

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board and Management
Of Big Plains Water & Sewer SSD
Town of Apple Valley, Utah

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District's basic financial statements. Other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 23, 2021, on our consideration of the Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



HintonBurdick, PLLC
St. George, Utah
March 23, 2021

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District
Management's Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2020

As management of Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District (the District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *Total net position for the District decreased by \$40,903
- *Total unrestricted net position for the District decreased by \$127,108
- *Operating revenues decreased by \$14,202
- *Operating expenses decreased by \$37,532

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District is a special-purpose government engaged in business-type activities. All transactions related to its activities are recorded in a single enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for the operations financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the cost of providing goods and services (including depreciation), on a continuing basis, be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The financial statements presented in this report are those required of an enterprise fund and consist of (1) the statement of net position, (2) the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, (3) the statement of cash flows, and (4) the notes to the financial statements.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between them reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating. However, other non-financial factors need to be considered as well.

The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position (the income statement) presents information about the amounts of revenues, expenses, and resulting net income for the year. Net income is the change in net position. All items of income and expense are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to those items occurs, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The statement of cash flows starts with the amounts of net income and removes the non-cash portion (the receivables and payables which did not provide or use cash), thus converting the amounts to a cash basis.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are reported later in this report; see Table of Contents.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District's Net Position

	Current Year	Previous Year	Change
Current and other assets	\$ 404,179	301,014	103,165
Non-current assets	5,591,521	5,717,739	(126,218)
Total assets	5,995,699	6,018,753	(23,054)
Other liabilities	267,275	105,608	161,667
Long-term liabilities outstanding	4,966,982	5,110,799	(143,817)
Total liabilities	5,234,257	5,216,407	17,850
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	641,539	631,941	9,598
Restricted	320,017	243,411	76,606
Unrestricted	(200,113)	(73,005)	(127,108)
Total net position	\$ 761,442	802,347	(40,905)

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. Total assets exceeded total liabilities at the close of the year by \$761,442, a decrease of \$40,905 from the previous year. This change is equivalent to the net income for the year, in private sector terms.

Total unrestricted net position at the end of the year is a deficit of \$200,113, which represents a decrease of \$127,108 from the previous year. Unrestricted net position are those resources available to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements.

The amount of current and other assets represent the amounts of cash and receivables on hand at the end of each year. Other liabilities are the amounts of current and other liabilities due, at year end, for goods and services acquired.

Changes in capital assets are the result of the difference, in the current year, of the cost of acquisition of capital assets and any depreciation charges on capital assets. Change in long-term debt is the difference in the amount of debt issued and that which has been paid during the year.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (continued)

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District's Change in Net Position

	Current Year	Previous Year	Change
Operating income:			
Service income	\$ 240,734	222,115	18,619
Connection fees	19,500	34,888	(15,388)
Other operating income	18,390	35,823	(17,433)
Total operating income	278,625	292,826	(14,202)
Operating expenses:			
Wages	45,006	69,141	(24,135)
Benefits	24,563	37,676	(13,113)
Utilities	13,974	10,591	3,383
Repair and maintenance	22,497	35,382	(12,885)
Professional services	33,594	17,327	16,267
Other supplies and expenses	6,333	13,582	(7,249)
Insurance expense	4,087	4,644	(557)
Depreciation expense	134,769	134,013	756
Total operating expense	284,824	322,356	(37,532)
Net operating income (loss)	(6,199)	(29,530)	23,330
Non-operating income (expense):			
Impact fees	61,528	197,573	(136,045)
Grants	-	38,000	(38,000)
Interest income	2,633	3,136	(503)
Legal fee expenses	(5,713)	(5,549)	(164)
Interest on long-term debt	(93,152)	(94,608)	1,456
Total non-operating income (expense)	(34,704)	138,552	(173,256)
Change in net position	\$ (40,903)	109,023	(149,926)

Service income increase by \$18,619. Connection fees decreased by \$15,388. Other operating income decreased by \$17,433.

Depreciation expense is the largest single element of operating costs and increased from the amount of the previous year by \$756. The largest single increase in operating expenses was for professional services in the amount of \$16,267. Wages decreased by \$24,135 during the year.

Impact fees decreased by \$136,145 and grants decreased by \$38,000.

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BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District operates as an enterprise fund and is required to comply with the operating budget on an entity-wide basis.

	Original	Amended	Actual
Revenues	\$ 537,334	544,834	342,786
Expenses	380,970	381,766	383,689
Net income	\$ 156,364	163,068	(40,903)

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District's Capital Assets

	Current Year	Previous Year	Change
Net Capital Assets:			
Land	\$ 21,507	21,507	-
Water rights	996,483	996,483	-
Machinery and equipment	42,132	42,132	-
Water systems	5,251,675	5,238,445	13,230
Construction in progress	-	4,680	(4,680)
Total	6,311,797	6,303,247	8,550
Less accumulated depreciation	(720,276)	(585,508)	(134,769)
Net Capital Assets	\$ 5,591,521	5,717,739	(126,219)

The total amount of net capital assets of \$5,591,521 is a decrease of \$126,219 from the previous year.

The amount of decrease in net capital assets represents the amount that depreciation charged on capital assets exceeded new investment in capital assets.

Additional information regarding capital assets may be found in the notes to financial statements.

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CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION (continued)

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District's Outstanding Debt

	Current Year	Previous Year	Change
Business-type activities:			
2016 Aquafer Study	\$ 17,000	25,000	(8,000)
2018 Water Bond Series A	80,000	84,000	(4,000)
2012 Water Project	2,030,000	2,115,000	(85,000)
2018 Water Bond Series B	339,000	349,000	(10,000)
2015 Water Bond 02	283,144	286,963	(3,819)
2015 Water Bond 01	2,217,837	2,250,836	(32,999)
Total business-type	4,966,981	5,110,799	(143,818)
Total outstanding debt	\$ 4,966,981	5,110,799	(143,818)

Additional information regarding the long-term liabilities may be found in the notes to financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

No significant economic changes that would affect the District are expected for the next year. Budgets have been set on essentially the same factors as the current year being reported.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District, 688 N Paradise Ln, Bldg A, Apple Valley, UT 84737.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND
June 30, 2020

	Utility Fund
ASSETS:	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -
Due from other governments	58,358
Total current assets	58,358
Non-current assets:	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	345,821
Capital assets:	
Not being depreciated	1,017,990
Net of accumulated depreciation	4,573,530
Total non-current assets	5,937,342
Total assets	\$ 5,995,699
LIABILITIES:	
Current liabilities:	
Checks written in excess of unrestricted cash balance	\$ 225,188
Accounts payable	29,446
Accrued liabilities	3,331
Customer deposits	5,000
Accrued interest payable	4,310
Revenue bonds, current portion	147,147
Total current liabilities	414,422
Non-current liabilities:	
Revenue bonds, long-term	4,819,835
Total non-current liabilities	4,819,835
Total liabilities	5,234,257
NET POSITION:	
Net investment in capital assets	641,539
Restricted	320,017
Unrestricted	(200,113)
Total net position	761,442
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 5,995,699

The notes to the financial statements are in integral part of this statement

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES
 IN NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND**

For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Utility Fund
Operating income:	
Charges for sales and service	\$ 240,734
Connection fees	19,500
Other operating income	18,390
Total operating income	<u>278,625</u>
Operating expenses:	
Wages	45,006
Benefits	24,563
Utilities	13,974
Repair and maintenance	22,497
Professional services	33,594
Other supplies and expenses	6,333
Insurance expense	4,087
Depreciation expense	134,769
Total operating expense	<u>284,824</u>
Net operating income (loss)	<u>(6,199)</u>
Non-operating income (expense):	
Impact fees	61,528
Interest income	2,633
Legal fee expenses	(5,713)
Interest on long-term debt	(93,152)
Total non-operating income (expense)	<u>(34,704)</u>
Change in net position	(40,903)
Net position - beginning	802,346
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 761,442</u>

The notes to the financial statements are in integral part of this statement

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Utility Fund
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers - service	\$ 279,110
Cash paid to suppliers	(78,614)
Cash paid to employees	(69,569)
Net cash provided (used) in operating activities	130,927
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Change in due to/from other governments	(1,510)
Net cash provided (used) in noncapital financing activities	(1,510)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Cash received from impact fees	61,528
Cash payments for capital assets	(8,550)
Cash payments for legal fees	(5,713)
Cash payments for long-term debt principal	(143,818)
Cash payments for long-term debt interest	(93,152)
Net cash provided (used) in capital and related financing activities	(189,705)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Cash received from interest earned	2,633
Net cash provided (used) in investing activities	2,633
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(57,655)
Cash balance - beginning	178,288
Cash balance - ending	\$ 120,633
Cash reported on the statement of net position:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -
Checks written in excess of unrestricted cash balance	(225,188)
Non-current restricted cash	345,821
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 120,633

(The Statement of Cash Flows continues on the following page)

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (continued)
For the year ended June 30, 2020

Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) in Operating Activities:	<u>Utility Fund</u>
Net operating income (expense)	\$ (6,199)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income or (loss) to net cash provided (used) in operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	134,769
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in receivables	485
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	1,821
Increase (decrease) in payroll liabilities	<u>51</u>
Net cash provided (used) in operating activities	<u>\$ 130,927</u>

The notes to the financial statements are in integral part of this statement

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2020

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1-A. Reporting entity

Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District (the District), a special service district located in Washington County, Utah, was organized for the purpose of providing culinary water service and sewer service to the residents of the District. The District operates under the direction of a Board of Trustees. All trustees are appointed by the Town of Apple Valley Mayor.

The District is a component unit of the Town of Apple Valley, Utah. For fiscal years up to and including the year ended June 30, 2020, the Town has managed water billings and related collections on behalf of the District. In those same years, the District has contracted with the Town to have Town personnel provide accounting services to the District.

1-B. Financial statements

The financial statements presented are those required of an enterprise fund and consist of the statement of net position, the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and the statement of cash flows. The District is considered a special-purpose government engaged in business-type activities and records all of the transactions related to its activities in a single enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the cost of providing goods and services (including depreciation), on a continuing basis, be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. No fiduciary funds or components that are fiduciary in nature are included.

1-C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting and financial statement presentation

Measurement focus is commonly used to describe the types of transactions and events that are reported in a fund's operating statement. The operating statement of an enterprise fund focuses on changes in, or the flow of, *economic* resources. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the fund, both current and non-current, are included on the statement of net assets. Thus, net position (total assets and deferred out flows of resources less total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources) are used as a practical measure of economic resources.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. As a practical matter, a fund's basis of accounting is inseparably tied to its measurement focus. Funds that focus on total economic resources employ the full accrual basis of accounting, which recognizes increases and decreases in economic resources as soon as the underlying event or transaction occurs. Under accrual accounting, revenues are recognized as soon as they are earned, and expenses are recognized as soon as a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash inflows and outflows.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with an enterprise fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services. The District also recognizes the portion of connection fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2020

1-E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

1-E-1. Deposit and Investments

Cash includes cash on hand, demand deposits with bank and other financial institutions, deposits in other types of accounts or cash management pools that have the general characteristics of demand deposit accounts and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. The District's policy allows for investment in fund in time certificates of deposit with federally insured depositories, investment in the state treasurer's pool, and other investments as allowed by the State of Utah's Money Management Act. All investments are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses recorded as adjustments to interest earnings. Fair market values are based on quoted market prices.

1-E-2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

1-E-3. Receivables and Payables

Accounts receivable other than intergovernmental receivables are from customers primarily for utility services. Intergovernmental receivables are considered collectible. Customer accounts are reported net of allowance for uncollectable accounts. Due to the nature of the accounts receivable, management does not consider an allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable necessary or material. Therefore, no allowance for uncollectable accounts receivable is presented.

1-E-4. Restricted Assets

In accordance with certain revenue bond covenants, resources may be required to be set aside for the repayment of such bonds, and, on occasion, for the repair and maintenance of the assets acquired with the bond proceeds. These resources are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position because of their limited use. Most capital grant agreements mandate that grant proceeds be spent only on capital assets. Unspent resources of this nature are also classified as restricted. The limited use resources described above involve a reported restriction of both cash and net position.

Unspent proceeds of bonds issued to finance capital assets are also reported as restricted cash.

1-E-5. Inventories and Prepaid items

Proprietary fund inventories, where material, are stated at the lower of cost or market, using the first-in, first-out basis.

Prepaid items record payments to vendors that benefit future reporting and are reported on the consumption basis.

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1-E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity (continued)

1-E-6. Capital Assets

Capital assets includes property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, and are reported in the statement of net position. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual significant cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or at estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. Infrastructure is depreciated.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that does not add to the value of an asset or materially extend the assets' life is not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Upon retirement or disposition of capital assets, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts.

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government, as well as the component unit, if any, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Distribution and collection system	40
Equipment	5-20

1-E-7. Long-term Obligations

In the proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and obligations are reported as liabilities in the proprietary fund statement of net position. Bond discounts or premiums, and the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying value of refunded debt are deferred and amortized over the terms of the respective bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

1-E-8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes include a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District did not have deferred outflows of resources.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes include a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District did not have deferred inflows of resources.

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**1-E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity
(continued)**

1-E-9. Net position flow assumption

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

1-F. Tax abatements

The District has not entered into any tax abatement agreements and the District is not aware of any tax abatement agreements that have been entered into by other governments that would reduce the District's tax revenues.

1-G. Estimates

GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and the accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

2-A. Budgetary data

An annual operating budget is adopted by the District's board of trustees, on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, and as prescribed by state regulation. The budget is adopted prior to the beginning of the year to which it applies after a public hearing has been held. Subsequent amendments to the operating budget may be made after a public hearing.

A capital budget is also adopted by the board of trustees which identifies planned capital asset additions and requirements for long-term debt service principal payments, as well as the plan for financing these items.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 3 - DETAILED NOTES

3-A. Deposits and investments

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2020 consist of the following:

	<u>Fair Value</u>
Demand deposits	\$ 48,807
Investments - PTIF	71,826
Total cash	<u>\$ 120,633</u>

Cash and investments listed above are classified in the accompanying government-wide statement of net position as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents (current)	\$ (225,188)
Restricted cash and cash equivalents (non-current)	345,821
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 120,633</u>

The Utah Money Management Act (UMMA) establishes specific requirements regarding deposits of public funds by public treasurers. UMMA requires that District funds be deposited with a qualified depository which includes any depository institution which has been certified by the Utah State Commissioner of Financial Institutions as having met the requirements specified in UMMA Section 51, Chapter 7. UMMA provides the formula for determining the amount of public funds which a qualified depository may hold in order to minimize risk of loss and also defines capital requirements which an Institution must maintain to be eligible to accept public funds. UMMA lists the criteria for investments and specifies the assets which are eligible to be invested in, and for some investments, the amount of time to maturity.

UMMA enables the State Treasurer to operate the Public Treasurer's Investment Pool (PTIF). PTIF is managed by the Utah State Treasurer's investment staff and comes under the regulatory authority of the Utah Money Management Council. This council is comprised of a select group of financial professionals from units of local and state government and financial institutions doing business in the state. PTIF operations and portfolio composition is monitored at least semi-annually by the Utah Money Management Council. PTIF is unrated by any nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. Deposits in PTIF are not insured or otherwise guaranteed by the State of Utah. Participants share proportionally in any realized gains or losses on investments which are recorded on an amortized cost basis. The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by PTIF. The fair value of the investment pool is approximately equal to the value of the pool shares. The District maintains monies not immediately needed for expenditure in PTIF accounts. A copy of the financial statements for the PTIF funds can be obtained by contacting the Utah State Treasurer.

As of June 30, 2020, the District had the following investments, ratings, and maturities:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Credit Rating (1)</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity (2)</u>
Utah Public Treasurer's Investment Fund	\$ 71,826	N/A	47.67
Total Fair Value	<u>\$ 71,826</u>		

(1) Ratings are provided where applicable to indicate associated Credit Risk. N/A indicates not applicable.

(2) Interest Rate Risk is estimated using the weighted average days to maturity.

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3-A. Deposits and investments (continued)

Fair value of investments

The District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows: Level 1--Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets; Level 2--Observable inputs other than quoted market prices; and, Level 3--Unobservable inputs. At June 30, 2020, the District had \$71,826 invested in the PTIF, which uses a Level 2 fair value measurement.

Deposit and investment risk

The District maintains no investment policy containing any specific provisions intended to limit the District's exposure to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk other than that imposed by UMMA. The District's compliance with the provisions of UMMA addresses each of these risks.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. All deposits and investments of the District are available immediately.

Credit risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits. At June 30, 2020, all of the District's demand deposits are covered by FDIC insurance.

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. This risk is addressed through the policy of investing excess monies only in PTIF.

Concentration of credit risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. PTIF falls under the constraints of UMMA in limiting concentrations of investments.

3-B. Receivables

The allowance policy is described in Note 1-E-3. Receivables as of year-end for the District's funds are shown below:

	Utility	
	Fund	
Due from Apple Valley Town	\$	58,358
Total receivables	\$	58,358

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3-C. Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the business-type activities was as follows:

Business-type activities	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 21,507	-	-	21,507
Water rights	996,483	-	-	996,483
Construction in progress	4,680	-	4,680	-
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	1,022,670	-	4,680	1,017,990
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Distribution and collection systems	5,238,445	13,230	-	5,251,675
Equipment	42,132	-	-	42,132
Total capital assets, being depreciated	5,280,577	13,230	-	5,293,807
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Distribution and collection systems	573,368	131,895	-	705,263
Equipment	12,140	2,874	-	15,013
Total accumulated depreciation	585,508	134,769	-	720,276
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	4,695,069	(121,539)	-	4,573,530
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 5,717,739	(121,539)	4,680	5,591,521

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government business-type activities was as follows:

Business-type activities:	
Water	\$ 134,769
Total	\$ 134,769

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3-D. Long-term liabilities

Long-term debt activity for business-type activities was as follows:

d	Original Principal	% Interest Rate	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
2016 Aquafer Study							
Matures 10/1/2021	\$ 41,000	-	\$ 25,000	-	8,000	17,000	9,000
2018 Water Bond Series A							
Matures 10/1/2037	88,000	-	84,000	-	4,000	80,000	4,000
2012 Water Project							
Matures 1/1/2044	2,540,000	-	2,115,000	-	85,000	2,030,000	85,000
2018 Water Bond Series B							
Matures 5/1/2048	362,000	1.00	349,000	-	10,000	339,000	11,000
2015 Water Bond 02							
Matures 8/15/2054	300,000	4.00	286,963	-	3,819	283,144	3,975
2015 Water Bond 01							
Matures 9/15/2054	2,364,800	3.50	2,250,836	-	32,999	2,217,837	34,172
Total business-type activity long-term liabilities			\$ 5,110,799	-	143,818	4,966,981	147,147

Debt service requirements to maturity for business-type activities are as follows:

For the year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 147,147	91,723	238,870
2022	147,524	90,236	237,760
2023	140,952	88,698	229,650
2024	142,430	87,110	229,540
2025	143,963	85,467	229,430
2026 - 2030	742,810	400,690	1,143,500
2031 - 2035	800,346	350,254	1,150,600
2036 - 2040	848,133	290,457	1,138,590
2041 - 2045	819,977	219,423	1,039,400
2046 - 2050	539,036	135,184	674,220
2051 - 2055	494,663	38,765	533,428
Total	\$ 4,966,981	1,878,007	6,844,988

The business-type bonds are secured by their respective revenues.

The District has outstanding bonds related to business-type activities totaling \$4,966,981. The outstanding bonds are all secured with their respective revenues and/or property and equipment.

The District has no unused lines of credit as of June 30, 2020.

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3-E. Restricted net position

At June 30, 2020, the District's restricted net position is as follows:

Business-type:	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 641,539
Bond fund	185,714
Reserve fund	59,500
Capital facility replacement	74,803
Unrestricted	(200,113)
Total net position	<u>\$ 761,442</u>

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION

4-A. Risk management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District participates in the Utah Local Government Trust, a public agency insurance mutual, which provides coverage for property damage and general liability. The District is subject to a minimal deductible for claims. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year. Amounts of settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

4-B. Rounding convention

A rounding convention to the nearest whole dollar has been applied throughout this report, therefore the precision displayed in any monetary amount is plus or minus \$1. These financial statements are computer generated and the rounding convention is applied to each amount displayed in a column, whether detail item or total. As a result, without the overhead cost of manually balancing each column, the sum of displayed amounts in a column may not equal the total displayed. The maximum difference between any displayed number or total and its actual value will not be more than \$1.

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District
OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

This information is required by one of the Big Plains Water and Sewer Special Service District's bondholders to be included in the notes to the financial statements. It is not otherwise a required item for disclosure.

Insurance Coverage

The Big Plains Water and Sewer Special Service District was insured for General Liability and Auto by the Utah Local Government Trust as of June 30, 2020. The following is a summary of the relevant coverages at June 30, 2020:

<u>Policy #17220-GL2012:</u>	<u>Amount of Coverage</u>	<u>Expires</u>
General Liability	\$ 2,000,000	9/30/2020
Auto Bodily Injury	2,000,000	9/30/2020
Auto Property Damage	2,000,000	9/30/2020
Personal Injury Protection	As State Requires	9/30/2020
Underinsured Motorist	80,000	9/30/2020
Uninsured Motorist	80,000	9/30/2020
Pollution Exclusion Endorsement	50,000	9/30/2020
No Fault Sewer Cleanup	5,000	9/30/2020

Water System Customers and Connections

Customers	479
Connections	373
 Total revenues billed	 \$ 327,905

Schedule of Water Rates

Service	Prior Rate	New Rate
3/4" Base Rate and Standby Fee	\$29.00 per month	\$49.00 per month
1" Base Rate	\$45.00 per month	\$76.00 per month
1.5" Base Rate	\$56.00 per month	\$94.62 per month
2" Base Rate	\$80.00 per month	\$135.17 per month
3" Base Rate	\$218.00 per month	\$368.34 per month
4" Base Rate	\$490.00 per month	\$827.93 per month
<i>Usage Fees</i>		
Tier 1 0-5000 gallons	\$1.50 per thousand gallons	\$1.50 per thousand gallons
Tier 2 5,000-12,000 gallons	\$1.75 per thousand gallons	\$1.75 per thousand gallons
Tier 3 12,000-25,000 gallons	\$2.00 per thousand gallons	\$2.00 per thousand gallons
Tier 4 25,000-35,000 gallons	\$2.25 per thousand gallons	\$2.25 per thousand gallons
Tier 5 35,000-45,000 gallons	\$2.50 per thousand gallons	\$2.50 per thousand gallons
Tier 6 Over 45,000 gallons	\$2.75 per thousand gallons	\$2.75 per thousand gallons

Established Funds and Balances

Bond Fund	\$ 132,032
Reserve Fund	51,000
Capital Facilities Replacement Fund	60,739

Governing Body

Harold Merritt	Chairman
Denny Bass	Board Member
Ross Gregeron	Treasurer
Marty Lisonbee	Board Member
Jerry Jorgensen	Board Member

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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 and Management
Of Big Plains Water & Sewer SSD
Town of Apple Valley, Utah

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

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 Washington City'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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



HintonBurdick, PLLC
St. George, Utah
March 23, 2021



HINTONBURDICK
CPAs & ADVISORS

**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance and
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance
As Required by the State Compliance Audit Guide**

Board and Management
Of Big Plains Water & Sewer SSD
Town of Apple Valley, Utah

Report on Compliance

We have audited the Big Plains Water & Sewer Special Service District's (District) compliance with the applicable general state requirements described in the *State Compliance Audit Guide*, issued by the Office of the Utah State Auditor, that could have a direct and material effect on the District for the year ended June, 30, 2020.

General state compliance requirements were tested for the year ended June 30, 2020 in the following areas:

Budgetary Compliance
Fund Balance
Open and Public Meetings Act
Fraud Risk Assessment

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the general state requirements referred to above.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit of the compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *State Compliance Audit Guide*. Those standards and the *State Compliance Audit Guide* require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the District occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each state compliance requirement referred to above. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with those requirements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the state compliance requirements referred to above for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the *State Compliance Audit Guide* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations as item 2019-001 and 2018-003. Our opinion on compliance is not modified with respect to these matters.

The District's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Response to Findings. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the state compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the state compliance requirements referred to above to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance with those state compliance requirements and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the *State Compliance Audit Guide*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

We did note matters involving internal control over compliance or certain deficiencies which we are submitting for your consideration. These matters are described in the accompanying letter of Findings and Recommendations.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the *State Compliance Audit Guide*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

HintonBurdick, PLLC

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St. George, Utah
March 23, 2021

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**Findings and Recommendations
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Board and Management
Of Big Plains Water & Sewer SSD
Town of Apple Valley, Utah

Professional standards require that we communicate, in writing, deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that are considered significant deficiencies or material weaknesses that are identified during the audit of the financial statements. We wish to commend the District for their administrative achievements and oversight of the District's accounting and budget system. During our audit of the financial statements of the Big Plains Water & Sewer SSD for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 we noted a few circumstances that, if improved, would strengthen the District's accounting system and control over its assets. These items are discussed below for your consideration.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING:

Material Weaknesses:

None Noted

Significant Deficiencies:

None Noted

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS:

Compliance:

2019-001 Budgetary Compliance - Reissued

Criteria: Utah code 10-6-123 prohibits incurring expenditures in excess of total appropriations in the budget as adopted or as subsequently amended.

Condition: At year end, the Water Fund expenses exceeded the amount budgeted by \$1,900.

Cause: Procedures for monitoring and/or adjusting the budget were not followed at year-end.

Effect: Expenses were made without proper budget approvals.

Recommendation: We recommend the District operate within the confines of the budget by limiting expenses or following proper procedures to adjust budgets as necessary.

2018-003 Deficit Fund Balance - Reissued

Criteria: UCA 17B-1-613-(2) required Districts with a deficit unrestricted net position to budget in the next budget year 5% or more of the Districts total actual revenue of the audited year towards reduction of the deficit.

Condition: The proprietary fund ended fiscal year 2020 with a deficit in unrestricted fund balance and has not budgeted the required minimum 5% of fiscal year 2020 actual revenues towards reduction of the deficit in fiscal year 2021.

Cause: The District's internal controls were not designed or implemented to note, consider, and address the deficit at the time of budgeting.

Effect: The District is not in compliance with Utah Code 17B-1-613-(2).

Recommendation: We recommend the District continue its efforts to eliminate the proprietary fund deficit unassigned/unrestricted fund balance, and amend its budget to be compliant with state law.

Other Matters:

None Noted

Responses

Please respond to the above Findings and Recommendations in letter form.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District management, and various federal and state agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

It has been a pleasure to be of service to the District this past year. We would like to express special thanks to all those who assisted us so efficiently in this year's audit. We invite you to ask questions of us throughout the year as you feel necessary. We look forward to a continued professional relationship.

Sincerely,



HintonBurdick, PLLC
March 23, 2021





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May 10th, 2021

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RE: RESPONSE TO AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 31, 2020

Dear Mr. Hall:

The following is management's response to the audit findings for Big Plains Water and Sewer Special Service District for the fiscal year ending June 31, 2020:

Material Weaknesses:

No response needed.

Significant Deficiencies:

No response needed.

Compliance and Other Matters:

2019-001 Budgetary Compliance – Reissued: At year end the Water Fund Expenses exceeded the amount budgeted by \$1,900.00.

Management's Response: The district will implement the following policy as a control on over spending: The Accounts Payable clerk will not issue checks that over spend in any account without written approval from the Finance Director. Further, staff will be trained on the Utah code 10-6-123.

2018-003 Deficit Fund Balance – Reissued: The proprietary fund ended year 2020 with a deficit in unrestricted fund balances and has not budgeted the required minimum 5% of fiscal year 2020 actual revenue towards reduction of the deficit in fiscal year 2021.

Management's Response: The board was aware of the minimum 5% deficit makeup allocation

required in
fiscal year 2020. However, only a single revenue source was considered when budgeting this
deficit makeup. A budget amendment has been scheduled to account for this oversight.

Respectfully Sent,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Barlow".

John R. Barlow,
Accountant