

**Russian River County
Sanitation District
(A Component Unit of the County of Sonoma)**

Independent Auditor's Reports, Management's
Discussion and Analysis and Basic
Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

**Russian River County Sanitation District
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016**

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Russian River County Sanitation District
Santa Rosa, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Russian River County Sanitation District (the "District"), a component unit of the County of Sonoma, California, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, 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 responsibility 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 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 opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2016, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

Other Matters – Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 30, 2016, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grants and 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.

Pisante & Burbee LLC

Santa Rosa, California
September 30, 2016

Management's Discussion and Analysis

**Russian River County Sanitation District
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016**

As management of the Russian River County Sanitation District (the 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, 2016. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Reporting Entity

The District is managed by the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency) which provides administration, engineering, operational and maintenance services. The District is governed by a Board of Directors (Board) which is the County of Sonoma (County) Board of Supervisors. The District is considered an integral part of the County's reporting entity, resulting in the District's financial statements being included in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Please refer to the definition of the reporting entity within the notes to the financial statements for additional detail.

Financial Highlights

Net Position

The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$24,923,272 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$1,192,472 (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Revenues

The District recognized total revenues and capital contributions of \$4,532,823 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Of this amount, \$4,311,918 consists of operating revenues including flat charges and charges for services, \$209,061 of nonoperating revenues consisting of investment income (\$82,429) and property taxes (\$126,632). Capital contributions consisted of connection fees (\$11,844).

Expenses

The District incurred expenses totaling \$5,057,367 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Of this amount \$4,873,186 represents operating expenses related to the collection, treatment, disposal, and reclamation of effluent, as well as administrative and general expenses. Nonoperating expenses included interest expense of \$143,107 related to the District's long-term debt obligations as well as \$15,808 of capital assets contributed to the Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone.

Change in Net Position

The District recorded an operating loss of \$561,268 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, while recognizing an overall decrease in net position of \$524,544.

**Russian River County Sanitation District
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016**

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's financial statements. The District's financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) management's discussion and analysis, (2) financial statements, and (3) the notes to the basic financial statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section is intended to provide a narrative overview that users need to interpret the financial statements. Management's discussion and analysis also provides analysis of key data presented in the financial statements.

Financial Statements

The District is engaged only in business-type activities. The District accounts for its financial activity utilizing fund accounting, specifically enterprise fund accounting, to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. An enterprise fund is a proprietary fund type used to report activities for which a fee is charged to external customers for goods or services provided. The focus of an enterprise fund is the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flow. The financial statements presented are the *statement of net position; the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position; and the statement of cash flows*.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

Financial Analysis

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$24,923,272 at the close of the most recent fiscal year compared to net position of \$25,447,816 as of June 30, 2015. The primary reason for the \$524,544 decrease in net position was an operating loss of \$561,268.

The largest portion of the District's net position (89.9% as of June 30, 2016 compared to 91.7% for June 30, 2015) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, easements, infrastructure, machinery and equipment, and construction in progress), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

A portion of the District's net position, \$1,325,566 (5.3% as of June 30, 2016) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The balance of unrestricted net position of \$1,192,472 as of June 30, 2016 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. As of June 30, 2016, the District reports positive balances in all categories of net position.

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Financial Analysis (continued)

Condensed Statements of Net Position

| | June 30, 2015 | June 30, 2016 | Percentage Change |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Current and other assets | \$ 2,489,112 | \$ 2,661,339 | 6.9% |
| Capital assets, net | 28,147,032 | 26,702,488 | -5.1% |
| Total Assets | 30,636,144 | 29,363,827 | -4.2% |
| Current liabilities | 741,074 | 520,952 | -29.7% |
| Noncurrent liabilities | 4,447,254 | 3,919,603 | -11.9% |
| Total Liabilities | 5,188,328 | 4,440,555 | -14.4% |
| Net position: | | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 23,333,977 | 22,405,234 | -4.0% |
| Restricted for debt service | 905,772 | 1,105,631 | 22.1% |
| Restricted for capital projects | 219,935 | 219,935 | 0.0% |
| Unrestricted | 1,288,132 | 1,192,472 | -7.4% |
| Total Net Position | \$ 25,447,816 | \$ 24,923,272 | -2.1% |

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016**

Financial Analysis (continued)

Condensed Statements of Changes in Net Position

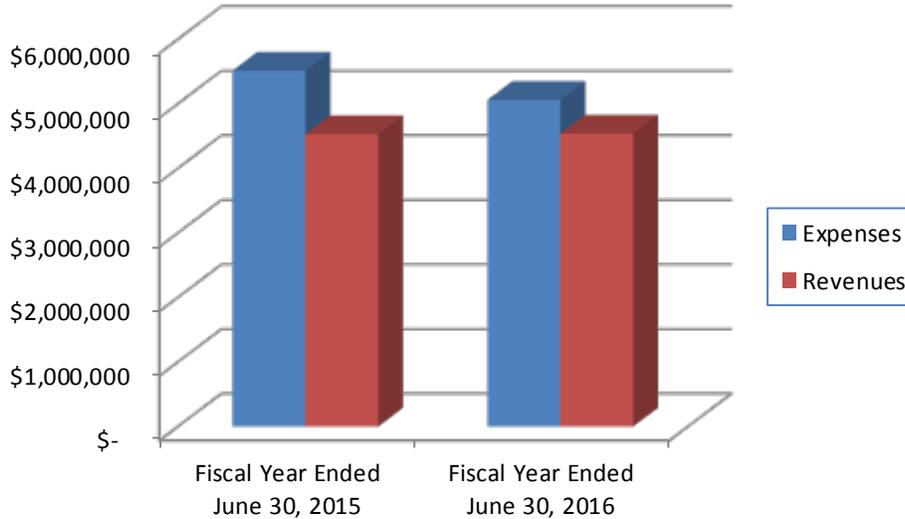
| | Fiscal Year Ended | | Percentage Change |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| | June 30, 2015 | June 30, 2016 | |
| Revenues | | | |
| Operating revenues | \$ 4,121,867 | \$ 4,311,918 | 4.6% |
| Nonoperating revenues: | | | |
| Property taxes | 179,233 | 126,632 | -29.3% |
| Investment earnings | 215,312 | 82,429 | -61.7% |
| Total revenues | 4,516,412 | 4,520,979 | 0.1% |
| Expenses | | | |
| Services and supplies | 4,102,278 | 3,400,540 | -17.1% |
| Fiscal agent fees and legal services | 4,646 | 19,982 | 330.1% |
| Depreciation | 1,347,307 | 1,452,664 | 7.8% |
| Contributions | 13,020 | 15,808 | 21.4% |
| Loss on impairment of capital assets | 2,188 | - | -100.0% |
| Other nonoperating expense | - | 25,266 | 100.0% |
| Interest expense | 42,009 | 143,107 | 240.7% |
| Total expenses | 5,511,448 | 5,057,367 | -8.2% |
| Income (loss) before contributions | (995,036) | (536,388) | -46.1% |
| Capital contributions - connection fees | 10,467 | 11,844 | 13.2% |
| Increase (decrease) in net position | (984,569) | (524,544) | -46.7% |
| Net position, beginning of year | 26,432,385 | 25,447,816 | -3.7% |
| Net position, end of year | \$ 25,447,816 | \$ 24,923,272 | -2.1% |

The District's net position decreased by \$524,544 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 compared to a decrease of \$984,569 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

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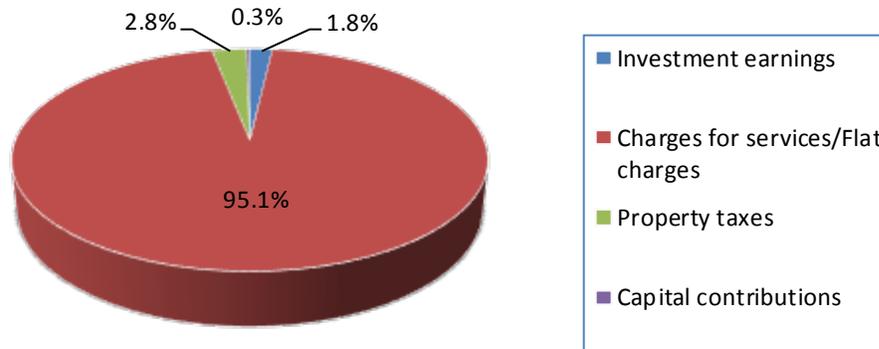
Financial Analysis (continued)

Expenses and Revenues



Total revenues, including capital contributions, of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 totaled \$4,532,823, representing an increase of \$5,944 from the preceding fiscal year revenues of \$4,526,879. The rate based charges for services, representing 95.1% of the District's total revenue, increased by \$190,051; property taxes, representing 2.8% of the District's total revenue, decreased by \$52,601. Investment earnings decreased from the preceding year by \$132,883. Capital contributions consisting of connection fees comprised \$11,844 (0.3%) of the District's revenue. The combined effect overall was an increase in revenues, including capital contributions, of 0.1% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Revenues by Source

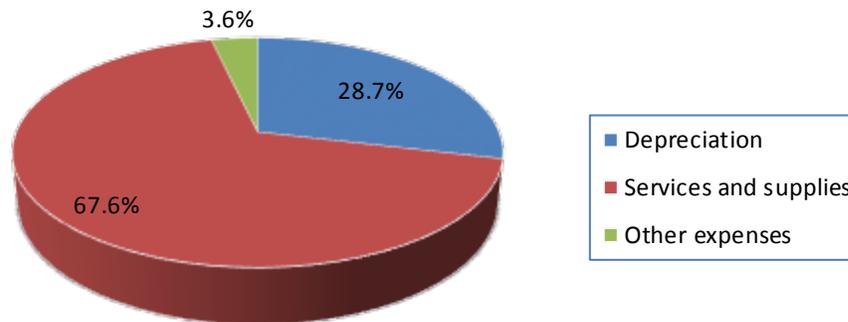


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Financial Analysis (continued)

Total expenses for the District decreased by \$454,081 to \$5,057,367 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Services and supplies expenses, which reflect costs associated with the collection, treatment, and disposal of effluent decreased \$686,402 (16.7%) to \$3,420,522 due primarily to decreases in operations and maintenance costs. Partially offsetting this change was an increase in interest expense of \$101,098 due to less interest capitalized to construction projects as compared to the prior year. The overall effect was a decrease in expenses of 8.2%.

Expenses by Function



Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The District's net investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2016 amounts to \$26,702,488 (net of accumulated depreciation). In addition to reporting the District's investment in capital assets including land, infrastructure and systems, improvements, and construction in progress, the District reports its investment in intangible assets as required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 51 – *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets*. Intangible assets for the District consist of permanent and temporary easements.

Russian River County Sanitation District's Capital Assets

| | June 30, 2015 | June 30, 2016 | Percentage Change |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Land | \$ 223,833 | \$ 223,833 | 0.0% |
| Intangible assets | 7,346 | 82,783 | 1026.9% |
| Construction in progress | 987,065 | 935,556 | -5.2% |
| Infrastructure | 53,042,191 | 53,042,191 | 0.0% |
| Machinery and equipment | 159,164 | 132,446 | -16.8% |
| Accumulated depreciation | (26,272,567) | (27,714,321) | 5.5% |
| Total | \$ 28,147,032 | \$ 26,702,488 | -5.1% |

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements.

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Capital Asset and Debt Administration (continued)

Long-term Obligations

At June 30, 2016, the District had a total of \$4,297,254 in outstanding debt consisting of general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, and advances from other governments. Of this amount, \$320,000 comprises debt backed by the full faith and credit of the District, \$425,000 represents special obligations of the District payable solely from net revenues of the District's operations, and \$3,552,254 is related to advances from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Russian River County Sanitation District's Long-Term Debt

| | June 30, 2015 | June 30, 2016 | Percentage Change |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| General obligation bonds | \$ 470,000 | \$ 320,000 | -31.9% |
| Revenue bonds | 520,000 | 425,000 | -18.3% |
| Advances from other governments | 3,823,055 | 3,552,254 | -7.1% |
| Total long-term debt | \$ 4,813,055 | \$ 4,297,254 | -10.7% |

The District's total debt decreased by \$515,801 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Advances from other governments decreased by \$270,801 (7.1%) due to regular annual principal payments to the State Water Resources Control Board.

The general obligation and revenue bonds decreases are due to the scheduled annual repayments on the outstanding debt.

Additional information on the District's current and long-term obligations can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Next Year's Budget and Rates

Budgeted gross expenses, including capital projects expenditures, for the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 have decreased by \$68,161 (1.1%) for a total of \$6,298,723. The largest components of the decrease in budgeted expenses are maintenance costs, contract and consulting services associated with the operation of collection, treatment, and disposal systems. These decreases are partially offset by increases in budgeted capital costs associated with the septage receiving station project.

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Next Year's Budget and Rates (continued)

Following is a comparison of the final budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 and the proposed budgeted expenses for the District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

| | Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 | Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 | Increase / (Decrease) | Percentage Change |
|---|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Operations | \$ 6,187,330 | \$ 5,621,419 | \$ (565,911) | -9.1% |
| Debt service - general obligation bonds | 23,553 | 16,053 | (7,500) | -31.8% |
| Debt service - revenue bonds | 26,001 | 21,251 | (4,750) | -18.3% |
| Construction | 130,000 | 640,000 | 510,000 | 392.3% |
| Total | \$ 6,366,884 | \$ 6,298,723 | \$ (68,161) | -1.1% |

Budgeted expenses for fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 differ in several instances from the budgeted expenses presented in the management's discussion and analysis for the period ended June 30, 2015. These variances are due to Board approved budgetary adjustments made subsequent to the publication of the audited basic financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

The Districts sewer service fees were increased for the 2016-2017 budget year due to a board approved increase of 4.5%.

The following table shows the sanitation service rate and equivalent single-family dwellings for the District.

| | Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 | Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 | Percentage Change |
|--|---|---|------------------------------|
| Rate per Equivalent Single-Family Dwelling | \$ 1,355 | \$ 1,416 | 4.5% |
| Number of Equivalent Single-Family Dwellings | 3,199 | 3,203 | 0.1% |

Request for Additional Information:

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Sonoma County Auditor-Controller Treasurer Tax Collector's Office, ATTN. Client Accounting, 585 Fiscal Drive, Room 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Russian River County Sanitation District
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016

Assets

Current assets:

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash and investments | \$ 1,029,272 |
| Accounts receivable | 154,164 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 917 |
| Restricted cash and investments | |
| General obligation bond fund | 385,792 |
| Revenue bond reserve fund | 121,418 |
| Revenue bond fund | 472,849 |
| Loan reserve fund | 130,885 |
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| Total current assets | 2,295,297 |
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Noncurrent assets:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Cash and investments restricted for capital projects | 221,610 |
| Accounts receivable, noncurrent portion | 144,432 |
| Capital assets not being depreciated: | |
| Land | 223,833 |
| Intangible assets | 7,346 |
| Construction in progress | 935,556 |
| Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization: | |
| Infrastructure | 25,420,315 |
| Intangible assets | 70,524 |
| Machinery and equipment | 44,914 |
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| Total capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization) | 26,702,488 |
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| Total noncurrent assets | 27,068,530 |
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| Total assets | 29,363,827 |
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The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Russian River County Sanitation District
Statement of Net Position (Continued)
June 30, 2016

Liabilities

Current liabilities

| | |
|--|---------|
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 98,376 |
| Advances from other governments, current portion | 277,651 |
| Accrued interest payable | 39,612 |
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| Total current liabilities | 415,639 |
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Current liabilities payable from restricted assets

| | |
|--|---------|
| Revenue bonds payable | 100,000 |
| Accrued interest payable | 5,313 |
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| Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets | 105,313 |
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Noncurrent liabilities

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Advances from other governments | 3,274,603 |
| General obligation bonds payable | 320,000 |
| Revenue bonds payable | 325,000 |
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| Total noncurrent liabilities | 3,919,603 |
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|-------------------|-----------|
| Total liabilities | 4,440,555 |
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Net Position

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Net investment in capital assets | 22,405,234 |
| Restricted for debt service | 1,105,631 |
| Restricted for capital projects | 219,935 |
| Unrestricted | 1,192,472 |
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| Total net position | \$ 24,923,272 |
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The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Russian River County Sanitation District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Operating revenues | |
| Flat charges | \$ 4,273,365 |
| Charges for services | 37,859 |
| Other | 694 |
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| Total operating revenues | 4,311,918 |
| <hr/> | |
| Operating expenses | |
| Services and supplies | 3,400,540 |
| Fiscal agent fees and legal services | 19,982 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,452,664 |
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| Total operating expenses | 4,873,186 |
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| Operating loss | (561,268) |
| <hr/> | |
| Nonoperating revenues (expenses) | |
| Investment income | 82,429 |
| Interest expense | (143,107) |
| Contributions to other government | (15,808) |
| Other nonoperating expense | (25,266) |
| Property taxes | 126,632 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total nonoperating revenues, net | 24,880 |
| <hr/> | |
| Loss before capital contributions | (536,388) |
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| Capital contribution - connection fees | 11,844 |
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| Decrease in net position | (524,544) |
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| Net position - beginning of year | 25,447,816 |
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| Net position - end of year | \$ 24,923,272 |
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The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Russian River County Sanitation District
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Cash flows from operating activities

| | | |
|---|----|-------------|
| Receipts from customers | \$ | 4,068,495 |
| Payments to Water Agency | | (2,500,883) |
| Payments to suppliers | | (923,287) |
| <hr/> | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | | 644,325 |
| <hr/> | | |

Cash flows from noncapital financing activities

| | | |
|--|--|----------|
| Taxes received | | 126,632 |
| Miscellaneous noncapital financing uses | | (25,266) |
| <hr/> | | |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities | | 101,366 |
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Cash flows from capital and related financing activities

| | | |
|---|--|-----------|
| Purchases of capital assets | | (24,200) |
| Principal payments - advances from other governments | | (270,801) |
| Principal payments - general obligation bonds | | (150,000) |
| Principal payments - revenue bonds | | (95,000) |
| Interest paid on capital debt | | (144,962) |
| Connection fees received | | 12,371 |
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| Net cash used in capital and related financing activities | | (672,592) |
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Cash flows from investing activities

| | | |
|--|----|-----------|
| Interest received on pooled cash and investments | | 82,429 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | | 155,528 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year | | 2,206,298 |
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| Cash and cash equivalents - end of year | \$ | 2,361,826 |
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Reconciliation to the statement of net position

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Cash and investments | \$ | 1,029,272 |
| Restricted cash and investments | | 1,332,554 |
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| Total cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 2,361,826 |
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The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Russian River County Sanitation District
Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

**Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash
provided by operating activities**

| | | |
|--|----|-----------|
| Operating loss | \$ | (561,268) |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | | 1,452,664 |
| Change in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Increase in accounts and other receivables | | (16,308) |
| Increase in prepaid expenses | | (917) |
| Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses | | (229,846) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ | 644,325 |

Non-cash investing, capital and financing activities:

| | | |
|---|----|--------|
| Capitalized interest | \$ | 1,802 |
| Contribution of asset to other government | | 15,808 |

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

**Russian River County Sanitation District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016**

Note A. Defining the Financial Reporting Entity

The Russian River County Sanitation District (the District) is managed by the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency), which provides engineering, administration, operational, and maintenance services. The District is a distinct legal entity from the Water Agency and was formed by action of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. The District is responsible for maintaining and operating the local sanitation collection systems, pump stations, and treatment plants.

Component Unit Reporting

The District is governed by a Board of Directors (the Board) which is the County of Sonoma (the County) Board of Supervisors. The exercise of this oversight responsibility causes the District to be an integral part of the County's reporting entity. Therefore, the District's financial statements are also included in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as a discretely presented component unit.

Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The District conforms to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. A summary of significant accounting policies is included below:

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The District uses a proprietary (enterprise) fund to account for its activities. An enterprise fund may be used to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. Enterprise funds are required for any activity whose principal external revenue sources meet any of the following criteria: (1) issued debt is backed solely by fees and charges, (2) the cost of providing services for any activity (including capital costs such as depreciation or debt service) must be legally recovered through fees or charges, or (3) if the government's policy is to establish activity fees or charges designed to recover the cost of providing services.

The District's financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the District are included on the statement of net position. 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. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

**Russian River County Sanitation District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016**

Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

*Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation
(continued)*

Proprietary funds distinguish operating from nonoperating revenues and expenses. 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 flat charges and charges for services. Operating expenses for the District include expenses relating to the collection, treatment, disposal, and reclamation of effluent as well as administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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

Cash and Investments

The District's cash and investments are pooled with the Sonoma County Treasurer (Treasurer). The Treasurer also acts as a disbursing agent for the District. The fair value of the investments in the pool is determined quarterly. Realized and unrealized gains or losses and interest earned on pooled investments are allocated quarterly to the District based on its respective average daily balance for that quarter in the County Treasury Investment Pool (the Treasury Pool), an external investment pool.

The District applies the provisions of GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools*, which requires governmental entities to report certain investments at fair value in the statement of net position and recognize the corresponding change in the fair value of investments in the year in which the change occurred. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, the District has stated its investment in the Treasury Pool at estimated fair value.

The District applies the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures* – an amendment to GASB Statement No. 3, which requires governmental entities to provide proper footnote disclosures on common deposit and investment risks related to credit risk, interest rate risk and custodial credit risk.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all pooled cash and investments as cash and cash equivalents because the Treasury Pool is used as a demand deposit account. Restricted cash and investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased are also treated as cash and cash equivalents.

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Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consists of uncollected fees for sanitation services and flat charges at the end of the year. Flat charges are established annually by the Board of Supervisors and billed through the County's property tax system. Accounts receivable also include amounts to be collected for connection fees related to Russian River Ordinance #39. The District has not recorded an allowance for uncollectible receivables as it deems all receivables as fully collectible.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets represent cash and investments maintained in accordance with bond resolutions and formal actions of the Board or by agreement, for the purpose of funding certain debt service payments, and improvements and extensions to the wastewater treatment systems.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, infrastructure, and intangible assets. Assets that are purchased or constructed are reported at historical cost or at estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Capital projects spanning multiple years are recorded as construction in progress. Interest costs incurred during the construction phase of capital projects are included in the capitalized value of the assets constructed. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date of donation.

Maintenance and repair costs are charged to operations when incurred. Improvements to existing assets that significantly increase performance, change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of capital assets, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

Assets acquired under capital lease are amortized over the lesser of the useful life of the asset or the lease term. Depreciation and amortization are recognized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset.

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Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Capital Assets (continued)

The capitalization thresholds and estimated useful lives for capital assets are as follows:

| | Capitalization Threshold | Estimated Useful Life |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Land | \$ - | N/A |
| Land improvements | 25,000 | 15 to 50 years |
| Buildings and improvements: | | |
| Buildings | 25,000 | 50 years |
| Building improvements | 25,000 | 15 to 20 years |
| Machinery and equipment | 5,000 | 5 to 20 years |
| Infrastructure | 100,000 | 25 to 75 years |
| Intangible Assets | | |
| Computer software | 25,000 | 3 to 10 years |
| Temporary easements | - | Life of easement |
| Permanent easements | - | N/A |
| Construction in progress | Projects expected to exceed the capitalization threshold for the applicable asset class | N/A |

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost or estimated historical cost. Intangible assets for the District consist of temporary and permanent easements. Temporary easements are defined by the District as any temporary easement acquired during the course of a project that, by agreement, will expire upon the completion of a project, and has an estimated useful life in excess of 1 year. Temporary easements are amortized using the straight line method over the duration of the easement. Permanent easements, including dedicated easements, are stated at cost, estimated historical cost, or fair value at the time of receipt and are not amortized.

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes 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 future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The District did not have any items that qualified for reporting in this category as of June 30, 2016.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes 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 future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District did not have any items that qualified for reporting in this category as of June 30, 2016.

**Russian River County Sanitation District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources, and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use, either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulation of other governments.

Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Board adopts a budget annually to be effective July 1st for the ensuing fiscal year for the District. The general manager of the Water Agency is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within the District except for transfers between major expense classes or transfers between capital assets and operating expenses. Such transfers require approval by the Sonoma County Administrator and/or the Board.

Property Tax Revenue

Property taxes, including tax rates, are regulated by the State and are administered locally by the County. The County is responsible for assessing, collecting and distributing property taxes in accordance with state law. The County is responsible for the allocation of property taxes to the District.

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

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Russian River County Sanitation District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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Note C. Cash and Investments

The District follows the practice of pooling cash and investments with the Treasurer except for funds required to be held by outside fiscal agents or trustees under the provisions of bond indentures. The Investment Oversight Committee has regulatory oversight for all funds deposited into the Treasury Pool.

Investment Guidelines

The District's pooled cash and investments are invested pursuant to investment policy guidelines established by the Treasurer and approved by the Board. The objectives of the policy are, in order of priority: safety of capital, liquidity and maximum rate of return. The policy addresses the soundness of financial institutions in which the Treasurer will deposit funds, types of investment instruments as permitted by the California Government Code, and the percentage of the portfolio that may be invested in certain instruments with longer terms to maturity.

Investment Guidelines (continued)

Permitted investments include the following:

- U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency securities
- Bonds and Notes issued by local agencies
- Registered State warrants and municipal notes and bonds
- Negotiable certificates of deposit
- Bankers' acceptances
- Commercial paper
- Medium-term corporate notes
- Local Agency Investment Fund (State Pool) deposits
- Repurchase agreements
- Reverse repurchase agreements
- Securities lending agreements
- Mutual funds and money market mutual funds
- Collateralized mortgage obligations
- Collateral time deposits
- Joint power agreements
- Investment Trust of California (Caltrust)

A copy of the County Investment Policy is available upon request from the Treasurer at 585 Fiscal Drive, Room 100, Santa Rosa, California, 95403.

As of June 30, 2016, the fair value of the District's cash and investments was \$2,361,826 which includes an unrealized gain fair value adjustment of \$3,532. Funds are held in the Treasury Pool managed by the Treasurer, which is not rated by credit rating agencies, and had a weighted average maturity of 828 days. The credit rating and other information regarding specific investments maintained in the Treasury Pool as of June 30, 2016 are disclosed in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

**Russian River County Sanitation District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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Note C. Cash and Investments (continued)

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity its fair value to changes in market interest rates. One of the ways that the District manages its exposure to interest rate risk is by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments, and by timing cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio is maturing, or coming close to maturity, evenly over time, as necessary, to provide the cash flow and liquidity needed for operations.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party.

- The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by depository regulated under state law. The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits.
- The California Government Code limits the total of all securities lending transactions to 20% of the fair value of the investment portfolio.

Investments in external investment pools and in open-end mutual funds are not exposed to custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2016, all of the District's investments were in the Treasury Pool and are therefore not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Treasury Pool does not have a credit rating. The District follows the County's policy to purchase investments with the minimum ratings required by the California Government Code. The credit ratings of investments held and other information regarding the Treasury Pool for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 are disclosed in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Russian River County Sanitation District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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Note C. 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 District has a recurring fair value measurement for its investment in the Sonoma County Treasury Pool which is valued using significant other observable inputs (Level 2).

Note D. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 was as follows:

| | July 1, 2015 | Increases | Decreases | Transfers & Reclassification | June 30, 2016 |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Capital assets, not being depreciated: | | | | | |
| Land | \$ 223,833 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 223,833 |
| Intangibles | 7,346 | - | - | - | 7,346 |
| Construction in progress | 987,065 | 23,928 | - | (75,437) | 935,556 |
| Total capital assets, not being depreciated | 1,218,244 | 23,928 | - | (75,437) | 1,166,735 |
| Capital assets, being depreciated: | | | | | |
| Infrastructure | 53,042,191 | - | - | - | 53,042,191 |
| Intangibles | - | - | - | 75,437 | 75,437 |
| Machinery and equipment | 159,164 | - | (26,718) | - | 132,446 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation for | | | | | |
| Infrastructure | (26,185,969) | (1,435,907) | - | - | (27,621,876) |
| Intangibles | - | (4,913) | - | - | (4,913) |
| Machinery and equipment | (86,598) | (11,844) | 10,910 | - | (87,532) |
| Total capital assets, being depreciated, net | 26,928,788 | (1,452,664) | (15,808) | 75,437 | 25,535,753 |
| Total capital assets, net | \$ 28,147,032 | \$ (1,428,736) | \$ (15,808) | \$ - | \$ 26,702,488 |

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the District contributed capital assets with a net book value of \$15,808 to the Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone. Depreciation expense amounted to \$1,452,664 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The total amount of interest capitalized in connection with wastewater treatment facilities construction projects during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 was \$1,802.

**Russian River County Sanitation District
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Note E. Long-Term Obligations

Advances from other governments

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, the District received a loan of \$3,352,796 from the State Water Resources Control Board to aid in funding the Third Unit Processes project. The District received an additional \$448,173 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. As of June 30, 2016, the outstanding balance on the loan is \$1,944,526. The loan is a State Revolving Loan with payments of \$243,954, payable annually in November. The term is 20 years at an annual interest rate of 2.5% with the last payment scheduled for November 2024. Annual debt service requirements to maturity for this loan are as follows:

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30, | Principal | Interest | Total |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2017 | \$ 195,341 | \$ 48,613 | \$ 243,954 |
| 2018 | 200,225 | 43,729 | 243,954 |
| 2019 | 205,230 | 38,724 | 243,954 |
| 2020 | 210,361 | 33,593 | 243,954 |
| 2021 | 215,620 | 28,334 | 243,954 |
| 2022-2025 | 917,749 | 58,069 | 975,818 |
| Total | \$ 1,944,526 | \$ 251,062 | \$ 2,195,588 |

During fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the District received a loan of \$3,884,450 from the State Water Resources Control Board to aid in funding the Disinfection Upgrade Project. Based on the District's performance under the financing agreement, the State Water Resources Control Board forgave \$1,942,225 of the principal due. As of June 30, 2016, the outstanding balance on the loan is \$1,607,728. The loan is a State Revolving Loan with payments of principal and interest of \$124,111, payable annually in April. The term is 20 years at an annual interest rate of 2.6% with the last payment scheduled for April 2032. Annual debt service requirements to maturity for this loan are as follows:

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30, | Principal | Interest | Total |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2017 | \$ 82,310 | \$ 41,801 | \$ 124,111 |
| 2018 | 84,450 | 39,661 | 124,111 |
| 2019 | 86,646 | 37,465 | 124,111 |
| 2020 | 88,898 | 35,212 | 124,110 |
| 2021 | 91,210 | 32,901 | 124,111 |
| 2022-2026 | 492,878 | 127,677 | 620,555 |
| 2027-2031 | 560,370 | 60,182 | 620,552 |
| 2032 | 120,966 | 3,145 | 124,111 |
| Total | \$ 1,607,728 | \$ 378,044 | \$ 1,985,772 |

**Russian River County Sanitation District
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Note E. Long-Term Obligations (continued)

General Obligation Bonds

The District issued general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations of the District. Principal and interest on the bonds are paid from revenue derived from an annual tax collected on all taxable property within the District. The original amount of general obligation bonds issued was \$2,900,000. General obligation bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2016 were \$320,000 at an annual interest rate of 5.0% and are due in annual payments through July 2018. Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds as presented are as follows:

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30, | Principal | Interest | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017 | \$ - | \$ 19,750 | \$ 19,750 |
| 2018 | 155,000 | 12,125 | 167,125 |
| 2019 | 165,000 | 4,125 | 169,125 |
| Total | \$ 320,000 | \$ 36,000 | \$ 356,000 |

Revenue Bonds

The District also issued revenue bonds where the District pledges income derived from charges for services to pay debt service. The original amount of revenue bonds issued to finance construction projects to both expand existing wastewater treatment facilities and construct additional facilities was \$2,000,000. The bonds were issued in 1981 with an interest rate of 5.0% and are payable solely from sanitation customer net revenues and are payable through 2020.

Annual principal and interest payments are expected to require no more than 12% of net revenues. The total principal outstanding on the 1981 Revenue Bonds as of June 30, 2016 is \$425,000 and scheduled interest payments total \$54,500 which equals the remaining income pledged by the District through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 towards debt service on the revenue bonds. Principal and interest paid for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 and total customer net revenues were \$121,000 and \$973,825 respectively.

Revenue bond debt service requirements to maturity on the following page are as follows:

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Note E. Long-Term Obligations (continued)

Revenue Bonds (continued)

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30, | Principal | Interest | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 21,250 | \$ 121,250 |
| 2018 | 100,000 | 16,250 | 116,250 |
| 2019 | 110,000 | 11,250 | 121,250 |
| 2020 | 115,000 | 5,750 | 120,750 |
| Total | \$ 425,000 | \$ 54,500 | \$ 479,500 |

Long-term obligation activity for the year ended June 30, 2016 is as follows:

| | July 1, 2015 | Additions | Retirements | June 30, 2016 | Due Within One Year |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Advances from | | | | | |
| other governments | \$ 3,823,055 | \$ - | \$ (270,801) | \$ 3,552,254 | \$ 277,651 |
| General obligation bonds | 470,000 | - | (150,000) | 320,000 | - |
| Revenue bonds | 520,000 | - | (95,000) | 425,000 | 100,000 |
| Total | \$ 4,813,055 | \$ - | \$ (515,801) | \$ 4,297,254 | \$ 377,651 |

Note F. Accrued Interest Payable

Interest payable as of June 30, 2016 consists of interest accrued on the State Water Resources Control Board loans of \$39,612 and the revenue bonds of \$5,313.

Note G. Related Party Transactions

The District is a special district under the Board of Supervisors, and as such, has the same board members as the County. Both the District and the Water Agency are component units of the County, and therefore, are considered related parties.

The District is managed by the Water Agency, which provides administration, engineering, operational, and maintenance services. The District does not incur any payroll expenses. The Water Agency charges the District for services based on direct labor plus overhead for Water Agency labor applied to District activities. The overhead rate is reviewed periodically by management to determine its effectiveness. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the District paid \$2,500,883 to the Water Agency for operational services and \$21,096 for capital related services.

**Russian River County Sanitation District
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Note H. Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

The District has active construction projects as of June 30, 2016. The projects include expansion and/or improvements of several wastewater treatment facilities. As of June 30, 2016, the District's commitments to construction projects included \$935,556 spent to date with no remaining commitments. The balances spent to date include both internal expenses and expenses paid to outside contractors.

Contractual commitments related to District operations were \$436,922 as of June 30, 2016.

Pending Litigation, Claims, and Assessments

On August 14, 2014, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (NC Regional Board) issued Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R1-2014-0034. The CDO specifies compliance schedules for actions necessary to achieve final land discharge specifications for total dissolved solids and sodium and to ensure compliance with groundwater limitations and discharge prohibitions specified in Order No. R1-2014-0002. Compliance actions under this Order have been completed and reported to the Board, except for one action that is pending until the Board reviews and approves the report.

In August, 2015, the NC Regional Board provided a draft Administrative Liability Complaint (ALC) for effluent limit violations at the District treatment plant from 2009 through 2014. The ALC also includes penalties for an accidental spill that occurred from one of the District force mains in February, 2014 due to a pipe rupture. Settlement of minimum mandatory penalties for the effluent limit violations and a penalty for the accidental spill were estimated in the range of \$200,000 to \$300,000. In June, 2015, a liability of \$300,000 was recorded for the penalty related to the accidental spill.

On June 20, 2016, the NC Regional Board issued Administrative Civil Liability Order (ACLO) No.R1-2016-0022. This order finalized settlement and penalty terms originating from Order No. R1-2014-0002. The total settlement amount was \$275,771. Of the total settlement amount, \$202,885 shall be suspended upon completion of an Enhanced Compliance Action by October 2017 and a Compliance Project by October 2018. As well, the District must complete a force main assessment within five years of the date of the Order. Pursuant to the ACLO settlement terms, the previously accrued liability was reduced to \$72,885. Payment on the portion of the settlement amount not subject to suspension was made in July 2016.

Other Regulatory Matters

The District is subject to Section VII of the Endangered Species Act. Section VII requires that all affected agencies, including the District, consult with fish and wildlife officials before performing any work which might disrupt or harm any endangered or threatened species or their habitat. This Act increases the possibility of threatened litigation from various environmental groups and individuals. The District is also subject to Section X of the Endangered Species Act which deals with habitat conservation planning.

**Russian River County Sanitation District
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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Note I. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District is covered by the County's self-insurance program, which is accounted for in the County's Risk Management Internal Service Fund. The District is covered under this program for general liability, auto liability, public employees' performance/dishonesty and property insurance.

The County maintains a self-insured retention of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for general and automobile liability. Excess liability coverage is maintained through participation in the California State Association of Counties, Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA). Limits of this coverage are \$25,000,000.

The County maintains "All Risk" property insurance including flood and earthquake through participation in the CSAC-EIA Property Insurance Program. Limits of coverage are \$600,000 per occurrence for All Risk, \$490,000,000 for flood (limits vary in FEMA flood zones) and earthquake coverage with shared limits of \$690,000,000. Deductibles for these perils are \$50,000 per occurrence.

The County of Sonoma is permissibly self-insured for workers' compensation for its employees and volunteers. Excess workers' compensation coverage is obtained through participation in the CSAC-EIA.

The District pays an annual premium to the County for this insurance coverage. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

Note J. Future Governmental Accounting Standards

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has released the following standards which will be implemented in future financial statements:

GASB Statement No. 77 – Tax Abatement Disclosures

Effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015, this Statement requires state and local governments, for the first time, to disclose information about tax abatement agreements. It requires governments to disclose information about their own tax abatements separately from information about tax abatements that are entered into by other governments and reduce the reporting government's tax revenues.

GASB Statement No. 79 – Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants

Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015, except for the provisions in paragraphs 18, 19, 23–26, and 40, which are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. This Statement permits qualifying external investment pools to measure pool investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes and provides guidance that will allow many pools to continue to qualify for amortized cost accounting.

**Russian River County Sanitation District
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Note J. Future Governmental Accounting Standards (continued)

GASB Statement No. 80 – Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units

Effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016, this statement clarifies the display requirements in GASB Statement No. 14 - *The Financial Reporting Entity* by requiring these component units to be blended into the primary state or local government's financial statements in a manner similar to a department or activity of the primary government.

The impact on the basic financial statements of the District of these pronouncements which have not yet been adopted is unknown at this time.

**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**

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Russian River County Sanitation District
Santa Rosa, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Russian River County Sanitation District (the "District"), a component unit of the County of Sonoma, California which comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2016, the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financials statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2016.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District'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 of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**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*** (continued)

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

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 District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

We noted certain other matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated September 30, 2016.

Pisanti & Banks LLP

Santa Rosa, California
September 30, 2016