

2015

Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund



Pima County, Arizona
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
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June 30, 2015

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Supervisors
Pima County, Arizona

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund of Pima County, Arizona, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles: this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund of Pima County, Arizona as of June 30, 2015, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Emphasis of Matters

Fund Financial Statements

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Pima County, Arizona as of June 30, 2015, the changes in its financial position or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our report is not modified with respect to this matter.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 1, the Pima County implemented the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date, for the year ended June 30, 2015, which represents a change in accounting principle. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 26, 2015 on our consideration of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation 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 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 Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Tucson, Arizona
October 28, 2015

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015

Assets

Current assets:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 110,741,429 |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents | | 27,014,079 |
| Interest receivable | | 86,248 |
| Accounts receivable, net | | 18,940,533 |
| Due from other Pima County funds | | 7,878,485 |
| Due from other governments | | 409,944 |
| Inventory of materials and supplies | | 2,382,643 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 89,803 |
| | | 167,543,164 |
| Total current assets | | 167,543,164 |

Noncurrent assets:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents: | | |
| Restricted for debt service | | 29,088,228 |
| Emergency reserve fund | | 20,000,000 |
| | | 49,088,228 |
| Total restricted assets | | 49,088,228 |

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation where applicable:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Land | | 9,858,772 |
| Intangibles - Easements | | 2,366,925 |
| Sewage conveyance system, net | | 457,524,482 |
| Treatment facilities, net | | 606,040,935 |
| Equipment, net | | 94,780,029 |
| Construction in progress | | 50,201,035 |
| | | 1,220,772,178 |
| Total capital assets, net | | 1,220,772,178 |
| Total noncurrent assets | | 1,269,860,406 |
| Total assets | | 1,437,403,570 |

Deferred outflows of resources

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Deferred outflows related to pensions | | 4,846,506 |
| Total deferred outflows of resources | \$ | 4,846,506 |

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Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015

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Liabilities

Current liabilities:

| | | |
|--|----|------------|
| Accounts payable | \$ | 17,363,378 |
| Payroll and employee benefits | | 1,757,606 |
| Interest payable | | 276,391 |
| Due to other Pima County funds | | 25,348 |
| Due to other governments | | 5,277 |
| Current portion of sewer obligations payable | | 22,740,000 |
| Current portion of sewer revenue bonds payable | | 15,950,000 |
| Current portion of wastewater loans payable | | 1,581,303 |
| Current portion of sewer obligations and revenue bonds premium | | 7,255,033 |
| Unearned revenue - effluent and connection fee credits | | 1,593,650 |
| | | 1,593,650 |
| Total current liabilities | | 68,547,986 |

Noncurrent liabilities:

| | | |
|---|--|-------------|
| Compensated absences payable | | 2,631,280 |
| Construction contract retentions payable | | 1,097,722 |
| Sewer obligations payable, less current portion | | 449,500,000 |
| Sewer revenue bonds payable, less current portion | | 104,145,000 |
| Wastewater loans payable, less current portion | | 16,563,716 |
| Sewer obligations and revenue bonds premium, less current portion | | 31,534,354 |
| Net pension liability | | 38,040,446 |
| | | 38,040,446 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | | 643,512,518 |

| | | |
|-------------------|--|-------------|
| Total liabilities | | 712,060,504 |
|-------------------|--|-------------|

Deferred inflows of resources

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Deferred inflows related to pensions | | 6,652,100 |
| Total deferred inflows of resources | | 6,652,100 |

Net Position

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Net investment in capital assets | | 571,502,772 |
| Restricted for: | | |
| Debt service | | 36,683,272 |
| Capital projects | | 7,980,049 |
| Operation and maintenance | | 19,419,035 |
| Unrestricted | | 87,952,344 |
| | | 87,952,344 |
| Total net position | \$ | 723,537,472 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Year Ended June 30, 2015

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Operating revenues: | |
| Sewer utility service | \$ 159,270,995 |
| Engineering review and inspection fees | 149,119 |
| Permits and fines | 32,971 |
| Other income | 506,047 |
| Total operating revenues | 159,959,132 |
| Operating expenses: | |
| Employee compensation | 33,028,072 |
| Operating supplies | 7,247,392 |
| Utilities | 7,295,901 |
| Sludge and refuse disposal | 1,628,105 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 9,745,345 |
| General and administrative | 12,739,219 |
| Consultants and professional services | 11,738,737 |
| Depreciation | 51,248,311 |
| Total operating expenses | 134,671,082 |
| Operating income | 25,288,050 |
| Nonoperating revenues (expenses): | |
| Intergovernmental revenue | 498,798 |
| Interest income | 874,522 |
| Sewer connection revenues | 13,143,881 |
| Loss on disposal of equipment | (29,542,182) |
| Interest expense | (20,671,472) |
| Total nonoperating revenues (expenses) | (35,696,453) |
| Loss before capital contributions and transfers | (10,408,403) |
| Capital contributions | 5,390,746 |
| Transfers in | 28,651,037 |
| Transfers out | (21,421,644) |
| Increase in net position | 2,211,736 |
| Net position as restated - July, 1 2014 | 721,325,736 |
| Net position - June 30, 2015 | \$ 723,537,472 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2015

Cash flows from operating activities:

| | | |
|--|----|--------------|
| Receipts from customers | \$ | 158,144,665 |
| Miscellaneous receipts | | 506,047 |
| Payments to suppliers for goods and services | | (38,008,548) |
| Payments to other Pima County funds for goods and services | | (14,189,860) |
| Payments to employees | | (32,811,876) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | | 73,640,428 |

Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:

| | | |
|--|--|-----------|
| Intergovernmental receipts | | 498,798 |
| Repayment of interfund borrowings | | (255,015) |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities | | 243,783 |

Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:

| | | |
|--|--|---------------|
| Sewer connection receipts from customers | | 12,479,264 |
| Purchase and construction of capital assets | | (56,650,531) |
| Principal payments on revenue bonds, obligations and loans | | (40,979,678) |
| Interest payments on revenue bonds and loans | | (28,844,171) |
| Net cash used for capital and related financing activities | | (113,995,116) |

Cash flows from investing activities:

| | | |
|---|--|---------|
| Interest received on investments | | 982,478 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | | 982,478 |

| | | |
|---|--|--------------|
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | | (39,128,427) |
|---|--|--------------|

| | | |
|---|--|-------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents, July 1, 2014 | | 225,972,163 |
|---|--|-------------|

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents, June 30, 2015 | \$ | 186,843,736 |
| | | (continued) |

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Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2015

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**Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided
by operating activities:**

| | | |
|--|----|--------------------------|
| Operating income | \$ | 25,288,050 |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | | 51,248,311 |
| Pension expense | | 2,669,967 |
| Employer pension contributions | | (2,529,756) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Decrease in assets: | | |
| Accounts receivable | | (901,476) |
| Due from other governments | | (406,944) |
| Inventory of materials and supplies | | (505,416) |
| Prepaid expenses | | (35,996) |
| Increase (decrease) in liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | | (1,264,185) |
| Due to other governments | | 1,888 |
| Accrued payroll and employee benefits | | 75,985 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ | <u><u>73,640,428</u></u> |

Noncash investing, capital, and noncapital financing activities during the year ended June 30, 2015:

Developers conveyed capital assets with an estimated fair value of \$5,143,008. This transaction was recorded as a capital contribution.

The Fund disposed of capital assets with a net book value of \$29,542,182.

The Fund transferred capital assets with a net book value of \$374,128 to Fleet Services.

The Fund retired expired Sewer Credit Agreements totaling \$247,738. This transaction was recorded as a decrease to unearned revenue and an increase in capital contributions.

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2015

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of Pima County (County) and its Regional Wastewater Reclamation 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.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the County implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*, and GASB Statement No. 69, *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*, GASB Statement Nos. 68 and 71 establish standards for measuring and recognizing net pension (assets and) liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expenses/expenditures related to pension benefits provided through defined benefit pension plans. In addition, Statement No. 68 requires disclosure of information related to pension benefits. GASB No. 69 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations and disposals government operations.

A. Reporting Entity

The Fund is accounted for as an enterprise fund of Pima County, Arizona, however, 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 Enterprise Fund as one of the enterprise funds of Pima County and are not intended to present the balances and activity of Pima County in 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 position, 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 position 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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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements include a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position, and a statement of cash flows. A statement of net position provides information about the assets, liabilities, and net position of the Fund at the end of the year. Assets and liabilities are classified as either current or noncurrent. Net position is classified according to external restrictions or availability of assets to satisfy the Fund's obligations.

Net investment 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 position represents grants, contracts, and other resources that have been externally restricted for specific purposes. Unrestricted net position includes all other net position, 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 position 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 position are reported, including capital contributions and transfers. Generally, charges for services and fees generated from providing wastewater treatment 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, deposits with fiscal agent 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, deposit with fiscal agent and deposits held in escrow accounts.

For purposes of its statement of cash flows, the County considers cash on hand, demand deposits, cash on deposit with the County Treasurer, and only those highly liquid investments with a maturity of 3 months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts are stated at cost. Money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts with a remaining maturity of 1 year or less at the time of purchase are stated at amortized cost. All (other) investments are stated at fair value.

F. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist primarily of amounts 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 systems, buildings and improvements, infrastructure and intangibles costing \$100,000 or more, with the exception of software projects which cost \$5,000,000 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. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The statement of net position and balance sheet include separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future periods that will be recognized as an expense or expenditure in future periods. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to future periods and will be recognized as a revenue in future periods.

J. 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.

K. 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.

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
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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.

M. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension (asset) and liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position and additions to /deductions from the plan’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Note 2 – Changes in Accounting Principle

Net Position as of July 1, 2014, has been restated as follows for the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date.

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Net Position as previously reported at June 30, 2014 | \$761,031,565 |
| Prior period adjustment - implementation of GASB 68: | |
| Net pension liability (measurement date as June 30, 2013) | (42,185,530) |
| Deferred outflows - Fund contributions made during fiscal year 2014 | 2,479,701 |
| Total prior period adjustment | (39,705,829) |
| Net position as restated, July 1, 2014 | \$ 721,325,736 |

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Note 3 – Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents consisted of the following amounts:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Current | |
| Cash on hand | \$ 2,450 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 110,738,979 |
| Total current cash and cash equivalents | 110,741,429 |
| | |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents: | |
| Debt service | 7,595,044 |
| Operation and maintenance | 19,419,035 |
| Total current restricted cash and cash equivalents | 27,014,079 |
| | |
| Noncurrent | |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents: | |
| Debt service | 29,088,228 |
| Emergency reserve fund | 20,000,000 |
| Total non-current restricted cash and cash equivalents | 49,088,228 |
| | |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | \$ 186,843,736 |

Current restricted cash and cash equivalents represents cash received for capital projects, anticipated debt service payments, and an estimated one-fourth 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 consisted of deposits with fiscal agent for the reserve requirement which is equal to one-half of maximum annual debt service on the 2010, 2011B, 2012A and 2014 Obligations, emergency reserve funds to cover potential emergency and unplanned 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 had a weighted average maturity of 445 days at June 30, 2015.

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Note 3 – Cash and Investments (continued)

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, 2015, is presented in the following schedule:

| | Balance June 30, 2014 | Increases | Decreases | Balance June 30, 2015 |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Capital assets not being depreciated: | | | | |
| Land | \$ 8,494,939 | \$ 1,363,833 | | \$ 9,858,772 |
| Intangibles - easements | 2,366,925 | | | 2,366,925 |
| Construction in progress | 60,000,343 | 51,512,106 | \$ (61,311,414) | 50,201,035 |
| Total capital assets not being depreciated | <u>70,862,207</u> | <u>52,875,939</u> | <u>(61,311,414)</u> | <u>62,426,732</u> |
| Capital assets being depreciated: | | | | |
| Sewage conveyance systems | 721,514,633 | 33,117,242 | (3,539,258) | 751,092,617 |
| Treatment facilities* | 838,860,543 | 13,664,176 | (112,674,507) | 739,850,212 |
| Equipment | 131,586,245 | 15,895,825 | (7,539,304) | 139,942,766 |
| Total capital assets being depreciated | <u>1,691,961,421</u> | <u>62,677,243</u> | <u>(123,753,069)</u> | <u>1,630,885,595</u> |
| Less accumulated depreciation for: | | | | |
| Sewage conveyance systems | 281,761,033 | 13,979,084 | (2,171,982) | 293,568,135 |
| Treatment facilities* | 190,772,145 | 28,063,529 | (85,026,397) | 133,809,277 |
| Equipment | 42,969,546 | 9,205,698 | (7,012,507) | 45,162,737 |
| Total accumulated depreciation | <u>515,502,724</u> | <u>51,248,311</u> | <u>(94,210,886)</u> | <u>472,540,149</u> |
| Total capital assets being depreciated, net | <u>1,176,458,697</u> | <u>11,428,932</u> | <u>(29,542,183)</u> | <u>1,158,345,446</u> |
| Capital assets, net | <u>\$ 1,247,320,904</u> | <u>\$ 64,304,871</u> | <u>\$ (90,853,597)</u> | <u>\$ 1,220,772,178</u> |

*The Randolph Park Wastewater Reclamation Facility was closed during the fiscal year with a net book value of \$27,554,398

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, 2015, there were no material lawsuits related to contractual breaches.

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Note 6 – Long-Term Liabilities

The following schedule details the Fund’s long-term liability and obligation activity for the year ended June 30, 2015:

| | Balance | | | Balance | Due Within |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | June 30, 2014 | Additions | Reductions | June 30, 2015 | 1 year |
| Sewer revenue bonds | \$ 137,650,000 | | \$ (17,555,000) | \$ 120,095,000 | \$ 15,950,000 |
| Unamortized premium/discount | 781,341 | | (515,081) | 266,260 | 258,748 |
| Total sewer revenue bonds payable | <u>138,431,341</u> | | <u>(18,070,081)</u> | <u>120,361,260</u> | <u>16,208,748</u> |
| Sewer revenue obligations | 494,130,000 | | (21,890,000) | 472,240,000 | 22,740,000 |
| Unamortized premium/discount | 46,157,432 | | (7,634,305) | 38,523,127 | 6,996,285 |
| Total sewer revenue obligations payable | <u>540,287,432</u> | | <u>(29,524,305)</u> | <u>510,763,127</u> | <u>29,736,285</u> |
| Wastewater loans payable | 19,679,697 | | (1,534,678) | 18,145,019 | 1,581,303 |
| Total wastewater loans payable | <u>19,679,697</u> | | <u>(1,534,678)</u> | <u>18,145,019</u> | <u>1,581,303</u> |
| Construction contract retention payable | 7,942,420 | \$ 9,343,491 | (16,188,189) | 1,097,722 | |
| Compensated absences payable* | 2,702,280 | | (71,000) | 2,631,280 | |
| Net pension liability | 42,185,530 | | (4,145,084) | 38,040,446 | |
| Total long-term liabilities | <u>\$ 751,228,700</u> | <u>\$ 9,343,491</u> | <u>\$ (69,533,337)</u> | <u>\$ 691,038,854</u> | <u>\$ 47,526,336</u> |

*There was a change in reporting the current and non-current portions of the Compensated absences payable. The current portion of the Compensated absences payable of \$308,588 is reported as Employee compensation.

Sewer Revenue Bonds Payable—The Fund has issued several series of sewer revenue bonds (Refunding 2004, Series 2007, Series 2008, Series 2009, and Refunding 2011A) to provide funds for the defeasance of prior sewer revenue bonds, the construction of a sewage treatment 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.

Sewer Revenue Obligations Payable—The Fund issued 2010, 2011B, 2012A, and 2014 Series of the Sewer System Revenue Obligations for the purpose of financing capital improvement programs constituting improvements and extensions to the entire sewer system of the County. These are subordinated debts secured solely by pledged revenues and require no voter authorization.

Wastewater Loans Payable—The Fund has entered into two loan agreements/amendments with the Water Infrastructure Financing Authority of Arizona (2004, and 2009 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.

Debt Covenants—All revenue bonds were issued and the loan agreements were executed with a first lien on the 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, 2015, 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, obligations and loans outstanding at June 30, 2015, were as follows:

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Interest Rates</u> | <u>Maturity Dates</u> | <u>Call Dates</u> | <u>Outstanding Principal</u> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Series 2007 | 4.0-5.0% | 2016-26 | July 1, 2017 | \$ 32,535,000 |
| Series 2008 | 4.0-5.0% | 2016-23 | July 1, 2018 | 68,945,000 |
| Series 2009 | 3.5-4.25% | 2016-24 | July 1, 2019 | 13,385,000 |
| Refunding 2011A | 3.0-5.0% | 2016 | | 5,230,000 |
| Total sewer revenue bonds payable | | | | <u>\$ 120,095,000</u> |
| Series 2010 | 3.0-5.0% | 2016-25 | July 1, 2020 | 161,000,000 |
| Series 2011B | 5.0% | 2016-26 | July 1, 2021 | 154,120,000 |
| Series 2012A | 1.75-5.0% | 2016-27 | July 1, 2022 | 111,185,000 |
| Series 2014 | 4.0-5.0% | 2016-28 | July 1, 2023 | 45,935,000 |
| Total sewer revenue obligations payable | | | | <u>\$ 472,240,000</u> |
| 2004 loan payable | 1.81% | 2016-24 | | 12,492,809 |
| 2009 loan payable | 0.96% | 2016-24 | | 5,652,210 |
| Total wastewater loans payable | | | | <u>\$ 18,145,019</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>Sewer Obligation Debt Service</u> | | <u>Loan Payment Requirements</u> | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> |
| 2016 | \$ 15,950,000 | \$ 5,057,294 | \$ 22,740,000 | \$ 22,967,225 | \$ 1,581,303 | \$ 528,749 |
| 2017 | 11,250,000 | 4,353,644 | 36,170,000 | 21,989,125 | 1,629,369 | 479,941 |
| 2018 | 11,810,000 | 3,885,919 | 37,795,000 | 20,366,350 | 1,678,921 | 429,623 |
| 2019 | 12,405,000 | 3,413,675 | 39,615,000 | 18,548,225 | 1,730,004 | 377,749 |
| 2020 | 13,025,000 | 2,914,338 | 41,585,000 | 16,570,600 | 1,782,668 | 324,270 |
| 2021-2025 | 51,925,000 | 5,983,044 | 240,345,000 | 50,461,000 | 9,742,754 | 759,693 |
| 2026-2028 | 3,730,000 | 149,200 | 53,990,000 | 3,976,000 | | |
| Total | <u>\$ 120,095,000</u> | <u>\$ 25,757,114</u> | <u>\$ 472,240,000</u> | <u>\$ 154,878,525</u> | <u>\$ 18,145,019</u> | <u>\$ 2,900,025</u> |

The Fund has pledged future user charges, net of specified operating expenses, to repay \$120,095,000 in sewer revenue bonds and \$472,240,000 in sewer obligations issued between 2004 and 2014, and \$18,145,019 in sewer revenue loans issued between 2004 and 2009. Proceeds from the bonds, obligations and loans provided financing for construction of various treatment facilities and sewer infrastructure within Pima County. The bonds, obligations and loans are payable from net sewer revenues and are payable through 2028. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds and obligations are expected to require approximately 71 percent of net revenues. The annual principal and interest payments on the loans are expected to require approximately 2 percent of net revenues. Total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds and obligations is \$772,970,639. Total principal and interest to be paid on the loans is \$21,045,044. Principal and interest paid for bonds, obligations and loans in the current year and total customer net revenues were \$69,198,306, \$2,134,086 and \$94,738,738, respectively.

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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.

Note 7 – Due To Other Pima County Funds

Due to other Pima County funds represents payables to other County funds for goods or services. At June 30, 2015, the payables included \$934 due to Capital Projects, \$18 due to General Fund, and \$24,396 due to Other Internal Services. At June 30, 2015 the receivables included \$7,878,485 due from Capital Projects.

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 \$7,294,661 for the allocation of overhead; \$1,883,390 for self-insurance premiums; \$1,833,538 for interdepartmental supplies and services charges; \$1,959,278 for motor pool charges; \$882,790 for repair and maintenance charges; and \$10,708 for other miscellaneous 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. The Fund's rent totaled \$325,495 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Note 9 – Construction and Other Significant Commitments

At June 30, 2015, the Fund had construction contractual commitments of \$24,595,851 and other contractual commitments related to service contracts of \$14,232,108. Funding for these expenditures will be primarily from Sewer Revenue Obligations 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, 2015 the Fund paid fees totaling \$3,145,634, \$275,270, \$30,130 and \$152,394, 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, therefore, MDWID, Town of Marana Water, and Oro Valley Water do not remit interest to the Fund.

Note 11 – Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits

Plan Description—The Fund contributes to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit health insurance premium (OPEB) plan; and a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit long-term disability (OPEB) plan administered by the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) that covers employees of the State of Arizona and employees of participating subdivisions and school districts. Benefits are established by state statute and generally provide retirement, long-term disability, and health insurance premium benefits, including death and survivor benefits. The retirement benefits are generally paid at a percentage based on years of service, of the retiree's average compensation. Long-term disability benefits vary by circumstance, but generally pay a percentage of the employee's monthly compensation. Health insurance premium benefits are generally paid as a flat dollar amount per month towards the retiree's health care insurance premiums, in amounts based on whether the benefit is for the retiree or for the retiree and his or her spouse. The ASRS is governed by the Arizona

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Note 11 – Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits (continued)

State Retirement System Board according to the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes Title 38, Chapter 5, Article 2. and 2.1. The ASRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes its financial statements and required supplementary information. The report is available on its website at www.azasrs.gov.

At June 30, 2015 the Fund reported the following amounts related to pensions for which it contributes:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|------------|
| Net pension liability | \$ | 38,040,446 |
| Deferred outflows of resources | | 4,846,506 |
| Deferred inflows of resources | | 6,652,100 |
| Pension expense | | 2,669,967 |

Benefits Provided - The ASRS provides retirement, health insurance premium supplement, long-term disability, and survivor benefits. State statute established benefit terms. Retirement benefits are calculated on the basis of age, average monthly compensation, and service credit as follows:

| | Retirement | |
|--|--|--|
| | Initial membership date | |
| | Before July 1, 2011 | On or after July 1, 2011 |
| Years of service and age required to receive benefit | Sum of years and age equals 80 10 years age 62 5 years age 50* any years age 65 | 30 years age 55 25 years age 60 10 years age 62 5 years age 50* any years age 65 |
| Final average salary is based on | Highest 36 months of last 120 months | Highest 60 months of last 120 months |
| Benefit percent per year of service | 2.1% to 2.3% | 2.1% to 2.3% |

*With actuarially reduced benefits

Retirement benefits for members who joined the ASRS prior to September 13, 2013, are subject to automatic cost-of-living adjustments based on excess investment earning. Members with a membership date on or after September 13, 2013, are not eligible for cost-of-living adjustments. Survivor benefits are payable upon a member's death. For retired members, the survivor benefit is determined by the retirement benefit option chosen. For all other members, the beneficiary is entitled to the member's account balance that includes the member's contributions and employer's contributions, plus interest earned.

Contributions – In accordance with state statutes, annual actuarial valuations determine active member and employer contribution requirements. The combined active member and employer contribution rates are expected to finance the costs of benefits employees earn during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. For the year ended June 30, 2015, active ASRS members were required by statute to contribute at the actuarially determined rate of 11.6 percent (11.48 percent for retirement and 0.12 percent for long-term disability) of the members' annual covered payroll, and the County was required by statute to contribute at the actuarially determined rate of 11.6 percent (10.89 percent for retirement, 0.59 percent for health insurance premium benefit, and 0.12 percent for long-term disability) of the active members' annual covered payroll. In addition, the County was required by statute to contribute

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at the actuarially determined rate of 9.57 percent (9.51 percent for retirement and 0.06 percent for long-term disability) of the annual covered payroll of retired members who worked for the County in positions that would typically be filled by an employee who contributes to the ASRS. The Fund’s contributions to the pension plan for the year ended June 30, 2015, were \$2,529,756. The Fund’s contributions for the current and 2 preceding years for OPEB, all of which were equal to the required contributions, were as follows:

| <u>Year ended June 30,</u> | <u>Health Benefit Supplemental Fund</u> | <u>Long-Term Disability Fund</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 2015 | \$117,840 | \$28,777 |
| 2014 | \$142,715 | \$57,086 |
| 2013 | \$153,814 | \$56,793 |

Pension Liability – At June 30, 2015, the Fund reported a liability of \$38,040,446 for its proportionate share of Pima County’s ASRS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured at June 30, 2014. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2013, to the measurement date of June 30, 2014. The Fund’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Fund’s actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of the County’s contributions. The County’s contributions for the year ended June 30, 2014 was 2.55% of the total of all participating employers’ contributions. The Fund’s proportion measured as of June 30, 2015, was 10.08 percent of the total County contribution which did not significantly change from that measured as of June 30, 2014.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources – For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Fund recognized pension expense of \$2,669,967. At June 30, 2015 the Fund reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | Deferred Outflows of Resources | Deferred Inflows of Resources |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Difference between expected and actual experience | \$ 1,933,327 | |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | | \$ 6,652,100 |
| Changes in proportion and difference between County contributions and proportionate share of County contributions subsequent to the measurement date | 383,423 | |
| | 2,529,756 | |
| Total | \$ 4,846,506 | \$ 6,652,100 |

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The \$2,529,756 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to ASRS pensions resulting from Fund’s contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to ASRS pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| <u>Year ending June 30</u> | | |
|----------------------------|----|-----------|
| 2016 | \$ | 655,742 |
| 2017 | | 655,742 |
| 2018 | | 1,360,841 |
| 2019 | | 1,663,025 |

Actuarial Assumptions - The significant actuarial assumptions used to measure the total pension liability are as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Actuarial valuation date | June 30, 2013 |
| Actuarial roll forward date | June 30, 2014 |
| Actuarial cost method | Entry age normal |
| Investment rate of return | 8% |
| Projected salary increases | 3-6.75% |
| Inflation | 3% |
| Permanent benefit increase | Included |
| Mortality rates | 1994 GAM Scale BB |

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2013, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the 5-year period ended June 30, 2012.

The long-term expected rate of return on ASRS pension plan investments was determined to be 8.79 percent using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best-estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

| Asset Class | <u>Target Allocation</u> | <u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u> |
|--------------|------------------------------|---|
| Equity | 63% | 7.03% |
| Fixed income | 25% | 3.20% |
| Real estate | 8% | 4.75% |
| Commodities | 4% | 4.50% |
| Total | <u>100%</u> | |

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the ASRS total pension liability was 8 percent, which is less than the long-term expected rate of return of 8.79 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed

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that contributions from participating employers will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on the ASRS Board's funding policy, which establishes the contractually required rate under Arizona statute. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Fund's Proportionate Share of the ASRS Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the Fund's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8 percent, as well as what the Fund's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (7 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (9 percent) than the current rate:

| | 1% Decrease (7%) | Current Discount Rate (8%) | 1% Increase (9%) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | |
| Fund's proportionate share of | | | |
| the net pension liability | \$48,081,173 | \$38,040,446 | \$32,592,848 |

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ASRS financial report.



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

Board of Supervisors
Pima County, Arizona

We have audited, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund of Pima County, Arizona, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Enterprise Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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

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