# **Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District** Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 with Report of Certified Public Accountants

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Directors Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District Pine, Arizona

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, 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 opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from 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 opinions.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

#### 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 part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information 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 no provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 21, 2021 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.

Fundeda, PLLC

HintonBurdick, PLLC Gilbert, Arizona October 21, 2021



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A) (Required Supplementary Information)

As management of the Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District (District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's total net position increased \$840,270. This represents a 27.29 percent increase from the prior fiscal year ending net position due to an increase in revenue and taxes.
- Operating revenues for water fees accounted for \$2.39 million in revenue, an increase of 10.42 percent from the prior year.
- The District had approximately \$2.09 million in operating expenses, an increase of 14.49 percent from the prior fiscal year.
- The District had \$275,821 in non-operating expenses, an increase of \$15,190 due to additional draws of the WIFA Loan with the accompanying interest and finance charges.

# **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise two components: 1) proprietary financial statements, and 2) notes to the financial statements.

The statement of net position presents information on all the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The statement of cash flows outlines the cash inflows and outflows related to the operation of the District for the year ended June 30, 2021.

## **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As discussed more thoroughly in Note 1 to the financial statements, the operations of the District are accounted for in a single proprietary fund. As a result, only the financial statements required for a proprietary fund are presented.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the basic financial statements.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities by \$3,919,414 at the current fiscal year end. At the fiscal year end the District reported an increase in total net position. In addition, portions of the District's net position are restricted for debt service repayment and capital projects.

The following table presents a summary of the District's net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

	Balance as of June 30, 2020		Balance as of June 30, 2021	
Assets:				
Current assets	\$	2,931,480	\$	3,664,112
Capital assets, net		9,048,000		9,942,086
Total assets		11,979,480		13,606,198
Deferred outflows of resources		911,722		880,284
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources		12,891,202		14,486,482
Liabilities:				
Current liabilities		1,326,940		1,095,811
Long-term liabilities		8,485,118		9,471,257
Total liabilities		9,812,058		10,567,068
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets		(11,578)		(128,217)
Restricted		604,483		773,753
Unrestricted		2,486,239		3,273,878
Total net position	\$	3,079,144	\$	3,919,414

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

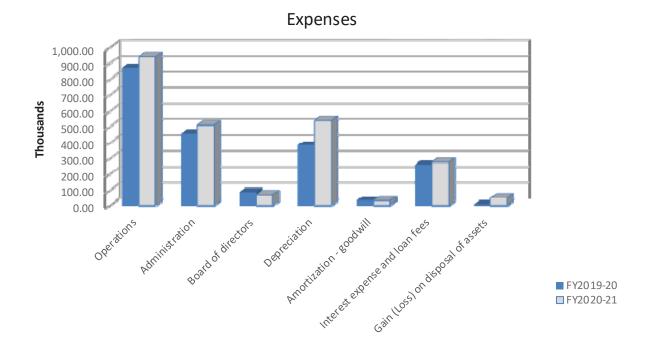
The District's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net result of activities, the acquisition of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets, and the depreciation of capital assets. The following is a significant current year transaction that had an impact on the Statement of Net Position.

• The increase of \$1,010,725 in long-term liabilities due to additional draw of the WIFA Loan.

**Changes in net position.** The District's total revenues for the current fiscal year were \$3.25 million. The total expenses were \$2.41 million. The following table presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020		l Year Ended le 30, 2021
Revenues:			
Operating revenues:			
Other local	\$	22,602	\$ 12,100
Grant revenue		-	-
Property taxes		801,370	843,828
Water Fee		2,165,264	2,390,887
Nonoperating revenues:			
Interest Income		3,382	2,127
Settlement and restitution proceeds		158,626	 5,173
Total revenues		3,151,244	 3,254,115
Expenses:			
Operating expenses:			0 <b>/ 0 -</b> 0 <b>/</b>
Operations		869,188	943,594
Administration		454,741	507,429
Board of directors		86,153	69,303
Depreciation		382,427	536,522
Amortization - goodwill		31,439	31,439
Nonoperating expenses:			
Interest expense and loan fees		260,631	275,821
Loss on disposal of assets		6,274	 49,737
Total expenses		2,090,853	 2,413,845
Change in net position		1,060,391	840,270
Net position, beginning		2,018,753	 3,079,144
Net position, ending	\$	3,079,144	\$ 3,919,414

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS



The following are significant current year transactions that had an impact on the change in net position.

- The increase of \$264,339 in operations expense due to normal fluctuations in the costs of operations.
- The increase of \$154,095 in depreciation expense due primarily to the Districts investment in capital assets.
- The increase of \$15,190 in interest expense and loan fees due to additional draw downs on the WIFA loan in the current fiscal year.

# CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

**Capital Assets**. At year end, the District had invested \$9.94 million in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, including wells, distribution piping, fire hydrants, vehicles, computers, and other equipment. This amount represents a net increase of \$1,302,319, prior to depreciation, from the prior fiscal year, primarily due to completion of water distribution lines and tanks. Total depreciation expense for the current fiscal year was \$536,522.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The following schedule presents a summary of capital asset balances for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

	<b>Balance</b> as of		<b>Balance</b> as of		
	June 30, 2020		June 30, 2021		
Capital assets - non-depreciable	\$	1,454,020	\$	502,374	
Capital assets - depreciable, net		7,593,980		9,439,712	
Total	\$	9,048,000	\$	9,942,086	

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 4.

**Debt Administration.** At year end, the District had \$10.07 million in long-term debt outstanding. This represents a net increase of \$1,010,725. This is due primarily to a WIFA loan draw of \$1.60 million and annual debt service of \$591,148.

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note 6.

# ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

Many factors were considered by the District's administration during the process of developing the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. Among them:

- Fiscal year 2021-22 budget balance carry forward (estimated \$824,290).
- WIFA Funding capital projects (estimated \$953,949).
- WIFA Design Loan (estimated \$2,500,000).

Also considered in the development of the budget is the local economy and inflation of the surrounding area.

# CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the resources it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Business and Finance Department, Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District, P.O. Box 134, Pine, AZ 85544-5241.

**Basic Financial Statements** 

## PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Statement of Net Position June 30, 2021

Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and investments	\$ 2,262,598
Restricted cash and investments	773,753
Property taxes receivable	15,868
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	224,567
Customer deposits	271,997
Prepaid items	19,585
Inventory	95,744
Total current assets	3,664,112
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, non-depreciable	502,374
Capital assets, depreciable (net)	9,439,712
Total noncurrent assets	9,942,086
Total assets	13,606,198
Deferred outflows of resources	
Goodwill - net of amortization	880,284
Total deferred outflows	880,284
Total assets and deferred outflows	\$ 14,486,482

## PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Statement of Net Position - Continued June 30, 2021

Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 93,070
Payroll liabilities	17,501
Deposits held for others	271,997
Interest payable	102,281
Current portion of compensated absences	2,979
Current portion of notes payable	607,983
Total current liabilities	 1,095,811
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Non-current portion of compensated absences	8,937
Non-current portion of long-term obligations	 9,462,320
Total noncurrent liabilities	 9,471,257
Total liabilities	 10,567,068
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	(128,217)
Restricted for:	
Debt service	603,396
Capital outlay	170,357
Unrestricted	3,273,878
Total net position	3,919,414
Total liabilities, deferred inflows,	
and net position	\$ 14,486,482

## PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Operating revenues		
Other local	\$	12,100
Property taxes		843,828
Water fees	1	2,390,887
Total operating revenues		3,246,815
Operating expenses		
Operations		943,594
Administration		507,429
Board of Directors		69,303
Depreciation & amortization		567,961
Total operating expenses		2,088,287
Operating income / (loss)		1,158,528
Non-operating income (expenses)		
Interest income		2,127
Restitution proceeds		5,173
Interest expense and loan fees		(275,821)
Gain / (loss) on disposal of assets		(49,737)
Total non-operating revenue (expenses)		(318,258)
Changes in net position		840,270
Total net position - beginning of year		3,079,144
Total net position - end of year	\$	3,919,414

## PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 2,443,143
Cash received from property taxes	843,543
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(1,077,370)
Cash paid to employees	 (710,547)
Cash flows from operating activities	 1,498,769
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Proceeds from long-term debt	1,601,873
Principal paid on long-term debt	(591,148)
Interest paid	(255,319)
Purchase of capital assets	(1,516,333)
Proceeds from the sale of capital assets	 6,549
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	 (754,378)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
Restitution proceeds	 5,173
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities	 5,173
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest proceeds	 2,127
Cash flows from investing activities	 2,127
Net change in cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash	751,691
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	
including restricted cash and customer deposits	 2,556,657
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	
including restricted cash and customer deposits	\$ 3,308,348

## PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Statement of Cash Flows - Continued For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash flows from operating activities:	
Operating income / (loss)	\$ 1,158,528
Adjustments to reconcile operating income / (loss)	
to cash flows from operating activities:	
Depreciation	536,522
Amortization	31,439
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	15,421
(Increase)/decrease in property taxes receivable	(285)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	4,259
(Increase)/decrease in prepaid expenses	(336)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	(262,880)
Increase/(decrease) in accrued liabilities	1,701
Increase/(decrease) in compensated absences	(10,335)
Increase/(decrease) in deposits held for others	 24,735
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$ 1,498,769

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Pine-Strawberry Water District (District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to government units. The operations of the District are presented in the accompanying financial statements as a single proprietary fund. 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.

#### **Reporting Entity**

Management of the District is independent of other state or local governments. The County Treasurer collects taxes for the District, but exercises no control over its expenditures/ expenses.

The Board of Directors consists of seven members elected by the public. Under existing statutes, the Board of Directors' duties and powers include, but are not limited to, the acquisition, maintenance and disposition of District property, charges for water and related services.

The Board also has broad financial responsibilities, including the approval of the annual budget, and the establishment of a system of accounting and budgetary controls.

The financial reporting entity consists of a primary government. A component unit is a legally separate entity that must be included in the reporting entity in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The District is a primary government because it is a special-purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. Furthermore, there are no component units combined with the District for financial statement presentation purposes, and the District is not included in any other governmental reporting entity. Consequently, the District's financial statements include only the funds of those organizational entities for which its elected Board of Directors is financially accountable. The District's major operations include construction and maintenance of District facilities, and charges for water and related services.

#### **Basis of presentation – fund financial statements**

The fund financial statements provide information about the government's funds. The District has only one fund which is the water fund. The water fund is a proprietary fund and all of the financial activities of the District are reported within this fund.

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

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

The District's financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied.

Operating revenues and expenses are distinguished from nonoperating 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. The principal operating revenues of the District are water fees and property taxes. Operating expenses include the cost of goods and services and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### **Budget Policy and Procedures**

The District adopts an annual budget. The budget is prepared on the cash basis of accounting. The District is not legally required to adopt or submit the budget to any state or other oversight agency before it has been adopted by the Board. The District posts its adopted budget to their website in order to make it easily accessible to the public. Budgetary information has been amended during the year.

#### **Cash and Investments**

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents at year end were cash in bank, and cash and investments held by the County Treasurer.

Arizona statute requires a pooled collateral program for public deposits and a Statewide Collateral Pool Administrator (Administrator) in the State Treasurer's Office. The purpose of the pooled collateral program is to ensure that governmental entities' public deposits placed in participating depositories are secured with collateral of 102 percent of the public deposits, less any applicable deposit insurance. An eligible depository may not retain or accept any public deposit unless it has deposited the required collateral with a qualified escrow agent or the Administrator. The Administrator manages the pooled collateral program, including reporting on each depository's compliance with the program.

#### **Accounts Receivable**

All receivables, including property taxes receivable, are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### **Interest Income**

Interest income is composed of interest income on property taxes and state accounting credits. Interest income is included in nonoperating revenues in the proprietary financial statements.

#### **Property Tax Calculator**

The County Treasurer is responsible for collecting property taxes for all governmental entities within the county. The county levies real and personal property taxes on or before the third Monday in August that become due and payable in two equal installments. The first installment is due on the first day of October and becomes delinquent after the first business day of November. The second installment is due on the first day of March of the next year and becomes delinquent after the first business day of April.

Pursuant to A.R.S., a lien against assessed real and personal property attaches on the first day of January preceding assessment and levy; however according to case law, an enforceable legal claim to the asset does not arise.

#### Inventories

All inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. Inventories are recorded as expenses when consumed.

#### **Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the proprietary financial statements.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include infrastructure; land and improvements; buildings and improvements; vehicles, furniture, and equipment; and construction in progress, are reported in the proprietary financial statements.

On September 30, 2009 the District acquired a water utility company. The District valued the assets using the Reconstructed Cost New Less Depreciation (RCNLD) method.

Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of more than two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the life of the asset are not capitalized.

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### Depreciation

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Infrastructure	5-50 years
Leasehold improvements	3-5 years
Buildings and improvements	3 - 15 years
Vehicles, furniture and equipment	5-10 years

#### **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position may report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this section, goodwill resulting from the 2009 water utility company purchase.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position may report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has no items that qualify for reporting in the category.

#### **Compensated Absences**

The District's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick leave benefits, which are eligible for payment upon separation from government service. The liability for such leave is reported as incurred in the financial statements.

#### **Long-Term Obligations**

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities on the statement of net position. Note premiums and discounts, are amortized over the life of the notes using the straight-line method. Deferred amounts on refunding result from the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### Net Position

Net position comprise the various net earnings from operating income, nonoperating revenues and expenses, and capital contributions. Net position are classified in the following three components.

*Net investment in capital assets*: This component of the net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of invested net position, net of related debt. Rather, that portion of the debt is included in the same net asset component of the unspent proceeds.

*Restricted:* This component of net position consists of constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted net position:* This component of net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

#### **Net Position Flow Assumption**

The District applies restricted resources first when outlays are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted amounts are available.

#### Note 2. Cash and Investments

#### Deposits

#### Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure the District's deposits may not be returned to the District. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At year end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits were \$3,285,452 and the bank balance was \$3,386,074. At year end, all of the District's deposits were covered by insurance or collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the District's name. Additionally, the District had \$2,340 cash on hand at year-end.

#### Note 2. Cash and Investments, Continued

#### Fair Value Measurements

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset.

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs

The County Treasurer's pool is an external investment pool with no regulatory oversight. The pool is not required to register (and is not registered) with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The fair value of each participant's position in the County Treasurer investment pool approximates the value of the participant's shares in the pool and the participants' shares are not identified with specific investments. Participants in the pool are not required to categorize the value of shares in accordance with the fair value hierarchy.

At year end, the District's investments consisted of the following:

	Average Maturities	Fair V	Value
County Treasurer's investment pool	< 1 year	\$	20,555
Total		\$	20,555

#### Interest Rate Risk

The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

#### Credit Risk

The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of year-end, the District's investment in the County Treasurer's investment pool did not receive a credit quality rating from a national rating agency.

#### Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

The District's investment in the County Treasurer's investment pool represents a proportionate interest in the pool's portfolio; however, the District's portion is not identified with specific investments and is not subject to custodial credit risk.

#### Note 3. Receivables

Accounts receivables are net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,802 leaving a net accounts receivable balance of \$224,567 at June 30, 2021. The District's receivables primarily consist of amounts due from individuals and businesses in the communities of Pine, Arizona and Strawberry, Arizona. Amounts are not subject to liens unless accounts are delinquent.

#### Note 4. Capital Assets

A summary of capital asset activity for the current fiscal year follows:

	June 30, 2020	Additions	Disposals	June 30, 2021
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 201,967	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 201,967
Construction in progress	1,252,053	1,423,004	(2,374,650)	300,407
Total capital assets				
not being depreciated	1,454,020	1,423,004	(2,374,650)	502,374
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	10,245,858	2,377,803	(172,076)	12,451,585
Buildings and improvements	70,385	-	-	70,385
Leasehold improvements	14,028	-	-	14,028
Vehicles, furniture and equipment	436,160	60,738	(12,500)	484,398
Total capital assets				
being depreciated	10,766,431	2,438,541	(184,576)	13,020,396
Less: accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(2,913,926)	(473,868)	121,832	(3,265,962)
Buildings and improvements	(63,461)	(1,626)	-	(65,087)
Leasehold improvements	(14,028)	-	-	(14,028)
Vehicles, furniture and equipment	(181,036)	(61,028)	6,457	(235,607)
Total accumulated depreciation	(3,172,451)	(536,522)	128,289	(3,580,684)
Total capital assets				
being depreciated, net	7,593,980	1,902,019	(56,287)	9,439,712
Total capital assets,				
net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 9,048,000	\$ 3,325,023	\$ (2,430,937)	\$ 9,942,086

#### Note 4. Capital Assets, Continued

Depreciation expense was charged to expense functions as follows:

Administration	\$ 9,611
Operations	 526,911
Total depreciation expense	\$ 536,522

As of June 30, 2021, the District had the following significant capital projects in process:

	Funding	Costs to	Remaining	In Process	
Project	Budget	Date	Budget	June-21	
WIFA Program Management Fees & Expenses	\$ 375,750	\$ 311,249	\$ 64,501	\$ 64,501	
Cool Pines Est Pipe Waterline Phases B&C	711,955	93,914	618,041	93,914	
Pine Creek 2 Waterline Replacement	271,408	-	271,408	-	
USDA Whispering Pines Waterline Replacement	421,083	13,354	407,729	13,354	
USDA Cool Pines Phase A	805,064	8,379	796,685	8,379	
USDA Woodland Heights Phases A-C	2,247,109	57,363	2,189,746	57,363	
USDA System Wide Water Model	300,000	33,880	266,120	33,880	
USDA Legal Fees	116,733	10,013	106,721	10,013	
USDA Program Management Fees	1,101,615	19,004	1,082,611	19,004	
Totals	\$ 6,350,717	\$ 547,156	\$ 5,803,561	\$ 300,407	

These projects are all funded by a WIFA and USDA Grant and Loan.

#### Note 5. **Operating Leases**

The District has an operating lease for the use of office facilities. The lease generally contains a renewal option and requires the District to pay for certain executory costs such as taxes, maintenance, and insurance. Early cancellation may occur with 90 days written notice and three months paid rent as penalty. Rental expense for the lease consisted of \$14,500 for the year ended June 30, 2021. Future minimum lease payments on the operating lease for the next five years are:

Year Ending M	Minimum Lease		
June 30,	Payments		
2022 \$	15,600		
2023	15,600		
2024	15,600		
2025	15,600		
2026	15,600		

## Note 6. Long Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the current fiscal year was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Notes payable from direct borrowings	\$ 9,059,578	\$ 1,601,873	\$ 591,148	\$ 10,070,303	\$ 607,983
Compensated absences	22,251		10,335	11,916	2,979
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 9,081,829	\$ 1,601,873	\$ 601,483	\$ 10,082,219	\$ 610,962

Annual debt service requirements to maturity on notes payable from direct borrowings at year end are summarized as follows:

Year Ending June 30:	 Principal		Interest		Total
2022	\$ 607,983	\$	272,112	\$	880,095
2023	625,347		254,671		880,018
2024	643,252		236,685		879,937
2025	661,721		218,135		879,856
2026	3,180,911		122,508		3,303,419
2027-2031	2,050,664		351,665		2,402,329
2032-2036	 2,300,425		124,559		2,424,984
Total	\$ 10,070,303	\$	1,580,335	\$	11,650,638

#### Note 6. Long Term Liabilities, Continued

The District entered into a secured loan agreement in the aggregate sum of \$6,444,398 to refinance the existing note payable. This is a 10-year refinance with an average interest rate of 3.85 percent due in quarterly payments of \$99,761 through July 2025, when the remaining outstanding principal balance is due. The loan is collateralized by the borrower's net revenues, all accounts, deposit accounts (except security deposits of customers), chattel paper, instruments, documents, accounts receivable and general intangibles. In the event of default, the interest rate will increase by 5 percent. In addition, unpaid principal and interest may become immediately due and payable at the discretion of the bank. Actions may be taken as necessary, including legal action, to collect amounts due or obtain possession of collateral. The District is responsible for reimbursement of all attorney fees associated with collection. At June 30, 2021, the outstanding principal balance is \$3,871,304.

The District entered into a loan agreement with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona for \$7,500,000. Interest is due semiannually at a rate of 2.104%. Principal payments are due beginning July 1, 2021 through July 1, 2037. The loan is collateralized by the water distribution system and properties. In the event of default, actions may be taken as necessary, including legal action, to collect amounts due. The District is also responsible for reimbursement of all attorney fees associated with collection. As of June 30, 2021 the District had drawn down \$6,546,051 of the available loan balance.

#### Note 7. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District carries commercial insurance for all risks of loss, including property and liability, workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The COVID-19 outbreak has caused business disruptions and has had an economic impact on most of the United States. The District may be impacted in some manner but the extent is uncertain and cannot be estimated at this time.

Other Communications from Independent Auditors

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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*

Board of Directors Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District Pine, Arizona

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, the financial statements of the business-type activities of Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 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 21, 2021.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 financial statements. 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 Standard*.

## **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.

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HintonBurdick, PLLC Gilbert, Arizona October 21, 2021

