FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Alleghany County Water District P.O. Box 860 Alleghany, CA 95910-0860

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Alleghany County Water District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 Alleghany County Water District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Alleghany County Water District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Alleghany County Water District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will

always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud
 or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
 examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
 statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Alleghany County Water District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is
 expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
 raise substantial doubt about Alleghany County Water District's ability to continue as a going concern
 for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not 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 audits 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Alleghany County Water District's basic financial statements. The Operating Expenses schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the

underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Operating Expenses schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises Alleghany County Water District's organization, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the basic financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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Roseville, California December 5, 2024

ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Alleghany County Water District (ACWD) was established on March 8, 1939 to provide water to the town of Alleghany for both domestic use and fire protection.

When the district was formed, Alleghany had a population of approximately 586 (1940 US Census). The most recent census (2020) recorded 55 full-time residents*. This represents a 90% decrease over eighty years. It is notable that the change in population between 2010 and 2020 was a decrease in only 3 individuals. This is the first time in approximately 80 years that the census data has not recorded a significant decrease in the town's population. Currently, ACWD has 52 active customer accounts. *Note that the U.S. census website incorrectly shows a population of 30 because they did not tally the data correctly per the Sierra County Clerk-Recorder verified by an actual count conducted by ACWD staff.

Sustaining its operation with such a small customer base is ACWD's biggest challenge. Balancing sustainability with affordability is a daunting task. The Board and Staff donate many hours to the district on a regular basis to keep it functioning.

ACWD does, from time-to-time, apply for grants. The bulk of the current infrastructure was built in 1977-78 with a 50/50 loan-grant from USDA Rural Development. That loan was paid off in November of 2017.

Recently completed projects:

In 2015 the district was awarded a loan with debt forgiveness (grant) from the Water Resources Control Board's State Revolving Fund for a Planning and Engineering Analysis of the ACWD storage tank and water sources.

The primary objective of the planning project was to find the most sustainable way to supply the town's drinking water in compliance with State and Federal Drinking Water Standards. The two major concerns at that time were the poor condition of the main water storage tank and treatment plant. The lack of water source redundancy was also a concern. Changing the main water source (the Ram Spring) from "ground water under the influence of surface water" to "ground water" was a known way to reduce water production costs. Because of environmental concerns about drilling at the Spring site, the district was encouraged by the State Engineers to try vertical test wells. Two vertical wells would have solved both the surface water and the redundancy issues if successful. However, the vertical test wells were not successful (inadequate water quantity and quality).

After the vertical test wells proved unviable, in May of 2017, as part of the planning project, horizontal driven pipes were installed at the Ram Spring to minimize surface water infiltration. As a result of this drilling, and with subsequent water quality testing; on October 20, 2017 the State Division of Drinking water amended the Permit for the Ram Spring changing its classification to "ground water". This new classification eliminates the need for a treatment plant and lessens several regulatory requirements, saving both time and money over the long-term.

The water tank portion of the planning project was completed in 2016 and a new funding agreement for construction of the water tank was executed on July 20, 2017. The new water storage tank was put online in November of 2018 but started leaking in October of 2021. Warranty work to repair the water tank was done in 2024. Funding has been awarded from the State Regional Water Quality

ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Control Board to provide engineering oversight for the warranty repairs, plus the addition of Cathodic Protection (two separate agreements).

The water source redundancy portion of the planning project had to be abandoned due to budget constraints.

The Ram Springs portion of the Planning Project was completed on December 1, 2020 and an application for construction was started immediately. The funding agreement for the Ram Spring Construction Project was signed in October of 2023 and is for up to 1.5 million dollars. Engineering and design work is in progress with on-the-ground work expected to commence in early 2024.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISONS (see pages 14 and 15 "Supplementary Information" for reference)

Budget Procedure Notes

The enabling legislation for County Water Districts requires charging rates sufficient to cover operating expenses, repairs, depreciation, and debt payments. However; there are also State and Federal guidelines in place regarding affordable rates for basic services such as water. ACWD's Board and Staff have not found a way to cover depreciation expense while maintaining affordable water rates with so few customers. As a result, ACWD does not budget for depreciation.

The district's budget worksheet combines both "cash-based" and "accrual" projections to ensure that adequate cash is available to cover operating expenses and maintain reserve funds.

State Funded Projects (Grants) are minimally included in the budget projections. The timing of the funding and expenditures is hard to project. These capital expenditures are reimbursed by the State, so the eventual net result is approximately zero (the main exception is employee overhead, billed to the State and not reflected in the project expenses).

Comparison of budgeted versus actual results

Audited actual results vary significantly from the adopted budget because the audit documents include depreciation and are on a strictly accrual basis. Audit documents convert the district's bookkeeping data to Generally Accepted Accounting Standards for governmental agencies. (see notes above).

Operating revenue: Water Service revenue came in \$3,377 (12%) lower than projected primarily due to customers not paying their water bills.

Operating expenses: Utilities came in \$441 (12.5%) higher than projected due to higher utility rates. All other operating expenses combined (except for depreciation) came in about as expected, except for Misc./Contingency which came in \$316 (158%) high due to a subscription renewal that wasn't included in the budget.

Non-operating revenues: Actual results came in \$741 (12%) lower than projected, mainly due to property tax revenue \$681 (16%) lower than expected.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Non-operating expenses: Came in as projected.

The year-end results show a positive budget net change variance of \$35,568. This is primarily due to the depreciation expense of \$31,561 which was offset by grant income of \$70,736.

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash	\$ 28,243
Accounts receivable	 14,224
Total current assets	 42,467
Capital assets	
Land	101,000
Other captial assets, net of depreciation	 1,108,424
Total capital assets, net of depreciation	 1,209,424
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,251,891
LIABILITIES Current liabilities Accounts payable	\$ 13,404
Accrued payroll and payroll liabilities	482
Total current liabilities	 13,886
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 13,886
NET POSITION Net Position Invested in capital assets, net	
of related debt	1,209,424
Unrestricted	 28,581
TOTAL NET POSITION	1,238,005
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$ 1,251,891

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Operating revenues		
Water sales	\$	26,044
Grant income		70,736
Other		117
Operating revenues		96,897
Operating expenses		
Pumping		5,759
Treatment		3,666
Transmission and distribution		11,248
General and administrative		14,459
Depreciation		31,561
Operating expenses		66,693
Net operating revenue/(loss)		30,204
Non-operating revenue (expenses)		
Property taxes		4,981
Historical Church		
Rental		1,500
Other		310
Historical Church expenses		(2,677)
Park		
Repairs/maintenance/utilities	X	(582)
Net non-operating revenue/(loss)		3,532
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		33,736
Beginning net position		1,204,269
ENDING NET POSITION	\$	1,238,005

Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Cash flows from operating activities Cash received from customers Other operating cash receipts Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services Cash payments to employees for services	\$ 12,363 70,853 (9,350) (12,188)
Net cash provided by operating activities	61,678
Cash flows from non-operating activities: Property taxes Net Historical Church activity Net Park activity	4,981 (867) (582)
Net cash provided by non-operating activities	 3,532
Cash flows from investing activities: Investment in fixed assets	 (68,149)
Net cash used in investing activities	(68,149)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,939)
Cash at beginning of year July 1, 2023	31,182
CASH AT END OF YEAR, JUNE 30, 2024	\$ 28,243
Supplementary information Cash paid for interest	\$ -

Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities

Operating revenue	\$ 30,204
Adjustments to reconcile operating revenue to net	
cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	31,561
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	(13,682)
Pre-paid expenses	4,279
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	 9,316
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 61,678

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2024

Note 1 Organization

Alleghany County Water District (the "District") was organized to provide water for residents of the District and is governed by a Board of Directors which is elected by voters of the District.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of Alleghany County Water District conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to enterprise funds. The District applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. Proprietary funds apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails.

Fund Accounting

The District is an enterprise fund. All operations are accounted for as an enterprise fund.

Enterprise Fund – The enterprise fund is used to account for water operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The intent of the District is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The District's books and accounts are based upon the Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Fiscal Affairs of the State of California. The records are maintained and the accompanying financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Depreciation and Amortization

Capital assets are recorded on the basis of purchase cost. Assets acquired by contribution are recorded at estimated cost or fair market value at the date of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

Statement of Cash Flows

All highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased are considered to be cash equivalents.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2024

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses

The District's primary purpose is to provide irrigation water services to customers within the District. Operating revenues are those revenues that arise directly from accomplishing this primary purpose. Accordingly, the District defines operating revenues as its irrigation water sales, standby charges, and water transfer revenue. The District recognizes revenue when such service is delivered. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. Non-operating revenues are any revenues not meeting the definition above. Revenues from assessments to retire debt, rents and interest income are considered non-operating revenues

Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Board of Directors annually adopts an operating budget. The operating budgets are prepared on the accrual basis to match the operating statements. Capital replacement expenditures are reviewed on an annual basis and budgeted as deemed necessary.

Note 3 Cash and Investments

Cash and investments consist of the following at June 30, 2024:

Petty cash	\$	475
Cash in bank – checking		3,515
Cash in bank – savings		15,512
Cash in bank – checking (historical church/park)		8,741
	<u>\$</u>	28,243

All deposits were covered by Federal depository insurance.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2024

Note 4 Capital Assets

Changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2024 consist of:

	Balance beginning of the year	Additions	Disposal	Balance end of year
Land	\$ 101,000		-	\$ 101,000
Building Water system (1977) 1994 Water system 2018 Water tank Ram Spring renovation (2018)	\$ 21,744 218,000 301,579 927,906 61,567	\$ - - - -	\$ - - - - -	\$ 21,744 218,000 301,579 927,906 61,567
Total capital assets:	1,530,796	-	-	1,530,796
Construction in progress	155,224	68,149	-	223,373
Accumulated depreciation	(614,184)	(31,561)	_	(645,745)
Capital assets, net of depreciation	\$ 1,071,836	\$ 36,588	\$ -	\$ 1,108,424

Note 5 Net Investment in Capital Assets

	otal
Land Capital assets, net of depreciation	\$ 101,000 1,108,424
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 1,209,424

Note 6 Risk of Loss

Alleghany County Water District is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and injuries to employees. During the 2024 fiscal year, the District purchased certain commercial insurance coverage to provide for these risks.

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Note 7 Bridge Loan for Capital Projects (Revolving Line of Credit)

Alleghany County Water District has two lines of credit (LOC) with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). Each LOC is for a separate capital project, the Ram Springs Improvement Project (RSIP) and the Water Storage Tank Corrosion Abatement Project (Cathodic Protection Project; a.k.a. CP Project).

The RSIP line of credit was approved in April 2024 in the amount of \$275,635 for a term of 30 months, and bears interest at a rate of 5.5%. The line of credit is restricted for use on the RSIP Project. There is no outstanding balance as of June 30, 2024.

The CP Project line of credit was approved in May 2024 in the amount of \$116,915 for a term of 12 months, and bears interest at a rate of 5.5%. The line of credit is restricted for use on the CP Project. There is no outstanding balance as of June 30, 2024.

Note 8 Subsequent Events

The District's management has evaluated the potential for subsequent events through the available for issuance date of the financial statements, December 5, 2024.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2024

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts				Variance Favorable		
	Original Final		Actual		(Unfavorable)		
Operating Revenues Water service fees Government grant income Other Total Operating Revenues	\$	29,421 600 - 30,021	\$ 29,421 600 - 30,021	\$	26,044 70,736 117 96,897	\$	(3,377) 70,136 117 66,876
Operating Expenditures: Payroll & payroll tax expenses Professional services Utilities Water operations Office expense Insurance Miscellaneous/contingency Depreciation Total Operating Expenditures		12,700 3,100 3,528 7,349 1,594 6,100 200 -	12,700 3,100 3,528 7,349 1,594 6,100 200 -		12,728 3,100 3,969 6,555 1,872 6,392 516 31,561		(28) - (441) 794 (278) (292) (316) (31,561)
Excess of Operating Expenditures Over Operating Revenues		(4,550)	 (4,550)		30,204		34,754
Non-Operating Revenues ACWD - Property taxes ACWD - Historical Church admin Historical Church - Rental Donation/miscellaneous income		4,300 250 1,500	4,300 250 1,500		4,981 240 1,500 70		681 (10) - 70
Total Non-Operating Revenues		6,050	 6,050		6,791		741

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (continued) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

				Variance
	Budgeted	Amounts		Favorable
	Original Final		Actual	(Unfavorable)
Non-Operating Expenditures:				
Historical Church - Insurance	650	650	650	_
Historical Church - Utilities	200	200	118	82
Historical Church - Administration	240	240	240	-
Historical Church - Supplies, small equip	1,500	1,500	1,669	(169)
Library	500	500	-	500
Park - Supplies and maintenance	150	150	480	(330)
Park - Solid waste fee	92	92	102	(10)
		- 02	102	(10)
Total Non-Operating Expenditures	3,332	3,332	3,259	73
Excess of Non-Operating Revenues				
Over Non-Operating Expenditures	2,718	2,718	3,532	814
Total Excess of Revenues Over/(Under)				
Expenditures	(1,832)	(1,832)	33,736	35,568
Fund Balance, beginning of year	1,204,269	1,204,269_	1,204,269	
Fund Balance, end of year	\$ 1,202,437	\$ 1,202,437	\$ 1,238,005	

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2024

Note 1 PURPOSE OF STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

A. <u>Budgetary Schedule of Comparison</u>

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, the authority is required to present a budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund and each Major Special Revenue Fund that has an adopted budget. This schedule presents the original adopted budget and the actual revenue and expenditures of the General Fund.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2024

Operating Expenses For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Pumping Payroll and benefits Electricity Total pumping	\$ 2,462 3,297	\$ 5,759
Treatment Payroll and benefits Testing, chemicles, permits, & fees Total treatment	 1,231 2,435	3,666
Transmission and distribution Payroll and benefits Repairs and hookups Total transmission and distribution	 8,616 2,632	11,248
General and administrative Insurance Legal and audit Office expense Permits Propane Telephone Total general and administrative	6,392 3,100 3,954 341 72 600	14,459
Depreciation		31,561
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		\$ 66,693

ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT OTHER INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2024

ORGANIZATION JUNE 30, 2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Tobyn Mehrmann Director/President

Coral Spencer Director/Vice-president

Robbin DeWeese Director

Oregon Burns Tenney V Director

Brianne Price Director

Amber Mehrmann Secretary (officer only; not a director)