



Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
Enterprise Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008
Pima County, Arizona

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PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department - Enterprise Fund
Report on Audit of Financial Statements
June 30, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Supervisors
of Pima County, Arizona

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department – Enterprise Fund, an enterprise fund of Pima County, Arizona, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department – Enterprise Fund. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department – Enterprise Fund are intended to present the financial position, and the changes in financial position and cash flows of only that portion of the business-type activities and the major fund of Pima County, Arizona that is attributable to the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department – Enterprise Fund, an enterprise fund of Pima County, Arizona. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Pima County, Arizona, as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department – Enterprise Fund, an enterprise fund of Pima County, Arizona, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in its financial position and its cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1, Wastewater Reclamation Department – Enterprise Fund implemented the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, for the year ended June 30, 2008, which represents a change in accounting principle.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 20, 2008 on our consideration of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department – Enterprise Fund’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* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

HEINFELD, MEECH & CO., P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

October 20, 2008

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department - Enterprise Fund
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2008

Assets

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	56,850,583
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		53,073,803
Interest receivable		285,697
Accounts receivable, net		9,860,450
Due from other Pima County funds		1,988,284
Due from other governments		28,038
Inventory of materials and supplies		3,619,622
Prepaid expenses		178,484
Total current assets		125,884,961

Noncurrent assets:

Restricted cash and cash equivalents:

Held in escrow as construction contract retentions		492,372
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Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation where applicable:

Land and other improvements		8,735,249
Conveyance systems, net		369,513,635
Treatment facilities, net		229,090,138
Equipment, net		27,224,213
Construction in progress		72,060,008
Total capital assets, net		706,623,243

Deferred financing costs		2,400,466
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Total noncurrent assets		709,516,081
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Total assets	\$	835,401,042
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Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2008

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Liabilities

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 16,009,542
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	3,979,633
Due to other Pima County funds	3,943,436
Due to other governments	88,014
Interest payable	1,265,097
Current portion of sewer revenue bonds payable	7,870,000
Current portion of wastewater loans payable	5,955,046
Deferred revenue	1,406,869
Total current liabilities	40,517,637

Noncurrent liabilities:

Construction contract retentions payable	5,842,091
Other postemployment healthcare benefits	718,732
Sewer revenue bonds payable, less current portion	157,070,000
Wastewater loans payable, less current portion	64,616,667
Deferred interest expense and bond discount	(1,385,021)
Total noncurrent liabilities	226,862,469
Total liabilities	267,380,106

Net Assets

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	474,897,017
Restricted for:	
Debt service	790,848
Capital Projects	37,924,725
Operation and maintenance	5,955,866
Unrestricted	48,452,480
Total net assets	\$ 568,020,936

See accompanying notes to financial statements

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department - Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenses,
and Changes in Fund Net Assets
Year Ended June 30, 2008

Operating revenues:	
Sewer utility service	\$ 74,636,355
Engineering review and inspection fees	65,769
Permits and fines	26,436
Other income	105,114
Total operating revenues	<u>74,833,674</u>
Operating expenses:	
Employee compensation	34,526,659
Operating supplies	8,187,422
Utilities	6,939,725
Sludge and refuse disposal	1,602,233
Repairs and maintenance	3,877,604
General and administrative	11,184,166
Consultants and professional services	9,515,947
Depreciation	24,453,618
Total operating expenses	<u>100,287,374</u>
Operating loss	<u>(25,453,700)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Intergovernmental revenue	791,630
Interest income	3,759,650
Sewer connection revenue	31,036,931
Loss on disposal of equipment	(538,753)
Interest expense	(6,560,266)
Amortization of deferred charges	(136,318)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>28,352,874</u>
Income before capital contributions and transfers	2,899,174
Capital contributions	23,437,793
Transfers in	6,995,558
Transfers out	<u>(7,632,365)</u>
Increase in net assets	25,700,160
Net assets—July 1, 2007 (as restated)	<u>542,320,776</u>
Net assets—June 30, 2008	<u><u>\$ 568,020,936</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2008

Cash flows from operating activities:

Receipts from customers	\$ 76,214,969
Miscellaneous receipts	105,114
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(34,322,809)
Payments to other Pima County Funds for goods and services	(8,869,105)
Payments to employees	(33,017,777)
Net cash provided by operating activities	110,392

Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:

Intergovernmental receipts	82,969
Repayment of interfund borrowings	1,113,745
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	1,196,714

Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:

Sewer connection receipts from customers	30,207,247
Intergovernmental contract receipts	1,066,865
Purchase and construction of capital assets	(67,321,904)
Proceeds from issuance of sewer revenue bonds	75,000,000
Principal payments on revenue bonds and loans	(13,071,589)
Interest payments on revenue bonds and loans	(6,351,490)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	19,529,129

Cash flows from investing activities:

Interest received on investments	3,881,707
Net cash provided by investing activities	3,881,707

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	24,717,942
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Cash and cash equivalents, July 1, 2007	85,698,816
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Cash and cash equivalents, June 30, 2008	\$ 110,416,758
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Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2008
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Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:

Operating loss	\$ (25,453,700)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	24,453,618
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease (increase) in assets:	
Accounts receivable	(650,326)
Due from other governments	2,136,735
Inventory of materials and supplies	(507,799)
Prepaid expenses	10,334
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	
Accounts payable	(1,393,864)
Due to other governments	6,512
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	1,508,882
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 110,392

Noncash investing, capital, and noncapital financing activities during the year ended June 30, 2008:

Developers conveyed capital assets with an estimated fair value of \$23,667,176. This transaction was recorded as capital contributions.

Pima County Board of Supervisors approved Connection Fee Flow-Through Sewer Credit Agreements totaling \$829,684. This transaction was recorded as an increase to deferred revenue and a decrease in capital contributions.

The Fund disposed of capital assets with a net book value of \$538,752.

The Fund received capital assets in the amount of \$600,301 from the County's general government capital assets. This transaction was recorded as capital contributions.

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Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2008

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of Pima County (County) and its Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Enterprise Fund (Fund), formerly known as the Wastewater Management Enterprise Fund, conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to governmental units as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the regulatory requirements of the State of Arizona. A summary of the County's significant accounting policies affecting the Fund follows.

During the year ended June 30, 2008, the Fund implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*. GASB 45 requires systematic measurement and recognition of other postemployment benefits' (OPEB) cost over employees' years of service and provides information about actuarial accrued liabilities associated with OPEB. Although OPEB is not required to be funded, whether and to what extent progress is being made in funding the liabilities must be disclosed. GASB 45 requires prospective application upon adoption and as a result, the Fund has recorded a net OPEB obligation offset by OPEB expense in the accompanying financial statements, related to the post-employment healthcare benefit participation by Fund retirees and their beneficiaries in Pima County's healthcare benefit plan. Further information regarding this measurement and disclosure is available in Note 12. The Fund has implemented GASB Statement No. 49, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations* for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

A. Reporting Entity

The Fund is accounted for as an enterprise fund of Pima County, Arizona, and the ultimate financial accountability for the Fund remains with Pima County. The Fund's management is responsible for operating all wastewater conveyance and treatment systems and water pollution control programs throughout Pima County.

The financial statements present only the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Enterprise Fund as one of the enterprise funds of Pima County and are not intended to present the balances and activity of Pima County and its entirety.

B. Fund Accounting

The Fund's accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting to ensure that limitations and restrictions on the Fund's available resources are observed. The principles of fund accounting require that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds in accordance with the activities or objectives specified for those resources. Each fund is considered a separate accounting entity, and its operations are accounted for in a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, and expenses.

The Fund's financial transactions are recorded and reported as an enterprise fund because its operations are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of goods or services provided by the Fund on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made and determines when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The financial statements of the Fund are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. When both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available to finance Fund expenses, restricted resources are used before unrestricted resources. Interfund transactions that would be treated as revenues or expenses if they involved parties external to the County are recorded in the appropriate revenue or expense accounts. Intrafund transactions within the fund are eliminated for the consolidated financial statement presentation.

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June 30, 2008

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Unless in conflict with GASB pronouncements, the Fund follows Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research bulletins. The Fund has chosen the option not to follow FASB statements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989.

D. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements include a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net assets, and a statement of cash flows. A statement of net assets provides information about the assets, liabilities, and net assets of the Fund at the end of the year. Assets and liabilities are classified as either current or noncurrent. Net assets are classified according to external restrictions or availability of assets to satisfy the Fund's obligations. Invested in capital assets net of related debt represents the cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, less any outstanding debt incurred to acquire or construct the assets. Restricted net assets represent grants, contracts, and other resources that have been externally restricted for specific purposes. Unrestricted net assets include all other net assets, including those that have been designated by management to be used for other than general operating purposes.

A statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net assets provides information about the Fund's financial activities during the year. Revenues and expenses are classified as either operating or nonoperating, and all changes in net assets are reported, including capital contributions and transfers. Generally charges for services and fees generated from providing waste services and sewer utility service fees are considered to be operating. Other revenues, such as sewer connection revenues and interest income, are not generated from operations and are considered to be nonoperating revenues. Operating expenses include the costs of providing sewer services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. Other expenses, such as interest expense on debt, are considered to be nonoperating expenses.

A statement of cash flows provides information about the Fund's sources and uses of cash and cash equivalents during the year. Increases and decreases in cash and cash equivalents are classified as operating, noncapital financing, capital and related financing, or investing.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, cash and investments held by the Pima County Treasurer, investments with the State Treasurer, and deposits held in escrow accounts from both restricted and unrestricted sources. Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, cash and investments held by the Pima County Treasurer in an investment pool, and investments with the State Treasurer. Restricted cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and investments held by the Pima County Treasurer in an investment pool, and deposits held in escrow accounts. All investments are stated at fair value.

F. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist primarily of amount due from customers for services provided. These balances are stated at the amount management expects to collect. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through charge to earnings and credit to a valuations allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual balances. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

G. Inventory

Inventories consist of operating supplies and are recorded as assets when purchased and expensed when consumed. These inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the moving average method.

H. Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are reported at actual cost. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received. The Fund capitalizes all land and developer contributions regardless of cost, sewage conveyance system, buildings and improvements, and infrastructure costing \$100,000 or more, and equipment costing \$5,000 or more. Costs for internally constructed capital assets include material, direct labor, engineering, interest, and allocated portions of other indirect costs related to the construction projects. Depreciation of such assets is charged as an expense against operations. All assets other than land and construction in-progress are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Treatment facilities and equipment	4 to 30 years
Conveyance systems	50 years

I. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences consist of vacation leave and a calculated amount of sick leave earned by employees based on services already rendered.

Employees may accumulate up to 240 hours of vacation depending upon years of service, but any vacation hours in excess of the maximum amount that are unused at year-end are forfeited. Upon termination of employment, all unused and unforfeited vacation benefits are paid to employees. Accordingly, vacation benefits are accrued as a liability in the financial statements.

Employees may accumulate a limited number of sick leave (1,920) hours. Generally, sick leave benefits provide for ordinary sick pay and are cumulative but are forfeited upon termination of employment. Sick leave benefits do not vest with employees; however employees who are eligible to retire from County service into the Arizona State Retirement System, Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, or Corrections Officer Retirement Plan may request sick leave be converted to annual leave, on a predetermined conversion basis. An estimate of those retirement payouts is accrued as a liability.

J. Construction Contract Retentions

The Fund has numerous construction projects in process. The Fund retains a percentage of each progress payment until the project's successful completion. In some instances, contract retentions are deposited in escrow accounts so contractors may earn interest during the construction period.

K. Deferred Interest Expense

For advance refundings resulting in defeasance of debt, the difference between the reacquisition price and net carrying amount of the old debt is deferred and amortized as a component of interest expense over the life of the refunded debt or the refunding debt, whichever is shorter. This deferred amount is reported as a deduction from the new debt liability on the statement of net assets.

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June 30, 2008

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

L. Revenues

Sewer utility billings are based on the content and volume of wastewater discharged and a minimum service charge.

Land developers contribute capital and aid in the construction of certain portions of the conveyance systems. Contributions are recorded as contributed capital at their estimated fair value. In those instances when a developer makes enhancements that exceed the requirements for the conveyance systems, the Fund establishes reduced fees and credits that can be used to offset future fees charged to developers for each new connection to the conveyance systems. These credits are recorded as deferred sewer connection revenue and recognized as income when connection permits are issued.

Sewer connection fees are assessed to land developers based on the type and number of fixtures attached to the conveyance systems. Fees are established at a level to provide for the recovery of the Fund’s operating expenses that are not recovered by the sewer utility service fees. Accordingly, fees collected are classified as nonoperating revenues.

Note 2 – Net Assets Beginning Balance Restated

The beginning net asset balance was restated due to the restructuring of the Fund’s sewer conveyance assets. The following summarizes the restatement of net assets:

Net assets - June 30, 2007, as previously reported	\$ 543,027,755
Adjustment	<u>(706,979)</u>
Net assets - July 1, 2007, as restated	<u><u>\$ 542,320,776</u></u>

Note 3 – Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents consisted of the following amounts:

<u>Current</u>	
Cash on hand	\$ 2,600
Cash and cash equivalents	56,847,983
Restricted cash and cash equivalents:	
Construction	37,924,725
Debt service	9,193,212
Operation and maintenance	<u>5,955,866</u>
Total restricted cash	53,073,803
Total current cash and cash equivalents	<u>109,924,386</u>
<u>Noncurrent</u>	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents:	
Deposits held in escrow accounts	<u>492,372</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>\$ 110,416,758</u></u>

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Note 3 – Cash and Investments (continued)

Current restricted cash and cash equivalents represents cash received for capital projects, anticipated debt service payments, and an estimated one-twelfth of annual operating expenses. In prior years, only one-twelfth of the annual debt principal and interest was restricted. However, because the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority debt payment is paid July 1, the entire amount of the payment is now included as restricted cash for debt service. Noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents are deposits held in escrow pending completion of capital projects.

The Fund's cash and investments in the Pima County Treasurer's investment pool represent a portion of the County Treasurer's investment pool portfolio. There is no oversight provided for the County Treasurer's investment pool, and the pool's structure does not provide for shares. The Fund's portion in the pool is not identified with specific investments and is not subject to custodial credit risk.

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The County does not have a formal investment policy with respect to credit risk. The Pima County Treasurer's investment pool is unrated.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect an investment's fair value. The County does not have a formal investment policy with respect to interest rate risk. The Pima County Treasurer's investment pool had a weighted average maturity of 262 days at June 30, 2008.

Legal Provisions – Arizona Revised Statutes authorize counties to invest public monies in the State Treasurer's investment pool: obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States or any of the senior debt of its agencies, sponsored agencies, corporations, sponsored corporations, or instrumentalities; specified state and local government bonds; interest earning investments such as savings accounts, certificates of deposit, and repurchase agreements in eligible depositories; and specified commercial paper, bonds, debentures, and notes issued by corporations organized and doing business in the United States. In addition, the County Treasurer may invest trust funds in fixed income securities of corporations doing business in the United States or District of Columbia.

Credit risk - Statutes have the following requirements for credit risk:

1. Commercial paper must be rated P1 by Moody's Investors Service or A1 or better by Standard and Poor's rating service.
2. Corporate bonds, debentures, and notes must be rated A or better by Moody's investors' service or Standard and Poor's rating service.
3. Fixed income securities must carry one of the two highest ratings by Moody's investors' service and Standard and Poor's rating service. If only one of the above-mentioned services rates the security, it must carry the highest rating of that service.

Custodial credit risk - Statutes require collateral for demand deposits, certificates of deposit, and repurchase agreements at 101 percent of all deposits not covered by federal depository insurance.

Concentration of credit risk - Statutes do not include any requirements for concentration of credit risk.

Interest rate risk - Statutes require that public monies invested in securities and deposits have a maximum maturity of 5 years and that public operating fund monies invested in securities and deposits have a maximum maturity of 3 years. Investments in repurchase agreements must have a maximum maturity of 180 days.

Foreign currency risk - Statutes do not allow foreign investments.

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Note 4 – Capital Asset Activity

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2008, is presented in the following schedule:

	Balance July 1, 2007 (as restated)	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2008
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and other improvements	\$ 7,833,896	\$ 901,353		\$ 8,735,249
Construction in progress	<u>35,618,504</u>	<u>56,720,129</u>	<u>\$ 20,278,625</u>	<u>72,060,008</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>43,452,400</u>	<u>57,621,482</u>	<u>20,278,625</u>	<u>80,795,257</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Conveyance systems	548,573,623	32,083,297	560,540	580,096,380
Treatment facilities	341,638,602	6,415,043	206,585	347,847,060
Equipment	<u>17,466,967</u>	<u>18,776,404</u>	<u>629,274</u>	<u>35,614,097</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>907,679,192</u>	<u>57,274,744</u>	<u>1,396,399</u>	<u>963,557,537</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Conveyance systems	199,825,319	11,015,616	258,190	210,582,745
Treatment facilities	107,529,783	11,310,670	83,531	118,756,922
Equipment	<u>6,778,478</u>	<u>2,127,332</u>	<u>515,926</u>	<u>8,389,884</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>314,133,580</u>	<u>24,453,618</u>	<u>857,647</u>	<u>337,729,551</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>593,545,612</u>	<u>32,821,126</u>	<u>538,752</u>	<u>625,827,986</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 636,998,012</u>	<u>\$ 90,442,608</u>	<u>\$ 20,817,377</u>	<u>\$ 706,623,243</u>

Note 5 – Claims, Judgments, and Risk Management

The Fund is a participant in Pima County's self-insurance program. The County's self-insurance program covers the Fund for risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. In the opinion of the Fund's management, any unfavorable outcomes from these types of risks would be covered by that self-insurance program. Accordingly, the Fund has no risk of loss beyond adjustments to future years' premium payments to Pima County's self-insurance program. All estimated losses for unsettled claims and actions of Pima County are determined on an actuarial basis and are included in the *Pima County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

Risks of loss arising from contractual breaches are not covered by the County's self-insurance program or commercial insurance. The Fund's management does not believe that these types of losses would be material to the financial statements; therefore, no accrual of losses has been reported in the financial statements. At June 30, 2008, there were no material lawsuits related to contractual breaches.

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June 30, 2008

Note 6 – Long-Term Liabilities

The following schedule details the Fund’s long-term liability and obligation activity for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	Balance <u>July 1, 2007</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2008</u>	Due Within <u>1 year</u>
Sewer revenue bonds	\$ 97,290,000	\$ 75,000,000	\$ 7,350,000	\$164,940,000	\$ 7,870,000
Less unamortized deferred amounts	<u>2,933,485</u>	<u>1,280,341</u>	<u>413,851</u>	<u>1,239,293</u>	
Total sewer revenue bonds payable	<u>94,356,515</u>			<u>163,700,707</u>	<u>7,870,000</u>
Wastewater loans payable	76,293,302		5,721,589	70,571,713	5,955,046
Less unamortized deferred amounts	<u>182,162</u>		<u>36,433</u>	<u>145,729</u>	
Total wastewater loans payable	<u>76,111,140</u>			<u>70,425,984</u>	<u>5,955,046</u>
Construction contract retention payable	<u>5,279,895</u>	<u>1,411,992</u>	<u>849,796</u>	<u>5,842,091</u>	
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 175,747,550</u>	<u>\$ 77,692,333</u>	<u>\$ 13,471,101</u>	<u>\$239,968,782</u>	<u>\$ 13,825,046</u>

Sewer Revenue Bonds Payable—The Fund has issued several series of sewer revenue bonds (Series 1998, Refunding 2001, Refunding 2004, Series 2007, and Series 2008) to provide funds for the defeasance of prior sewer revenue bonds, the construction of a utility plant, and the construction of improvements to the sewer system. The bonds are callable at various prices depending on the date of call. Interest on the bonds is payable semiannually. Of the total amount originally authorized, \$706,000 from the May 20, 1997, and \$28,237,000 from the May 18, 2004 bond election remain unissued.

Wastewater Loans Payable—The Fund has entered into four loan agreements with the Water Infrastructure Financing Authority of Arizona (1996, 1997, 2000, and 2004 loans payable) to provide funds for the defeasance of prior sewer revenue bonds and the construction and improvement of wastewater treatment facilities. Interest is payable semiannually and is calculated based on the principal amount of the loan outstanding.

In May 2008, the County issued for the Fund \$75,000,000 in Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2008. The net proceeds of the issuance were used to provide monies for the construction and improvements of the County’s wastewater conveyance systems and treatment facilities.

Debt Covenants—All revenue bonds were issued and the loan agreements were executed with a first lien on the first pledge of the Fund’s net revenues and have restrictive covenants, primarily related to minimum utility rates and limitations on future bond issues. The bond covenants also require the Fund to either maintain a surety bond guaranteeing the payment of annual debt service or to maintain in the Bond Reserve Account monies equal to the average annual debt service payment. At June 30, 2008, the Fund had a surety bond to meet the requirements of the debt covenants. The County is also authorized to issue for the Fund additional parity bonds if certain conditions are met, primarily that net revenues for the fiscal year immediately preceding issuance of the parity bonds exceed 120 percent of the maximum annual debt service requirements immediately after such issuance.

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Note 6 – Long-Term Liabilities (continued)

Bonds and loans outstanding at June 30, 2008, were as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Maturity Dates</u>	<u>Outstanding Principal</u>
Series 1998	4.5-5.5%	2009-15	\$ 13,355,000
Refunding 2001	4.0-5.4%	2009-15	12,655,000
Refunding 2004	2.63-5.5%	2009-15	18,145,000
Series 2007	4.0-5.0%	2009-26	45,785,000
Series 2008	4.0-5.0%	2009-24	75,000,000
Total sewer revenue bonds payable			<u>\$ 164,940,000</u>
1996 loan payable	3.19%	2008-12	\$ 5,975,636
1997 loan payable	2.95%	2008-11	2,517,029
2000 loan payable	2.20%	2008-16	42,940,913
2004 loan payable	1.81%	2008-24	19,138,135
Total wastewater loans payable			<u>\$ 70,571,713</u>

Revenue bond debt service and loan payment requirements to maturity, are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	<u>Revenue Bond Debt Service</u>		<u>Loan Payment Requirements</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2009	\$ 7,870,000	\$ 7,175,358	\$ 5,955,046	\$ 2,422,506
2010	8,090,000	6,821,420	6,316,650	2,200,458
2011	7,410,000	6,469,720	7,604,514	1,948,065
2012	8,395,000	6,133,883	7,891,095	1,666,783
2013	9,340,000	5,751,425	6,936,540	1,397,140
2014-2018	52,335,000	21,741,737	26,691,540	3,590,807
2019-2023	60,835,000	10,152,931	6,337,797	1,007,886
2024-2027	10,665,000	867,000	2,838,531	94,720
Total	<u>\$ 164,940,000</u>	<u>\$ 65,113,474</u>	<u>\$ 70,571,713</u>	<u>\$ 14,328,365</u>

Construction Contract Retentions Payable—State laws and regulations require the Fund to withhold a portion of progress payments made on construction contracts until the successful completion of the construction project.

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Note 7 – Due To Other Pima County Funds

Due to other Pima County funds represents payables for goods or services. At June 30, 2008, the payables included \$2,038,729 due to the General Fund, \$11,792 due to the Environmental Quality Fund-Solid Waste Management, \$9,950 due to the Self Insurance Trust Fund, and \$1,882,965 due to the Capital Projects Fund.

Note 8 – Related Party Transactions

Administrative and Fiscal Services—The Fund incurred expenses from Pima County for a variety of administrative and fiscal services, including \$2,079,545 for the allocation of overhead; \$1,638,621 for self-insurance premiums; \$1,426,419 for interdepartmental supplies and services charges; \$1,809,796 for motor pool charges; \$196,273 for professional charges; \$918,948 for repair and maintenance charges; \$110,616 for printing charges; and \$480,166 for miscellaneous other charges.

Public Works Center—The Fund occupies a portion of the Public Works Center and pays rent based on a pro rata share of the building expenses incurred by the Pima County Facilities Management department. The Fund's rent totaled \$208,721 for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Note 9 – Construction and Other Significant Commitments

At June 30, 2008, the Fund had construction contractual commitments of \$28,524,935 and other contractual commitments related to service contracts of \$3,863,826. Funding for these expenditures will be primarily from Sewer Revenue Bonds and related fees.

Note 10 – Intergovernmental Agreement

The City of Tucson, Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District (MDWID), Town of Marana Water, and Oro Valley Water provide sewer utility billing and collection services, certain computer services, accounting information, and statistical data to the Fund. During the year ended June 30, 2008, the Fund paid fees totaling \$2,250,521, \$137,716, \$27,828, and \$138,836, respectively, for such services. As part of its agreement, the City of Tucson invests cash collected from utility customers and held for remittance to the Fund. Interest earnings on such investments are remitted to the Fund. The MDWID, Town of Marana Water and Oro Valley Water submit cash receipts to the Fund regularly. However, cash collections are not invested, and therefore, MDWID, Town of Marana Water, and Oro Valley Water do not remit interest to the Fund.

Note 11 – Retirement Plan

Plan Description—The Fund contributes to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) that covers general employees of the Fund. Benefits are established by state statute and generally provide retirement, death, long-term disability, survivor, and health insurance premium benefits. The ASRS is governed by the Arizona State Retirement System Board according to the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes Title 38, Chapter 5, Article 2.

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Note 11 – Retirement Plan (continued)

The ASRS issues a comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The most recent report may be obtained by writing the Arizona State Retirement System, 3300 North Central Avenue, P.O. Box 33910, Phoenix, Arizona 85067-3910, by calling (602) 240-2000 or on-line at <http://www.ASRS.state.az.us/web/Aboutus.do>.

Funding Policy—The Arizona State Legislature establishes and may amend active plan members’ and the Fund’s contribution rates. For the year ended June 30, 2008, active plan members and the Fund were each required by statute to contribute at the actuarially determined rate of 9.60 percent (9.10 percent retirement and 0.50 percent long-term disability) of the members’ annual covered payroll. The Fund’s contributions to the ASRS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$2,374,127, \$2,024,877, and \$1,528,578, respectively, which were equal to the required contributions for the year.

Note 12 – Postemployment Healthcare Benefits

In compliance with GASB Statement No, 45, the Fund reported an accrued actuarial liability or *Net OPEB obligation* and related OPEB expense at June 30, 2008. The short-term portion is reported with accrued employee compensation. The long-term portion is reported separately.

Retiree Insurance Program

Employees retiring from Pima County service, who receive monthly income from one of the Arizona State Retirement Plans, are eligible to continue medical and dental insurance coverage at group rates through the County (the Program). It is a single-employer plan and the benefits and premium rates are approved by the Board of Supervisors on an annual basis for active and retired members. Although Pima County does not explicitly pay a portion of the retiree’s premiums, because of the inclusion of this risk class in the insured pool, there is an implicit rate subsidy or “premium rate differential” that is incurred by the County. No separate report is provided for the Program.

Funding Policy

The Program is currently funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The Fund’s annual healthcare pension cost and net pension obligation as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 were as follows:

Annual healthcare pension contribution	\$ 1,056,148
Interest on net pension obligation	40,614
Annual pension cost	<u>1,096,762</u>
Contributions made	<u>(136,603)</u>
Increase in net pension obligation	960,159
Net pension obligation at beginning of year	<u> </u>
Net pension obligation at end of year	<u><u>\$ 960,159</u></u>
Current portion	<u>(241,427)</u>
Non-current portion	<u><u>\$ 718,732</u></u>

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Note 12 – Postemployment Healthcare Benefits (continued)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The more significant actuarial assumptions and methods used in the calculation of employer contributions to the Retiree Insurance Program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 are as follows:

Valuation date	July 1, 2007
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal cost method
Amortization method for actuarial accrued liabilities	Level percentage of payroll
Remaining amortization period	30 Years open
Actuarial cost method	Projected unit credit
Investment rate of return	4.50%
Medicare coverage age	65
Retirement and disability age	Based on EORP, CORP, ASRS, and PSRS pension valuations
Salary increases	2.50%
Payroll growth	2.50%
Active members	472
LTD/Retiree and spouses currently receiving benefits	14



**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**

The Board of Supervisors
of Pima County, Arizona

Members of the Board:

We have audited the financial statements of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department -- Enterprise Fund, an enterprise fund of Pima County, Arizona as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated October 20, 2008. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department -- Enterprise Fund's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department -- Enterprise Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department -- Enterprise Fund's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department – Enterprise Fund’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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, Board of Supervisors, others within the entity and governmental agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

HEINFELD, MEECH & CO., P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

October 20, 2008