

**BIG SKY COUNTY WATER & SEWER
DISTRICT, NO. 363**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016



BIG SKY COUNTY WATER & SEWER, NO 363

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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 Directors and Management
Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363
Big Sky, Montana

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363 ("the District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363, as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net position and its cash flows for the years 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 management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 - 8 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 19, 2017, on our consideration of Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Junkermier, Clark, Campanella, Stevens, P.C.

Kalispell, Montana
December 19, 2017

**Management Discussion and Analysis
Fiscal Year 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017**

The Big Sky County Water & Sewer District 363 is a public water and sewer system located in Southwest Montana. The District was established in 1994 under Montana Code Annotated Title 7, Chapter 13. The District spans two counties, Gallatin and Madison, and serves approximately 3,000 water and sewer customers located within the District. The District serves customer properties starting in the Meadow Village area within Gallatin County and extends to the Big Sky Ski Area within Madison County. The difference in elevation of the properties that the District serves creates unique challenges and opportunities for the Big Sky County Water & Sewer District 363.

The Big Sky County Water & Sewer District 363 is accounted for as a governmental enterprise. As a result, the accounting is much the same as a for profit organization with the exception of state and federal income tax. The District is tax exempt. The basic financial statements produced by the District include, the Statement of Net Assets, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets and Statement of Cash Flows. Each statement contains vital financial information regarding the District's financial position and overall financial stability. The statement of net assets contains the assets, liabilities, and fund equity. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net assets contain the detail of revenue sources and the detail of where the revenue was expended to provide the water and sewer services to the District as well as the beginning net assets and end of year net assets total. The statement of cash flows provides the detail of cash sources and uses for operating activities, capital and related financing activities, and investing activities.

Assets/Liabilities

The total net fixed assets of the District decreased by 0.31% in fiscal year 2016-2017. Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation decreased from \$42,704,122 to \$42,569,924. The District's depreciation expense exceeded the amount of capital assets that were added to the asset base.

The sewer capital assets of the District increased from \$37,139,023 to \$37,371,059. The District spent approximately \$10,000 replacing sewer manholes throughout the District. The District purchased Effluent Pumps for the Sewer Treatment Plant costing approximately \$11,000. The District spent approximately \$12,000 updating the Wastewater Facilities Five Year Plan and updating the permit fees specifically the Plant Investment Charge. The District spent approximately \$31,000 rewiring the pond pump station and adding an electrical line to pond 1 for monitoring pond water levels. The Sewer Department also added equipment to a pickup truck costing approximately \$8,300, and shared the cost of a plow truck with the water department costing \$46,000. The Sewer Department shared the cost of office equipment costing approximately \$11,000. The Sewer Department added \$124,908 in donated sewer extensions. The District continues to recognize the Search and Rescue Building on the books of the District. The District added another \$6,000 in fiscal 2015-2016. There is an agreement with the Big Sky Search and Rescue stipulating the circumstances under which the building may eventually revert to the District. However, the District anticipates this to be a perpetual agreement as long as the Big Sky Search and Rescue operates out of the current building.

The water capital assets increased from \$20,354,133 to \$21,015,830. The District spent approximately \$4,500 updating the Capital Improvement Plan and incorporating a Plant Investment Charge for the Water System. The District spent approximately \$12,000 for the Cascade Wells Testing Phase of the water treatment project. The District built the first ultraviolet light disinfection system in the State of Montana spending approximately \$15,000 finishing the project this fiscal year. The District spent approximately \$4,500 on additional new pumps for the Cascade Booster Station. The District spent approximately \$70,000 rehabilitating the Mountain 500K gallon tank. The District spent approximately \$46,000 replacing pressure reducing valve vaults. The District retired two trucks

in the water department and added two new pickups and shared the cost of the plow truck. The District spent approximately \$90,000 for vehicles in the Water Department. The Water Department added computers, GPS equipment, Water Leak Locating Equipment, and tablet costing approximately \$70,000. The District updated the SCADA Equipment half of which was paid this fiscal year the second half next fiscal year total cost approximately \$112,000. The District installed new water meter equipment costing approximately \$62,000. The District also added \$270,192 in donated water extensions.

The total long-term liabilities associated with the existing State Revolving Fund Loans of both systems decreased to \$9,214,000 from \$10,343,000. The District used low interest rate loans from the State Revolving Loan Program to finance both water and sewer projects. In July of 2013 the District refinanced the three water loans through the State Revolving Loan Program two at 2.00% and the larger dollar loan at 2.25%. The two sewer loans were both refinanced at 2.25% in May of 2013.

The District is a member of the Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration which administers the retirement plan for District employees. Recent changes in the financial reporting requirements for governmental pensions impact the District's financial statements. The Governmental Accounting Standard's Board (GASB) introduced two new standards in June of 2012. The two new standard's GASB 67 and 68 relate to financial statement reporting for public pensions. GASB 67 is applicable to the overall pension system financial statements and GASB 68 effective in fiscal 2015 is applicable to the financial statements of the participating employers. As a result, the District is now booking assets and liabilities reported to the District by the actuary of the Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration. In fiscal 2016-2017 the District updated the Net Pension Liability from \$192,784 to \$247,117. This amount represents the District's share of the actuarial unfunded liabilities of the pension system in which the District employees participate. Although \$247,117 is a large pension liability, the unfunded liability is currently funded over a thirty-year period. The net pension liability is subject to volatile swings based on financial market movements. For fiscal 2016-2017 GASB 68 did not adversely affect the financial statements or financial position of the District. See the attached GASB 68 notes to the financial statements for more detail.

The total liabilities of the District decreased 1.67% due primarily to the reduction in the General obligation bonds. The District's Performance bonds and retainage payable did increase but not enough to offset the reduction in outstanding debt. The current liabilities of the District increased from \$2,399,090 to \$3,318,742 which includes a decrease in accounts payable to \$187,272 from \$300,537, an increase in performance bonds and retainage payable from \$937,901 to \$1,948,682, a decrease in water reserve payable from \$31,652 to \$26,788 and a increase in the current portion of long-term debt from \$1,129,000 to \$1,156,000 at 6/30/2016.

Year	Total Assets	Growth Rate	Total Liabilities	Growth Rate
2012-2013	\$54,868,959	-0.46%	\$14,968,943	-8.45%
2013-2014	\$54,617,927	-0.46%	\$13,771,430	-8.00%
2014-2015	\$54,965,447	0.64%	\$12,859,740	-6.62%
2015-2016	\$56,873,268	3.47%	\$11,947,122	-7.10%
2016-2017	\$58,963,862	3.68%	\$11,747,710	-1.67%

Operating Revenue/Non-Operating Revenue

The total operating revenues of the District increased from \$2,703,452 to \$2,978,385. The total sewer operating revenue increased from \$1,418,458 to \$1,619,154. The total water operating revenue

increased from \$1,280,220 to \$1,358,601. Both the water operating revenue increase and sewer operating revenue increase were due to the rate increase starting October 1, 2016. The District increased both the water and sewer rate as well other fees. The sewer usage was up approximately 2.59% and water usage was down approximately 2.31% over the prior fiscal year. The sewer system had an additional one hundred and three hookups representing an increase of approximately 3.9% in sewer hookups. The water department had an additional one hundred and six hookups representing an increase of approximately 3.9% in water hookups.

The District has a plant investment charge on both the sewer plant and water plant. The plant investment charge is calculated based on the size of the property and collected through the permitting process. This is the first year of the water plant investment charge which was effective October 1, 2016. The total non-operating revenue includes plant investment charges, interest income, tax receipts for bond payments. The Total non-operating revenue, net of interest expenses and other non-operating expenses of the District increased to \$1,808,960 from \$1,304,450. The District collected \$1,356,957 in general obligation bond tax receipts for payments on the State Revolving Fund Loans used to finance the water tank, water meters, two water system rehabilitation projects including (Hidden Village and Silverbow Condominiums), new Meadow Village water wells 4 & 5, and the new sewer treatment plant. Plant investment fees increased from \$151,410 to \$505,543 due to an increase in permits paid in the fiscal year and the addition of the water plant investment fee.

Year	Total Revenues	Growth Rate	Total Expenses	Growth Rate
2012-2013	\$4,026,358	-4.16%	\$2,900,761	-5.15%
2013-2014	\$3,840,655	-4.61%	\$2,829,236	-2.47%
2014-2015	\$4,004,567	4.09%	\$2,812,414	-0.59%
2015-2016	\$4,267,858	6.57%	\$2,996,991	6.56%
2016-2017	\$4,998,521	17.12%	\$3,109,615	3.75%

Operating Expenses/Non-Operating Expenses

The total operating expense for the District increased to \$2,898,439 from \$2,736,955. The total general and administrative expense increased to \$557,052 from \$508,156. The total sewer general and administrative expense increased to \$221,084 from \$210,386. Total sewer operation expense increased from \$1,025,442 to \$1,133,021. The total water general and administrative expense increased to \$303,948 from \$277,153. The total water operating expense decreased to \$683,334 from \$715,818. The total operating expense increased \$161,484 from last fiscal year, a 5.90% increase. The increase in operating expenses is due to general price inflation, increased payroll and benefit costs, repairs and maintenance, new capital assets increasing depreciation, and additional power costs due to the assumption of the Yellowstone Mountain Club Force Main Booster Station 2. The District under the agreement was required to pay the power costs for the booster station from the start. Unfortunately, the meter was not turned over to the District until last fiscal year. As a result, power costs of approximately \$50,000 were paid last fiscal year for YMC Pump Station 2. In the non-operating expense category, the main item is the interest expense on the State Revolving Fund Loans. In fiscal 2016-2017 the District made principal payments in the amount of \$1,129,000 with total payments amounting to \$1,352,704. The District paid \$223,704 in interest on those loans.

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Management Discussion and Analysis**

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Year	Total Operating Revenues	Growth Rate	Total Operating Expenses	Growth Rate
2012-2013	\$2,425,897	3.74%	\$2,337,474	-4.36%
2013-2014	\$2,582,750	6.47%	\$2,537,388	8.55%
2014-2015	\$2,570,264	-0.48%	\$2,551,926	0.57%
2015-2016	\$2,703,452	5.18%	\$2,736,955	8.03%
2016-2017	\$2,978,385	10.17%	\$2,898,439	5.90%

Capital Assets

The District received donated capital assets in the form of water and sewer extensions in fiscal 2016-2017. There was one new water and sewer main extension donated to the District. The sewer and water main extension was up on the mountain, Montana Club Subdivision Phase I. The total cost for the sewer system was \$124,908 and the total for the water system was \$270,192. Donated capital assets are the water and sewer extensions as well as other infrastructure required to install and complete new construction projects and subdivisions within the District. All donated capital assets are acquired by the District through formal transfer agreements which are recorded at the appropriate county office. The District requires a two-year warranty on the assets transferred to the District. The warranty is in the form of cash or letter of credit. The warranty security amount is 10% of the cost basis of the assets transferred to the District. The contributed assets are then recorded as either water or sewer assets on the books of the District and depreciated accordingly. The recorded value of the asset is recognized as income in the year of acceptance. The District also booked an additional \$6,000 in donated capital assets for the Big Sky Search & Rescue Building agreement. However, the District does not record the depreciation expense for the Search and Rescue Building in the District accounting records.

The District's total net position at June 30, 2017 was \$47,216,152. The total amount includes \$27,685,078 invested in capital assets, net of related debt, \$18,937,166 in unrestricted assets which includes cash, and \$593,908 restricted cash for debt service. The total represents an increase of \$2,290,006 over the prior fiscal year total. The invested in capital assets, net of related debt decreased by \$2,179,486 due to debt reduction and asset depreciation. The unrestricted portion increased by \$4,463,871 due primarily to an increase in cash. The restricted for debt service category increased to \$593,908 from \$588,305 due to variance in tax receipts.

The District completed a five-year capital improvement plan in the 2015-2016 fiscal year for both the water system and sewer system. The District's engineering firms identified and recommend infrastructure improvements for both the water and sewer systems. The 2016-2017 Budget included projects identified in the capital improvement plans for both the water and sewer systems. The District used asset replacement funds for the capital improvement projects. On the sewer side the District finished the new power line to the recirculation building and requested bids from engineering firms to plan and design the sewer plant upgrades and additional disposal options identified in the five-year capital improvement plan. On the water side the District started work on the water system upgrades on the mountain including the rehabilitation of the mountain 500K tank, testing of mountain wells 5&6, and repair and upgrades to the mountain pressure reducing valves.

Summary

The Districts overall financial position remains stable with sufficient reserves and financing sources available to fund both the operating and non-operating activities of the District. In Fiscal Year 2016-

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2017 water operating revenue exceeded water operating expense by approximately 7.36%, sewer operating expense exceeded sewer operating revenue by approximately 0.81%. The District expected both the sewer department and water department to operate in a deficit position due to the delay in implementing the new water and sewer rate structure until October of 2016. However, the sewer departments deficit was approximately fifty percent of the budgeted deficit. The water department instead of operating in a deficit produce a surplus. As a result, overall operations produced a surplus of approximately \$80,000.

The District's rate table below shows the phased in rate increase of a 9% for the sewer rate and a 6% increase for the water system. The rate change started October 1, 2016 with an immediate 7% increase in the sewer rate and an immediate 4% increase in the water rate. In the two subsequent fiscal years there will be an additional 1% for both the water and sewer rate structure. The increase is for both the water and sewer base rate as well as the tiered water rate.

Rates Fiscal Year	Water Base	Growth Rate	Water Usage	Growth Rate	Sewer Base	Growth Rate	Sewer Usage	Growth Rate
2006-2007	\$14.25	0%	\$2.35	0%	\$22.04	0%	\$3.85	0%
2007-2008*	\$14.25	0%	\$2.35	0%	\$22.04	0%	\$3.85	0%
2008-2009	\$14.89	4.49%	\$2.42	2.98%	\$23.03	4.49%	\$4.81	24.94%
2009-2010	\$15.46	3.83%	\$2.49	2.89%	\$23.91	3.82%	\$5.82	21.00%
2010-2011	\$15.46	0%	\$2.49	0%	\$23.91	0%	\$5.82	0%
2011-2012	\$15.46	0%	\$2.49	0%	\$23.91	0%	\$5.82	0%
2012-2013	\$15.46	0%	\$2.49	0%	\$23.91	0%	\$5.82	0%
2013-2014	\$15.61	1%	\$2.51	1%	\$24.15	1%	\$5.88	1%
2014-2015	\$15.77	1%	\$2.54	1%	\$24.39	1%	\$5.94	1%
2015-2016	\$15.93	1%	\$2.57	1%	\$24.63	1%	\$6.00	1%
2016-2017*	\$16.57	4%	\$2.67*	4%	\$26.35	7%	\$6.42	7%
2017-2018*	\$16.73	1%	\$2.70*	1%	\$26.62	1%	\$6.48	1%

*Water usage rates are tiered, 0-60,000 gallons, 60,000 to 90,000 gallons, 90,000 to 120,000 gallons, 120,000 gallons and above.

*Beginning in July 1 of 2017, 0-60,000 gallons, 60,000 to 90,000 gallons, 90,000 to 120,000 gallons, 120,000 gallons and above as follows: 2017-2018 \$2.70, \$4.04, \$5.40, \$6.75

Water and sewer usage charges are for each thousand gallons metered or fraction of a thousand gallons. The base charges are for one month of service for water and sewer.

Budget/Actuals

The budget for fiscal 2016-2017 at year-end had Total Revenues 113.65% of budget, Total Expenses 104.04% of budget and Total Net Revenue 134.03% of budget. The District received contributed assets from developers totaling \$395,100 in water and sewer main extensions and \$6,000 for the Search and Rescue building accrual. Income before developer contributions was \$1,888,906.

The Operating Revenues were at 109.14% of budget and Operating Expenses were at 104.68% of budget. As a result, there was a \$79,946 operating surplus. Administrative expenses for general administration were 108.22% of budget. The Administrative expenses were over budget in several areas. The sections include insurance for both property and health, administrative vehicle costs, computer hardware and software, and office building repair and maintenance. The additional costs were unforeseen at the time the budget was adopted and the budget was not amended. The water department administration and sewer department administration came in at 83.08% of budget and 97.87% of budget respectively. The sewer operations expense was at 114.42% of budget. The water operations expense was 101.65% of budget. The sewer and water department's operating budget is separated into seven categories: Vehicles, Operating Expenses, Repairs and Maintenance, Professional Services, Miscellaneous, Asset Replacement & Depreciation and Special Projects.

The sewer department operations were over budget in all categories except Asset Replacement & Depreciation. In the Vehicles category repairs and maintenance for the heavy equipment vehicles were the cause of the excess expense again this fiscal-year. The repairs were not budgeted. In the operating expense category power costs for the new Yellowstone Mountain Club(YC) Pump Station were not budgeted, and chemicals were under budgeted. The Lab Fees were under budgeted as well because the in-house testing was not completed. In the Repairs and Maintenance category the YC Pump Station Maintenance, Pond Maintenance, Pond Blowers, Irrigation Maintenance, Tools & Tools Maintenance were all underbudgeted. The District will reexamine the Sewer Repairs and Maintenance budget in the next fiscal year.

The water department operations were under budget or within the Districts budgetary tolerance level in all categories except Special Projects and Asset Replacement & Depreciation. The Special Projects category was used for the \$10,000 payment to the Gallatin River Task Force. The Board approved the donation to facilitate the community engagement project that the Gallatin River Task Force was developing. It was not in the original budget. In the Asset Replacement & Depreciation category the budget did not include all the water additions incurred in the fiscal year. The subsequent budget will be amended accordingly.

Total Non-Operating Revenues were at 120.41% of budget and Non-Operating Expenses were at 95.99% of budget. The Tax receipts from both Gallatin and Madison County were on target meeting the budget projections. The Sewer Plant Investment Fee sub-category was budgeted at \$250,000 however, \$505,543 was collected. The Water System Investment Fee sub-category was budgeted at \$0.00 however, \$71,120 was collected. The District budgeted \$150,000 in developer capital contributions, however, \$401,100 were received. Both the Water and Sewer Debt Service Interest costs were on budget or under budget. As result, Net Non-Operating Revenues were \$1,808,960.

State Revolving Fund Debt

The District has a total of five State Revolving Fund Loans remaining with an outstanding balance at fiscal year-end of \$9,214,000 including the current portion of the long-term debt. The District services the debt through bi-annual payments. The main source for debt service is the ad-valorem tax established each year based on the actual debt service payments made each January 1, and July 1. The District reassesses debt service funding alternatives in every budget cycle.

Conclusion

The Districts current financial position is stable. There are no significant facts, decisions or conditions that are expected to have a significant effect on the financial position of the District or results of water and sewer operations.

BIG SKY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 363
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

Assets	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,884,846	\$ 12,839,576
Investments	1,672	1,658
Accounts receivable, net	664,647	610,505
Prepaid expenses	7,095	9,406
Water meter inventory	<u>171,698</u>	<u>49,432</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>15,729,958</u>	<u>13,510,577</u>
Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents:		
Debt service fund	593,908	588,305
Pension deferred inflows	<u>70,072</u>	<u>70,264</u>
	<u>663,980</u>	<u>658,569</u>
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, where applicable:		
Nondepreciable	1,113,806	1,107,806
Depreciable buildings and infrastructure, net	<u>41,456,118</u>	<u>41,596,316</u>
	<u>42,569,924</u>	<u>42,704,122</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 58,963,862</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 56,873,268</u></u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to audited financial statements

BIG SKY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 363
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
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Liabilities and Net Position	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 187,272	\$ 300,537
Performance bonds and retainage payable	1,948,682	937,901
Water reserve payable	26,788	31,652
Current portion of long-term debt	<u>1,156,000</u>	<u>1,129,000</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,318,742</u>	<u>2,399,090</u>
Long-Term Liabilities		
Compensated absences payable	123,033	123,761
Net pension liability	247,117	192,784
General obligation bonds	<u>8,058,000</u>	<u>9,214,000</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>8,428,150</u>	<u>9,530,545</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>11,746,892</u>	<u>11,929,635</u>
Deferred Pension Outflows	<u>818</u>	<u>17,487</u>
Net Position		
Net invested in capital assets	27,685,078	29,864,546
Unrestricted	18,937,166	14,473,295
Restricted for debt service	<u>593,908</u>	<u>588,305</u>
Total Net Position	<u>47,216,152</u>	<u>44,926,146</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u><u>\$ 58,963,862</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 56,873,268</u></u>

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BIG SKY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 363
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Operating Revenue		
Sewer services	\$ 1,619,154	\$ 1,418,458
Water services	1,358,601	1,280,220
Pension grant revenue	<u>630</u>	<u>4,774</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>2,978,385</u>	<u>2,703,452</u>
 Operating Expenses:		
General and Administrative:		
Advertising	-	1,432
Dues and subscriptions	1,821	1,689
Education expenses	4,828	5,174
Insurance	134,386	125,899
Janitorial and carpet services	1,014	1,512
Meetings	5,534	2,454
Miscellaneous	3,989	2,988
Office building repair and maintenance	3,188	1,316
Office supplies and expense	26,092	19,831
Payroll taxes and benefits	79,246	47,284
Professional fees	30,933	40,942
Salaries	242,503	239,134
Telephone and computer maintenance	15,086	11,392
Utilities	3,710	4,517
Vehicle expense	<u>4,722</u>	<u>2,592</u>
Total general and administrative	<u>557,052</u>	<u>508,156</u>

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(CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Operating Expenses (continued):		
Sewer General and Administrative:		
Salaries and wages	\$ 142,465	\$ 137,967
Workers' compensation insurance	45,993	41,936
Payroll taxes and benefits	23,863	22,805
Dues and subscriptions	555	453
Telephone	5,515	5,810
Office supplies	306	325
Education expense	<u>2,387</u>	<u>1,090</u>
Total sewer general and administrative	<u>221,084</u>	<u>210,386</u>
Sewer Plant Expense:		
Chemicals	65,737	56,558
Depreciation expense	674,113	632,917
Engineering	5,370	2,020
Fuel - equipment and vehicles	7,576	7,937
Lab testing equipment	2,036	2,482
Maintenance and repairs - building and grounds	49,597	24,383
Miscellaneous	5,916	2,149
Safety equipment	3,511	1,418
Sewer repairs and maintenance	62,726	73,121
Treatment plant repairs and maintenance	23,484	41,509
Electric and utilities	211,380	155,376
Travel and vehicle expense	14,383	16,814
Waste water monitoring	<u>7,192</u>	<u>8,758</u>
Total sewer plant expense	<u>1,354,105</u>	<u>1,235,828</u>

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BIG SKY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 363
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
(CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Operating Expenses (continued):		
Water General and Administrative:		
Salaries and wages	\$ 190,524	\$ 183,447
Workers' compensation insurance	64,599	49,242
Payroll taxes and benefits	31,656	30,050
Dues and subscriptions	3,110	2,135
Telephone	7,857	6,820
Office supplies	992	105
Education expense	1,346	1,490
Public water supply fee	<u>3,864</u>	<u>3,864</u>
Total water general and administrative	<u>303,948</u>	<u>277,153</u>
Water Plant Expense:		
Depreciation expense	398,162	353,792
Fuel - equipment and vehicles	7,191	6,472
Lab testing equipment	1,904	4,980
Miscellaneous	1,328	1,089
Professional services	8,433	6,367
Repairs and maintenance	70,668	153,817
Safety equipment	312	88
Special projects	12,779	7,442
Electric and utilities	172,360	169,643
Travel and vehicle expense	<u>10,197</u>	<u>12,128</u>
Total water plant expense	<u>987,282</u>	<u>992,971</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>2,898,439</u>	<u>2,736,955</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>79,946</u>	<u>(33,503)</u>

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BIG SKY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 363
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
(CONTINUED)
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	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Non-Operating Revenues and (Expenses)		
Interest expense	\$ (211,176)	\$ (236,111)
Other nonoperating expense	-	(23,845)
Other nonoperating revenue	10,087	14,179
Interest income	147,549	62,855
Plant investment charges	505,543	151,410
Tax receipts for bond payments	<u>1,356,957</u>	<u>1,335,962</u>
Total non-operating revenues and (expenses)	<u>1,808,960</u>	<u>1,304,450</u>
 Income before contributions	 1,888,906	 1,270,947
 Contributed capital	 <u>401,100</u>	 <u>1,549,492</u>
 Increase in net position	 2,290,006	 2,820,439
 Net Position, Beginning of Year	 <u>44,926,146</u>	 <u>42,105,707</u>
 Net position, end of year	 <u><u>\$ 47,216,152</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 44,926,146</u></u>

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BIG SKY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 363
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED
JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	2017	2016
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	\$ 2,923,613	\$ 2,696,292
Pension grant revenue	630	\$ 4,774
Payments to suppliers	(1,316,863)	(1,024,739)
Payments to employees	(710,257)	(660,687)
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	<u>897,123</u>	<u>1,015,640</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Principal paid on capital debt	(1,129,000)	(1,105,000)
Purchases of capital assets	(536,991)	(1,144,061)
Interest paid on capital debt	(211,176)	(236,111)
Taxes collected for bond payments	1,356,957	1,335,962
Other receipts (payments)	592,750	154,089
Net Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>72,540</u>	<u>(995,121)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Interest	70,429	62,855
Proceeds from performance bonds and fees	1,010,781	71,773
Net Cash Flows From Investing Activities	<u>1,081,210</u>	<u>134,628</u>
Net Increase in Cash	2,050,873	155,147
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>13,427,881</u>	<u>13,272,734</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 15,478,754</u>	<u>\$ 13,427,881</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as presented on the statement of net assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,884,846	\$ 12,839,576
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	593,908	588,305
	<u>\$ 15,478,754</u>	<u>\$ 13,427,881</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash from Operating Activities		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 79,946	\$ (33,503)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities		
Depreciation	1,072,275	986,709
(Increase) decrease in current assets		
Accounts receivable	(54,142)	(2,386)
Prepaid expenses	2,311	(166)
Inventory	(122,266)	(12,149)
Other current assets	192	(31,129)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(75,601)	111,813
Compensated absences payable	(728)	7,651
Water reserve payable	(4,864)	(11,200)
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	<u>\$ 897,123</u>	<u>\$ 1,015,640</u>
Noncash Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Interest in building	<u>\$ 401,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,549,492</u>

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BIG SKY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 363
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363 (District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

Entity

The District was created by resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Gallatin County, Montana, and Madison County, Montana, on August 3, 1993, and August 4, 1993, respectively. The District was created for the purpose of constructing, repairing, operating, managing, maintaining, and acquiring a sanitary sewer facility on the West Fork of the West Gallatin River, Gallatin County, Montana. The District acquired Lone Mountain Springs Water District, as part of a settlement agreement reached with Boyne USA on July 25, 1997. The District is governed by a Board of Directors elected by members of the District and establishes its own budget independent of any other government entity, so it is therefore considered to be a primary government. The daily affairs of the District are conducted under the supervision of the District's general manager. The District serves approximately 2,700 customers.

Basis of Accounting

The term measurement focus is used to denote what is being measured and reported in the District's operating statements. The District is accounted for on the flow of "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery), financial position and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported and equity is reported as net assets.

The term basis of accounting is used to determine when a transaction or event is recognized on the District's financial statements. The District uses the full accrual basis of accounting, with revenues recorded when earned and expenses recorded when incurred, even though actual payment or receipt may not occur until after the period ends. Pursuant to GASB 62, Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363 follows all GASB pronouncements and may apply FASB pronouncements for accounting issues not addressed by GASB literature, unless it conflicts or contradicts GASB pronouncements.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues and expenses are distinguished between operating and nonoperating items. Operating revenues generally result from providing services in connection with the District's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are water and wastewater user charges. Revenue from user charges and sales of services is recognized as the related service is provided. Refunds to customers are charged to income in the period in which those refunds are paid. Operating expenses include the costs associated with the conveyance of water and wastewater, treatment of wastewater, administrative expenses, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Water and Wastewater User Charges

Property owners are assessed sewer and water fees annually based on the number of single family equivalent units. Most of the accounts have been converted to a metering system. No allowance has been made for uncollectible accounts because the District submits any delinquent accounts to the County Treasurer for collection.

Use of Restricted/Unrestricted Net Position

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted components of net position are available, the District's policy is to apply the restricted component first.

Cash and Investments

The District is authorized by statute to invest in time and savings deposits with a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union in the state. In addition, it may also invest in obligations of the United States Government, securities issued by agencies of the United States, repurchase agreements, and the State Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP). To minimize custodial credit risk in relation to the District's deposits, it is the District's policy to have uninsured deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging bank's agent in the District's name. The District does not have a policy regarding concentration of credit risk in relation to its investments. For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, deposits in demand accounts and money market accounts.

Restricted Cash

As of June 30, 2017 and 2016, according to a bond resolution, cash in the amount of \$593,908 and \$588,305 is restricted; this is the amount that has accumulated in the Debt Service Fund. This restriction is for debt repayment.

Inventory

Inventory is recorded at lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market and consists primarily of operating materials.

Capital Assets

The District's capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributions of capital assets are recorded at fair market value when received. Depreciation of capital assets is calculated using the straight-line method with estimated useful lives as follows:

Office building	39 years
Water and sewer system and equipment	7-75 years
Vehicles	5 years
Computer equipment and software	3-5 years

Maintenance and repair costs are expensed as incurred. Replacements, which improve or extend the life of a fixed asset, are capitalized. Proceeds received from government or other grantors, for the purchase or construction of fixed assets, are credited to income. All interest costs associated with new construction are capitalized.

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NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Compensated Absences

Employees accrue vacation time at 10 hours per month (increasing to 12 hours per month after 10 years of service and up to 16 hours per month after 21 years of service) and sick leave at 8 hours per month. Upon termination, unused sick time is paid at 25%. Unused vacation may not be accrued beyond two times the annual amount. Excess time must be used within 90 days of the next calendar year or be forfeited.

Net Position

The District adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 63 Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position. Statement 63 provides a new net position format to report all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position.

Invested in capital assets - consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets plus capital asset related deferred outflows of resources less capital asset related deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.

Restricted net position - consist of assets that are restricted as a result of external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - all other net position is reported in this category

Tax Revenue

Property tax levies are set by the Counties according to the rates approved by the voters and are based on taxable values listed as of January 1 for all real property located in the District. Taxable values are established by the Montana Department of Revenue based on market values. A revaluation of all property is required to be completed on a periodic basis. Taxable value is defined by Montana statute as a fixed percentage of market value. Real property taxes and special assessments are generally billed in October and are payable one half by November 30 and one half by May 31. After these dates, taxes and assessments become delinquent and become a lien on the property. Personal property is assessed and personal property taxes are billed throughout the year, with a significant portion generally billed in May, June, and July. Personal property taxes are based on levies set during the prior August. These taxes become delinquent 30 days after billing. Taxes and assessments that become delinquent are charged interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1 % per month from the time of delinquency until paid plus a penalty of 2%. Real property on which taxes and assessments remain delinquent and unpaid may be sold at tax sales. In the case of personal property, the property is seized and sold after the taxes become delinquent.

Budget

The District is not legally required to adopt a budget; therefore management has decided not to present the budget in the financial statements

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Tax Exempt Status

The District is a municipal corporation and, therefore, is not liable for federal and state income taxes pursuant to Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(1).

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27 (GASB Statement No. 68). The primary objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by other entities. The District participates in the Montana Retirement System that is administered by the State of Montana. Under this standard, the District will be required to report a net pension liability, pension expense, and pension-related deferred inflows and outflows of resources based on its proportionate share of the collective amounts for all the governments in the Montana Retirement System plan. The District received the amounts it was required to report on its financial statements from the Montana Retirement System beginning in fiscal year 2014.

NOTE 2. Cash and Investments

As of June 30, 2017 and 2016, the carrying amount of the District's deposits (cash and interest-bearing money market accounts) at local banks was \$15,478,554 and \$13,427,681, respectively. The bank balance as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$15,548,284 and \$13,472,164, respectively. Of the bank balance, \$750,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remaining amount was covered by collateral held by the pledging banks' agents in the District's name.

At June 30, 2017 and 2016, the District's only investment was in the Montana Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP). STIP was created by the State of Montana Board of Investments to allow qualifying funds, per sections 17-6-201, 202 and 204, MCA, to participate in a diversified pool. The carrying amount of this investment as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$1,672 and \$1,658, respectively. At the time that this report was issued, the following information was available regarding this investment:

GASB 31

According to GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools, STIP is considered an external investment pool. An external investment pool is defined as an arrangement that pools the monies of more than one legally separate entity and invests on the participant's behalf in an investment portfolio. STIP is also classified as a "2a7-like" pool. A 2a7-like pool is an external investment pool that is not registered with the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company, but has a policy that it will, and does, operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. If certain conditions are met, 2a7-like pools are allowed to use amortized cost rather than fair market value to report net assets and to compute unit values. The Board of Investments has adopted a policy to treat STIP as a 2a7-like pool and to utilize an amortized cost unit value rather than fair value to report net assets.

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NOTE 2. Cash and Investments (continued)

GASB 40

Effective June 30, 2005, the State of Montana Board of Investments implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40 - Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures. The annual report has disclosures pertaining to STIP's exposure to credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and legal and credit risk. Although the STIP investments have been rated by investment security type, STIP, as an external investment pool, has not been rated.

Security Lending

STIP is eligible to participate in securities lending. Securities lending transactions are disclosed in STIP's annual report. A copy of the STIP annual report is available online at <http://investment.com/AnnualReportsAudits>

NOTE 3. Restriction of Net Position

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Net position is restricted as follows:		
Restricted for debt service	<u>\$ 593,908</u>	<u>\$ 588,305</u>

NOTE 4. Capital Assets

	<u>Balance June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2017</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,049,689	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 1,055,689
Land easements	58,117	-	-	58,117
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>1,107,806</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,113,806</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Office building	708,220	-	-	708,220
Sewer infrastructure	35,480,669	226,038	-	35,706,707
Water infrastructure	<u>20,196,459</u>	<u>707,952</u>	<u>(46,254)</u>	<u>20,858,157</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated:	56,385,348	933,990	(46,254)	57,273,084
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(14,789,032)</u>	<u>(1,072,275)</u>	<u>44,341</u>	<u>(15,816,966)</u>
Net depreciable capital assets	<u>41,596,316</u>	<u>(138,285)</u>	<u>(1,913)</u>	<u>41,456,118</u>
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 42,704,122</u>	<u>\$ (132,285)</u>	<u>\$ (1,913)</u>	<u>\$ 42,569,924</u>

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NOTE 4. Capital Assets (continued)

	Balance June 30, 2015	Additions	Disposals	Balance June 30, 2016
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,043,689	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 1,049,689
Land easements	58,117	-	-	58,117
Total capital assets not being depreciated	1,101,806	6,000	-	1,107,806
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Office building	708,220	-	-	708,220
Sewer infrastructure	34,063,847	1,416,822	-	35,480,669
Water infrastructure	18,955,725	1,271,047	(30,313)	20,196,459
Total capital assets being depreciated:	53,727,792	2,687,869	(30,313)	56,385,348
Accumulated depreciation	(13,832,315)	(986,709)	29,992	(14,789,032)
Net depreciable capital assets	39,895,477	1,701,160	(321)	41,596,316
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 40,997,283</u>	<u>\$ 1,707,160</u>	<u>\$ (321)</u>	<u>\$ 42,704,122</u>

NOTE 5. Commitments and Contingencies

Risk Management

The District faces a considerable number of risks of loss, including a) damage to and loss of property and contents, b) employee torts, c) professional liability (i.e. errors and omissions), d) environmental damage, and e) workers' compensation (i.e., employee injuries). The District participates in a risk pool, which provides general liability insurance, auto liability insurance, crime/bond coverage, errors and omissions insurance, and property insurance. This pool purchases commercial insurance to cover the members' risks; the District does not assume the liabilities of other entities. Workers' compensation insurance coverage is provided through a commercial policy.

Yellowstone Mountain Club Agreement

On March 28, 2001, the District signed an agreement with the Yellowstone Mountain Club and other related entities owned by a developer for the sale of water, treatment of wastewater, and right to use land for the storage and disposal of treated wastewater. The District shall have the right to dispose up to 160,000,000 gallons of treated wastewater per year on land owned by the developer in exchange for a capital asset commitment of approximately \$18 million. The developer will construct storage ponds and a golf course irrigation system totaling approximately \$6.6 million.

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NOTE 6. Long-Term Debt

General Obligation Bonds

The District has issued general obligation bonds which consist of the following at June 30:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
2% State Revolving Fund (DNRC Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program) totaling \$319,000, dated August 1, 2013, is a refinancing of Series 2002 bonds dated September 24, 2002 for the purchase and installation of water meters. Payable in 20 semi-annual installments of approximately \$17,600 until July 1, 2023.	\$ 215,000	\$ 245,000
2.25% State of Montana General Obligation Bonds, Waste-water Revolving Fund Program totaling \$3,739,000, dated April 29, 2013, is a refinancing of Series 2002 bonds used to finance construction of the water treatment plant. Payable in 21 remaining semi-annual installments of approximately \$232,000 until July 1, 2023.	2,417,000	2,759,000
2% State Revolving Fund (DNRC Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program) totaling \$1,127,000, dated August 1, 2013, is a refinancing of Series 2003 dated May 20, 2003 for the construction of a water tank. Payable in 20 semi-annual installments of approximately \$62,300 until July 1, 2023.	758,000	866,000
2.25% State Revolving Fund (DNRC Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program) totaling \$3,867,000, dated August 1, 2013, is a refinancing of Series 2007 dated August 17, 2007 for improvements to the District's water system. Payable in 28 semi-annual installments of approximately \$161,500 until July 1, 2027.	2,814,000	3,212,000
2.25% State Revolving Fund (DNRC Revolving Loan Program) General Obligation Bond totaling \$4,353,000, dated April 29, 2013, is a refinancing of Series 2002 bonds used for the purpose of constructing a wastewater treatment plant. Payable in 21 remaining semi-annual installments of approximately \$207,000 until July 1, 2023.	<u>3,010,000</u>	<u>3,261,000</u>
Total long-term debt	9,214,000	10,343,000
Less: Current portion	<u>(1,156,000)</u>	<u>(1,129,000)</u>
Long-term debt, net of current portion	<u>\$ 8,058,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,214,000</u>

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NOTE 6. Long-Term Debt (continued)

General Obligation Bonds (continued)

The general obligation bonds are to be repaid semi-annually through 2027 with a mill levy approved in 2004, District plant investment charges, and operating revenue and reserves.

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Amounts due</u> <u>within One</u> <u>Year</u>
Bonds payable:					
SRF Treatment Plan	\$ 3,212,000	\$ -	\$ (398,000)	\$ 2,814,000	\$ 407,000
SRF Water Meters	245,000	-	(30,000)	215,000	32,000
SRF Water Tank	866,000	-	(108,000)	758,000	110,000
GO Bonds Treatment Plant	2,759,000	-	(342,000)	2,417,000	350,000
Improvements	<u>3,261,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(251,000)</u>	<u>3,010,000</u>	<u>257,000</u>
Total bonds payable	10,343,000	-	(1,129,000)	9,214,000	1,156,000
Compensated absences	123,761	(728)	-	123,033	123,033
Net pension liability	<u>192,784</u>	<u>54,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,117</u>	<u>247,117</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 10,466,761</u>	<u>\$ (728)</u>	<u>\$ (1,129,000)</u>	<u>\$ 9,337,033</u>	<u>\$ 1,279,033</u>

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Amounts due</u> <u>within One</u> <u>Year</u>
Bonds payable:					
SRF Treatment Plan	\$ 3,601,000	\$ -	\$ (389,000)	\$ 3,212,000	\$ 398,000
SRF Water Meters	275,000	-	(30,000)	245,000	30,000
SRF Water Tank	972,000	-	(106,000)	866,000	108,000
GO Bonds Treatment Plant	3,093,000	-	(334,000)	2,759,000	342,000
Improvements	<u>3,507,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(246,000)</u>	<u>3,261,000</u>	<u>251,000</u>
Total bonds payable	11,448,000	-	(1,105,000)	10,343,000	1,129,000
Compensated absences	116,110	7,651	-	123,761	123,761
Net pension liability	<u>155,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,656</u>	<u>192,784</u>	<u>192,784</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 11,564,110</u>	<u>\$ 7,651</u>	<u>\$ (1,105,000)</u>	<u>\$ 10,466,761</u>	<u>\$ 1,252,761</u>

Debt service requirements at June 30, 2017, were as follows

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 1,156,000	\$ 198,503	\$ 1,354,503
2019	1,182,000	172,703	1,354,703
2020	1,207,000	146,337	1,353,337
2021	1,234,000	115,781	1,349,781
2022	1,261,000	91,856	1,352,856
Thereafter	<u>3,174,000</u>	<u>147,930</u>	<u>3,321,930</u>
	<u>\$ 9,214,000</u>	<u>\$ 873,110</u>	<u>\$ 10,087,110</u>

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NOTE 6. Long-Term Debt (continued)

Sewer System General Obligation Bonds - Debt Restrictions

- a) The District must establish a debt service fund for money to be set aside to pay the debt of the SRF loan.
- b) Liability insurance must be carried.
- c) All fund properties, buildings, equipment, and fixtures must be adequately insured with a reputable carrier.
- d) The District must maintain adequate accounting records.
- e) The District may invest money in securities, which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed.
- f) The Sewer Fund must be audited on an annual basis. The District was in compliance with the bond covenants at June 30, 2017.

Compensated Absences Payable

Compensated absences payable, represent vested vacation and sick leave benefits earned by employees and payable upon termination, as well as additional salary-related charges payable by the City as the employer.

Net Pension Liability - Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

At June 30, 2017 and 2016, the District had a liability of \$247,117 and \$192,784, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016, with update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2017. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's contributions received by PERS during the measurement period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of the PERS' participating employers. At June 30, 2017 and 2016, the District's proportion was 0.014500% and 0.013791%, respectively.

NOTE 7. Employee Benefit Plan

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

The PERS-Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (DBRP), administered by the Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA), is a multiple-employer, cost-sharing plan established July 1, 1945, and governed by Title 19, chapters 2 & 3, Montana Code Annotated (MCA). This plan covers the State, local governments, certain employees of the Montana University System, and school districts.

All new members are initially members of the PERS-DBRP and have a 12-month window during which they may choose to remain in the PERS-DBRP or join the PERS-DCRP by filing an irrevocable election. Members may not be members of both the defined contribution and defined benefit retirement plans. All new members from the universities also have a third option to join the university system's Montana University System Retirement Program (MUS-RP). For members that choose to join the PERS-DCRP or the MUS-RP, a percentage of the employer contributions will be used to pay down the liability of the PERS-DBRP.

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NOTE 7. Employee Benefit Plan (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description (continued)

The PERS-DBRP provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries. Benefits are established by state law and can only be amended by the Legislature. Benefits are based on eligibility, years of service, and highest average compensation. Member rights are vested after five years of service.

Summary of Benefits

Members are eligible for benefits:

Service retirement	Hired prior to July 1, 2011	Age 60, 5 years of membership service; or Age 65, regardless of membership service; or Any age, 30 years of membership service
	Hired on or after July 1, 2011	Age 65, 5 years of membership service; or Age 70, regardless of membership service
Early retirement, actuarially reduced	Hired prior to July 1, 2011	Age 50, 5 years of membership service; or Any age, 25 years of membership service
	Hired on or after July 1, 2011	Age 55, 5 years of membership service
	Vesting	Age 55, 5 years of membership service

A member's highest average compensation (HAC) is:

Hired prior to July 1, 2011 - the highest average compensation during any consecutive 36 months;

Hired on or after July 1, 2011 - the highest average compensation during any consecutive 60 months;

Hired on or after July 1, 2013 - 110% annual cap on compensation considered as part of a member's highest compensation.

The monthly benefit formula is:

Members hired prior to July 1, 2011 :

Less than 25 years of membership service: 1.785% of HAC per year of service credit;

25 years of membership service or more: 2% of HAC per year of service credit.

Members hired on or after July 1, 2011:

Less than 10 years of membership service: 1.5% of HAC per year of service credit;

10 years or more, but less than 30 years of membership service: 1.785% of HAC per year of service credit;

30 years or more of membership service: 2% of HAC per year of service credit.

The guaranteed annual benefit adjustment (GABA)* is:

3% for members hired prior to July 1, 2007;

1.5% for members hired on or after July 1, 2007.

Members hired on or after July 1, 2013:

1.5% for each year PERS is funded at or above 90%;

1.5% is reduced by 0.1% for each 2% PERS is funded below 90%; and 0% whenever the amortization period is 40 years or more.

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NOTE 7. Employee Benefit Plan (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

Plan Description - Summary of Benefits - continued

After the member has completed 12 full months of retirement, the member's benefit increases by the applicable percentage (provided below) each January, inclusive of other adjustments to the member's benefit. Total number of members (employees) covered by benefit terms as of June 30, 2016:

Active plan members: 28,390

Inactive members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits or a refund:

Vested: 3,062/Non-Vested: 10,031

Inactive members and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits:

Service retirements: 18,524

Disability retirements: 723

Survivor benefits: 2,086

Overview of Contributions

- Rates are specified by state law for periodic employer and employee contributions. The State legislature has the authority to establish and amend contribution rates to the plan.
- Member contributions to the system:
 - Plan members are required to contribute 7.90% of member's compensation. Contributions are deducted from each member's salary and remitted by participating employers.
 - The 7.90% member contributions is temporary and will be decreased to 6.9% on January 1 following actuary valuation results that show the amortization period has dropped below 25 years following the reduction of both the additional employer and additional member contribution rates.
- Employer contributions to the system:
 - State and University System employers are required to contribute 8.47% of members' compensation.
 - Local government entities are required to contribution 8.37% of members' compensation.
 - School district employers contributed 7.90% of members' compensation.
 - Following the 2013 Legislative Session, PERS-employer contributions were temporarily increased.
 - Effective July 1, 2013, employer contributions increased 1.0%. Beginning July 1, 2014, employer contributions will increase an additional 0.1 % a year over 10 years, through 2024. The employer additional contributions including the 0.27% added in 2007 and 2009, terminates on January 1 following actuary valuation results that show the amortization period of the PERS-DBRP has dropped below 25 years and would remain below 25 years following the reductions of both the additional employer and member contributions rates.
 - Effective July 1, 2013, the additional employer contributions for DCRP and MUS-RP is allocated to the defined benefit plan's Plan Choice Rate unfunded liability.
 - Effective July 1, 2013, employers are required to make contributions on working retirees' compensation. Member contributions for working retirees are not required.

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NOTE 7. Employee Benefit Plan (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

Plan Description - Summary of Benefits - continued

- Non employer contributions:
 - Special funding
 - The State contributes 0.1 % of members' compensation on behalf of local government entities.
 - The State contributes 0.37% of members' compensation on behalf of school district entities.
 - Not special funding
 - The State contributes from the Coal Tax Severance fund.

The PERS financial information is reported in the Public Employees' Retirement Board's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended. It is available from the PERB at 100 North Park, PO Box 200131, Helena MT 59620-0131, 406-444-3154.

CAFR information including PERS stand alone financial statements can be found at <http://mpera.mt.gov/annualreports>. The latest actuarial valuation and experience study can be found at <http://mpera.mt.gov/actuarialvaluations>.

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total Pension Liability as of June 30, 2017, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2016. There were several significant assumptions and other inputs used to measure the Total Pension Liability. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016, valuation were based on the results of the last actuarial experience study, dated June 2010 for the six year period July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2009. Among those assumptions were the following:

General wage growth*	4.00%
*includes inflation at	3.00%
Merit increases	0% to 6.0%
Investment return	7.75%
Post retirement benefit increases	3% for members hired prior to July 1, 2007 1.5% for members hired on or after July 1, 2007

After the member has completed 12 full months of retirement, the member's benefit increases by the applicable percentage (provided below) each January, inclusive of other adjustments to the member's benefit.

Mortality assumptions among contributing members, terminated vested members, service retired members and beneficiaries based on RP 2000 Combined Employee and Annuitant Mortality Tables projected to 2015 with scale AA.

Mortality assumptions among Disabled Retirees are based on RP 2000 Combined Employee and Annuitant Mortality Tables with no projections. No future mortality improvement is assumed.

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NOTE 7. Employee Benefit Plan (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued
Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 7.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating plan members, employers, and nonemployer contributing entities will be made based on the Board's funding policy, which establishes the contractually required rates under Montana Code Annotated. The State contributes 0.1 % of salaries for local governments and 0.37% for school districts. In addition, the State contributes coal severance tax and interest money from the general fund. The interest is contributed monthly and the severance tax is contributed quarterly. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be adequate to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members through the year 2117. 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. No municipal bond rate was incorporated in the discount rate.

Target Allocations

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash Equivalents	2.60%	0.10%
Domestic Equity	36.00%	1.64%
Foreign Equity	18.00%	1.14%
Fixed Income	23.40%	0.23%
Private Equity	12.00%	0.93%
Real Estate	8.00%	0.32%

The long-term expected return on pension plan assets is reviewed as part of the regular experience study prepared for the System. The most recent analysis, performed for the period covering fiscal years 2003 through 2009, is outlined in a report dated June 2010, which is located on the MPERA website. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including rates of return adopted by similar public sector systems, and by 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 by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were 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 then adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years. Best estimates are presented as the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016, is summarized in the above table.

Sensitivity Analysis

	1.0% Decrease (-6.75%)	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase (-8.75%)
PERS Net Pension Liability	\$2,155,260,677	\$1,397,897,179	\$758,327,895
Big Sky County Water & Sewer District proportion	358,585	247,117	151,098

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NOTE 7. Employee Benefit Plan (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued
Discount Rate - continued

In accordance with GASB 68 regarding the disclosure of the sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the discount rate, the above table presents the Net Pension Liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75%, as well as what the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.00% lower (6.75%) or 1.00% higher (8.75%) than the current rate.

Net Pension Liability

In accordance with GASB Statement 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, employers are required to recognize and report certain amounts associated with their participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). Statement 68 became effective June 30, 2015, and includes requirements to record and report their proportionate share of the collective Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Inflows and Deferred Outflows of resources associated with pensions.

In accordance with Statement 68, PERS has a special funding situation in which the State of Montana is legally responsible for making contributions directly to PERS on behalf of the employers. Due to the existence of this special funding situation, local governments and school districts are required to report the portion of the State of Montana's proportionate share of the collective Net Pension Liability that is associated with the employer.

The State of Montana also has a funding situation that is not Special Funding whereby the State General Fund provides contributions from the Coal Severance Tax and interest. All employers are required to report the portion of Coal Tax Severance Tax and interest attributable to the employer.

	Net Pension Liability as of 6/30/16	Net Pension Liability as of 6/30/17	Percent of Collective NPL
District Proportionate Share	\$ 192,784	\$ 247,117	0.014500 %
State of Montana Proportionate Share associated with District	2,368	3,019	0.000200 %
Total	\$ 195,152	\$ 250,136	0.014700 %

At June 30, 2017, the District recorded a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016, with update procedures to roll forward the TPL to 2017. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's contributions received by PERS during the measurement period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of the PERS' participating employers. At June 30, 2017, the District's proportion was .0145%.

Changes in actuarial assumption and methods: There were no changes in assumption or other inputs that affected the measurement of the Total Pension Liability.

Changes in benefit terms: There have been no changes in benefit terms since the previous measurement date.

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NOTE 7. Employee Benefit Plan (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

Net Pension Liability - continued

Changes in proportionate share: There were no changes between the measurement date of the collective Net Pension Liability and the District's reporting date that are expected to have a significant effect on the District's proportionate share of the collective NPL.

Pension Expense

	Pension Expense as of 6/30/16	Pension Expense as of 6/30/17
District's Proportionate Share	\$ 14,206	\$ 25,016
State of Montana Proportionate Share associated with District	129	147
Total	\$ 14,335	\$ 25,163

At June 30, 2017, the District recognized a Pension Expense of \$14,173 for its proportionate share of the FURS' Pension Expense. The District also recognized grant revenue of \$630 in 2017 for the support provided by the State of Montana for its proportionate share of the Pension Expense that is associated with the District.

Recognition of Beginning Deferred Outflow

At June 30, 2017, the District recognized a beginning deferred outflow of resources for the District's year ended June 30, 2016, contributions of \$26,679.

Deferred Inflows and Outflows

At June 30, 2017, the District reported its proportionate share of PERS' deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$ 1,333	\$ 818
Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	23,249	-
Changes in proportion differences between District and contributions and proportionate share of contributions	45,490	-
Total	\$ 70,072	\$ 818

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the year ended June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in Pension Expense as follows:

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NOTE 7. Employee Benefit Plan (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

Deferred Inflows and Outflows - continued

Year ended June 30:	Amount recognized in Pension Expense as an increase or (decrease) to Pension Expense
2018	1,126
2019	13,211
2020	8,302
2021	N/A
2022	N/A
Thereafter	N/A

Deferred Compensation Plan

In February 2009, the District entered into an agreement with the Montana Public Employees' Retirement Board to allow its employees to participate in the State of Montana 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (Plan). The Plan is sponsored by the Montana Public Employees' Retirement Board and is authorized by Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b) and is subject to specific Internal Revenue Service laws and requirements. During the 2017 and 2016 calendar years, the maximum contribution that a participant could make to the Plan was \$17,500. The District contributes 6.2% of each participant's wages. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the District contributed \$52,725 to the plan and employees contributed \$48,312.

NOTE 8. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 19, 2017, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors and Management
Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363
Big Sky, Montana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363, which comprise the statements of net position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' 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 principles 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 opinion.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No. 363'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 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.

Junkermier, Clark, Campanella, Stevens, P.C.

Kalispell, Montana
December 19, 2017

**BIG SKY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 363
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
JUNE 30, 2017**

CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS:

No findings are reported in the current year audit.

PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS:

None.