification	88,019	-	-	88,019
SWRQCB – sewer project	1,772,116	-	-	1,772,116
Waste disposal utility plant	796,300	-	-	796,300
Parallel sewer force main	217,842	-	-	217,842
Sewage export project	<u>206,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>206,448</u>
	<u>4,535,646</u>	<u>4,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,540,015</u>
Construction in progress	424	22,020	-	22,444
Land	<u>157,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,035</u>
Totals	<u>\$11,673,402</u>	<u>\$ 373,324</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$12,046,726</u>

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

5. Long-term Debt:

The following is a summary of the long-term debt activities for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	<u>2019</u>	New Debt <u>Issued</u>	Debt <u>Retired</u>	<u>2020</u>	Current <u>Portion</u>
DHS loan	\$ 426,724	\$ -	\$ 73,291	\$ 353,433	\$ 75,144
USDA/Revenue Bond	4,555,000	-	144,600	4,410,400	148,600
Bond Fund	<u>8,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>8,419</u>	<u>206</u>
	<u>\$ 4,990,344</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 218,092</u>	<u>\$4,772,252</u>	<u>\$ 223,950</u>

DHS Loan

The District entered into a Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan with the State of California, Department of Health Services for \$1,307,195 at 2.5132% interest. The purpose of the loan is to assist in financing construction of a project to enable the District to meet safe drinking water standards.

The \$1,307,195 loan will be payable in semi-annual payments of \$41,779 commencing January 1, 2005 through January 1, 2025.

At June 30, 2020 the District maintained a required loan reserve of \$208,359.

Major transactions in 2019-20 consisted of 4 quarterly deposits of \$25,000 each and total disbursements of \$83,558 for debt service.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
 for the year ended June 30, 2020

5. Long-term Debt (continued):

USDA/Revenue Bond

On March 28, 2014 the District issued revenue bonds in the amount of \$5,222,000 for purposes of improving the sewer facility. The bonds bear interest at 2.75% and mature on March 28, 2042. Interest is payable March 28 and September 28 (principal is payable annually commencing March 28, 2015). No debt service reserve is required for the revenue bond.

Bond Fund

The District purchased a vacant lot which carried a liability to the Assessment District of \$9,384. This liability is payable through 2053 in annual payments of \$444 through 2024 and \$403 through 2053 respectively, including 2.75% interest.

The future annual maturities of all long-term borrowings as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 223,950	\$ 129,937	\$ 353,887
2022	229,955	123,946	353,901
2023	236,108	117,794	353,902
2024	242,411	111,476	353,887
2025	207,045	104,989	312,034
2026-2030	899,897	451,413	1,351,310
2031-2035	1,030,541	320,685	1,351,226
2036-2040	1,180,306	170,975	1,351,281
2041-2045	519,596	21,985	541,581
2046-2050	1,713	302	2,015
2051-2053	<u>730</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>793</u>
	<u>\$4,772,252</u>	<u>\$1,553,565</u>	<u>\$6,325,817</u>

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

6. Restricted Net Position:

At June 30, 2020 District equity reserves consist of:

Reserve for debt service	\$ <u>208,359</u>
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At June 30, 2020 the District had no accumulated restricted improvement reserves since approximately \$2,000,000 was due the operating fund from future collection of facility fees.

7. Defined Benefit Retirement Plan:

Plan Description

The District contributes to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The District participates in the miscellaneous 2% at 60 risk pool. CalPERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. CalPERS acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating public employers within the State of California. CalPERS require agencies with less than 100 active members in the plan to participate in the risk pool. All District permanent employees are eligible to participate in the System. Benefits vest after five years of service. District employees who retire at age 50 to 63 and with over 5 years of credited service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1.426 to 2.418 percent of their average salary during their last 36 months of employment. A menu of benefits provision as well as other requirements is established by State Statutes within the Public Employees Retirement Law. The plan selects optional benefit provisions from the benefit menu by contract with CalPERS and adopts those benefits through District resolution. CalPERS issues a separate comprehensive annual financial report. Copies of the CalPERS' annual financial report may be obtained from the CalPERS Executive Office, 400 P Street, Sacramento, California, 95814.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
 for the year ended June 30, 2020

7. Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, continued:

Funding Policy

Covered employees are required by statute to contribute 7.0 percent of their salary to the plan after a formula to coordinate with Social Security. The District is required by the same statute to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to pay benefits when due. The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate.

The Plans' provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2020, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Classic</u>	<u>PEPRA</u>
Benefit formula	2% at 60	2% at 62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years of service	5 years of service
Benefit payments	monthly for life	monthly for life
Retirement age	55+	55+
Required employee contribution rates	7%	6.75%
Required employer contribution rates	8.081%	6.985%

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued

for the year ended June 30, 2020

7. Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, continued:

**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 both Plans 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, 2020, the District's contributions to the Plan were as follows:

Contributions	\$ <u>18,399</u>
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A. ***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:***

As of June 30, 2020, the District reported net pension liability as follows:

Net pension asset	\$ <u>8,792</u>
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The District's net pension liability for each Plan is measured as the proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability of each of the Plans is measured as of June 30, 2019, 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, 2018 rolled forward to June 30, 2019 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 plans 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, 2019 was as follows:

	<u>Miscellaneous Plan</u>
Proportion June 30, 2018	-0.0001900%
Proportion June 30, 2019	<u>-0.00009 %</u>
Change – Increase/(Decrease)	<u>-0.00010 %</u>



SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

7. Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, continued:

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$51,198. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Adjustments due to differences in proportions	\$ 12,490	\$ 88,403
Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	8,107
Difference between expected and actual experience	29,712	-
Changes in assumptions	14,274	-
Pension contributions subsequent to measurement date	<u>18,399</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 74,875</u>	<u>\$ 96,510</u>

\$18,399 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	
2021	\$( 6,030)
2022	( 27,763)
2023	( 7,880)
2024	1,638
2025	-
Thereafter	-

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
 for the year ended June 30, 2020

7. Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, continued:

*Actuarial Assumptions* – The total pension liabilities in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Valuation date	June 30, 2018
Measurement date	June 30, 2019
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry-Age Normal Cost Method
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount rate	7.15%
Inflation	2.75%
Payroll Growth	3.0%
Projected Salary Increase	3.3%-14.2%
Investment Rate of Return	7.15%

***Discount Rate*** – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.15% for each Plan. To determine whether the municipal bond rate should be used 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 percent 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 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.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

7. Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, continued:

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 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</u>	<u>New Strategic Allocation</u>	<u>Real Return Years 1-10(a)</u>	<u>Real Return Years 11+(b)</u>
Global Equity	47.0%	5.25%	5.71%
Global Fixed Income	19.0%	0.99%	2.43%
Inflation Sensitive	6.0%	0.45%	3.36%
Private Equity	12.0%	6.83%	6.95%
Real Estate	11.0%	4.50%	5.13%
Infrastructure and Forestland	3.0%	4.50%	5.09%
Liquidity	<u>2.0%</u>	-0.55%	-1.05%
Total	<u>100%</u>		

(a) An expected inflation of 2.5% used for this period.

(b) An expected inflation of 3.0% used for this period.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
 for the year ended June 30, 2020

7. Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, continued:

***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 each Plan, calculated using the discount rate for each 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	6.15%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$( 14,103)
Current Discount Rate	7.15%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$( 8,792)
1% Increase	8.15%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$( 4,408)

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

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

8. Other Postemployment Benefits “OPEB”:

**Plan Description**

In addition to pension benefits, the District provides certain healthcare benefits through CalPERS for retired employees and their survivor dependents, subject to certain conditions. The District’s employees become eligible for benefits “after retirement in accordance with regulations prescribed by CalPERS.” At June 30, 2019, seven retired employees/survivor dependents met those eligibility requirements. Covered employees are not required to make contributions to receive the benefits.

**Total OPEB Liability**

The District’s net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019.

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Discount rate	3.87%
Inflation	2.75%
Payroll Increase	3.25%
Healthcare Trend	7% in 2019 grading

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.87%. The discount rate is based on an index of 20 year General Obligation municipal bonds.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
 for the year ended June 30, 2020

8. Other Postemployment Benefits "OPEB", continued:

**Change in Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2019**

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u>	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Rollback balance at June 30, 2018	\$1,085,627	\$ -	\$1,085,627
Changes recognized for the measurement period:			
Service cost	45,410	-	45,410
Interest on total OPEB liability	42,700	-	42,700
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	-	-
Changes of assumptions	55,326	-	55,326
Benefit payments	( 55,362)	-	( 55,362)
Net changes during July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	<u>88,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,074</u>
Balance at June 30, 2019 (Measurement Date)	<u>\$1,173,701</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$1,173,701</u>

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability with a discount rate 1% higher and 1% lower than assumed in the valuation:

	<u>Discount Rate 1% Lower</u>	<u>Valuation Discount Rate 3.51%</u>	<u>Discount Rate 1% Higher</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$1,351,401</u>	<u>\$1,173,701</u>	<u>\$1,029,652</u>

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued  
 for the year ended June 30, 2020

8. Other Postemployment Benefits "OPEB", continued:

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB liability to changes in healthcare cost trend rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability with a healthcare cost trend rate 1% higher and 1% lower than assumed in the valuation:

	Trend 1% Lower	Valuation Trend 7%	Trend 1% Higher
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$1,025,896</u>	<u>\$1,173,701</u>	<u>\$1,369,030</u>

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 the District recognized OPEB expense of \$143,436. Under GASB 74 and 75, OPEB expense includes service cost, interest cost, change in total OPEB liability due to plan changes; all adjusted for deferred inflows and outflows. The District determined that it was not reasonable to rerun prior valuations under GASB 75. The transition approach provided by GASB 75, Paragraph 244 was used. Therefore, there are no deferred inflows/outflows in the first year (with the possible exception of contributions after the measurement date). As such, \$47,232 in contributions made after the measurement date are reflected as deferred outflows at June 30, 2020.

**Funding Policy**

The District has no plan assets in a CERBT trust fund. The District did, however, establish a cash reserve fund (requiring board action and two board signatures to access funds). The 2019-20 annual OPEB contribution of \$54,000 was made in July 2020. At June 30, 2020 cash held in OPEB bank account (LAIF) was \$687,888.

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued

for the year ended June 30, 2020

9. Risk of Loss:

Sierra Lakes County Water District is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and injuries to employees. During the 2020 fiscal year, the District purchased certain commercial insurance coverages to provide for these risks.

10. Capital Improvement Reserves:

The District currently has 210 vacant lots resulting in potential connection permit fees, as follows:

Sewer connection fees 210 x \$7,800	\$1,638,000
Water connection fees 210 x 1,825	<u>383,250</u>
	<u>\$2,021,250</u>

These fees were established to refund the District's General Fund for expenditures already made during infrastructure construction that included hook ups to the District's water distribution and wastewater export systems. Given that the expenditures were paid by the General Fund, during the infrastructure construction, a reserve would not be appropriate.

11. Subsequent Events:

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 20, 2020, the date these June 30, 2020 financial statements were available to be issued.

12. Receivable – Project Reimbursement:

At June 30, 2020 the District has a receivable from DSPUD for reimbursement of project costs (excess capacity credit). The \$65,575 is receivable in annual principal payments of \$65,575 plus 2.75% interest through 2021.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE TOTAL  
 PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

As of June 30, 2020  
 Last 10 years (1)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability	-0.00009%	-0.00019%	.013117%	.01301%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$( 8,792)	\$( 17,915)	\$ 517,076 (2)	\$ 452,044
Covered – employee payroll	\$ 249,154	\$ 211,176	\$ 214,138	\$ 204,488
Proportionate Share of the net pension liability as percentage of covered-employee payroll	-3.529%	-8.483%	241.47%	221.06%
Plan's fiduciary net position	\$2,091,361	\$2,043,164	\$1,529,839	\$1,475,762
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	100.42%	100.88%	74.74%	76.55%

Changes in assumptions: None

(1) Fiscal year 2015 was the 1<sup>st</sup> year of implementation, therefore only six years are shown.

(2) In August 2017 the District paid \$487,963 to CalPERS to reduce unfunded net pension liability for both classic and PEPRA plans.

<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
0.01255%	0.00625%
\$ 344,382	\$ 388,716
\$ 209,197	\$ 199,147
164.620%	195.19%
\$1,535,687	\$1,476,608
81.68%	79.16%

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PENSIONS  
As of June 30, 2020  
Last 10 years (1)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	\$ 18,399	\$ 16,436	\$ 15,002	\$ 40,812
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	<u>18,399</u>	<u>16,436</u>	<u>15,002</u>	<u>40,812</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Covered – employee payroll	\$ 249,154	\$ 211,176	\$ 214,138	\$204,488
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	7.38%	7.78%	7.01%	19.96%
Notes to Schedule:				
Valuation date:	6/30/19	6/30/18	6/30/17	6/30/16

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Amortization method	Entry Age Normal Cost Method
Remaining amortization period	15 years
Asset valuation method	Market Value
Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	Varies by Entry Age and Service
Discount rate	7.15% Net of Pension Plan Investment and Admin. Expenses

(1) Fiscal year 2015 was the 1<sup>st</sup> year of implementation, therefore only six years are shown.

<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
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\$ 43,307	\$ 26,862
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<u>53,204</u>	<u>26,862</u>
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\$( <u>9,897</u> )	\$ <u>-</u>
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\$ 209,197	\$199,147
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25.43%	13.49%
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6/30/15	6/30/14
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SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS  
As of June 30, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB liability:			
Service cost	\$ 45,410	\$ 24,702	\$ 24,041
Interest on total OPEB liability	42,700	25,539	24,494
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	214,739	-
Changes of assumptions	55,326	141,212	-
Benefit payments	<u>( 55,362)</u>	<u>( 38,682)</u>	<u>( 37,096)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	88,074	367,510	11,439
Total OPEB liability, beginning	<u>1,085,627</u>	<u>718,117</u>	<u>706,678</u>
Total OPEB liability, ending	1,173,701	1,085,627	718,117
OPEB Fiduciary net position, beginning and ending	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$1,173,701</u>	<u>\$1,085,627</u>	<u>\$ 718,117</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 274,331	\$ 252,812	\$ 214,138
Plan total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	427.84%	429.42%	335.35%

Notes to Schedule:

Changes in assumptions: none

Historical information is required only for measurement periods for which GASB 75 is applicable. Future years' information will be displayed up to 10 years as information becomes available.

## SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

Board of Directors:

Michael Lindquist	President
Richard Simpson	Vice President
Robert McCormick	Director
Karen Heald	Director
Dan Stockton	Director

Management:

Paul Schultz	General Manager
Anna Nickerson	Financial Consultant/ Secretary of the Board



ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2011-1  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – BOND FUND  
June 30, 2020

ASSETS

Cash – checking	\$ 563,941
Future assessments receivable	<u>6,943,281</u>
	<u>\$7,507,222</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Assessment bond payable	\$7,296,551
Net Position	<u>210,671</u>
	<u>\$7,507,222</u>

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2011-1  
 BOND DEBT  
 for the year ended June 30, 2020

On October 14, 2011 the Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2011-801 which established Assessment District No. 2011-1, pursuant to the Municipal Improvement Act of 1913. The Board's purpose was to finance a portion of the District's share of the cost of upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant that serves the District by issuance of improvement bonds.

On January 14, 2012 the property owners of the District approved a total assessment levy of \$9,574,174 that will be represented by bonds to be issued by the Assessment District.

On July 17, 2014 the Assessment District issued \$7,973,975 in bonds under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915.

The bonds are payable to the United States of America, through the Rural Utilities Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development in varying annual amounts through 2053. Assessments have been pledged to secure the issuance of these bonds.

The interest rate is 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>%, payable on March 2, 2015 and thereafter semiannually on March 2 and September 2 in each year.

The following is a summary of bond debt activities for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	<u>2019</u>	New Debt <u>Issued</u>	Debt <u>Retired</u>	<u>2020</u>	Current <u>Portion</u>
Bonds	<u>\$7,424,456</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$127,905</u>	<u>\$7,296,551</u>	<u>\$ 128,000</u>

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2011-1  
ANALYSIS OF NET POSITION – BOND FUND  
for the year ended June 30, 2020

Net Position – Bond Fund:

Activities for the year consist of:

Balance, June 30, 2019		\$ 205,449
Add, Admin. fees	\$ 10,607	
Interest income	200,452	
Other	<u>373</u>	
		211,432
Deduct,		
Interest expense	202,458	
County administration fees	<u>3,752</u>	
		( <u>206,210</u> )
		\$ <u>210,671</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S  
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
AND COMPLIANCE



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**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  
Sierra Lakes County Water District  
Soda Springs, California

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 Comptroller General of the United States and the State Controller's Minimum Audit Requirements for California Special Districts, the financial statements of Sierra Lakes County Water District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2020.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Sierra Lakes County Water 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 opinion 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 preceding paragraph 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

We noted certain other minor matters that we reported to management of the Sierra Lakes County Water District in a separate letter dated September 20, 2020.

### **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.

*Robert W. Johnson, An Accountancy Corporation*

Citrus Heights, California  
September 20, 2020