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FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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ANNUAL FILING AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HAYS :
I, Regina C. Franke, of Crystal Clear Special Utility District hereby swear, or affirm, that the District named above has reviewed and approved, at a meeting of the District's Board of Trustees on the
This annual filing affidavit and the attached copy of the audit report will be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to satisfy the annual filing requirements of the Texas Water Code Section 49.194.
Date: January 25 , 2024 By: (Signature of District Official)
Regina C. Franke - General Manager
(Typed Name & Title of District Representative)
Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 25^{th} day of 3000 , 3000 , 3000 .
YESENIA TELLO Notary ID # 13156125-5 My Commission Expires 05/24/2026
Commission expires on May 24, 2026 Notary Public in the State of Texas



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Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Crystal Clear Special Utility District San Marcos, TX

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Crystal Clear Special Utility District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Crystal Clear Special Utility 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 Crystal Clear Special Utility District, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Crystal Clear Special Utility 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

Crystal Clear Special Utility District's 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 Crystal Clear Special Utility 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 opinions. 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 GAAS and *Government 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 GAAS and Government 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 Crystal Clear Special Utility 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 Crystal Clear Special Utility 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, budgetary comparison schedule and schedules of changes in pension liability and related employer contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Crystal Clear Special Utility District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary 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. Such 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 supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 18, 2024 on our consideration of Crystal Clear Special Utility District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Crystal Clear Special Utility District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.

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January 18, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of Crystal Clear Special Utility District's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's total net position was \$33.5 million at September 30, 2023, an increase of \$5.1 million. The increase was the result of significant connection fees collected from new developments in the area and increased billing rates.
- During the year, the District's operating revenues were \$731 thousand more than the \$10.7 million in operating expenses.
- No new debt was issued.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts—management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and supplementary information required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The basic financial statements consist of the following statements:

- The *Statement of Net Position* shows the financial standing of the District as of the end of the year, including all assets and liabilities.
- The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position provides information about the activity of the District during the fiscal year. It reports revenues when incurred, regardless of when they are received, and expenses when incurred, regardless of when they are paid.
- The Statement of Cash Flows reports the sources and uses of cash during the fiscal year.

The financial statements also include notes that explain a few of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of *required supplementary information* that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. The final section of supplementary information provides even more information required by TCEQ.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT

Net position—the difference between the District's assets and liabilities—is one way to measure the District's financial health or *position*.

• Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

The District's combined net position was \$33.5 million at September 30, 2023. Of this amount, \$27.0 million was invested in capital assets, leaving an unrestricted net position of \$4.6 million. (See Table A-1).

Table A-1District's Net Position

	2023	2022	Percentage Change
Assets:	2023	2022	Change
Cash and Investments	\$ 5,436,118	\$ 5,061,790	7%
Other Current Assets	2,837,835	2,007,709	41%
Other Assets	5,916,035	5,963,952	-1%
Capital Assets (Net)	46,534,867	43,002,354	8%
Total Assets	60,724,855	56,035,805	8%
Deferred Outflows	183,408	129,084	42%
Liabilities:			
Current	6,509,815	5,470,074	19%
Long Term	20,944,924	22,263,557	-6%
Total Liabilities	27,454,739	27,733,631	-1%
Deferred Inflows	2,724	110,109	-98%
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	27,020,922	24,027,245	12%
Restricted	1,820,817	353,525	415%
Unrestricted	4,609,061	3,940,379	17%
Total Net Position	\$ 33,450,800	\$ 28,321,149	18%

The District's total operating revenues were \$11.5 million, an increase of 17% over the prior year. The increase is the result of increased rates but also significant growth in the customer base. The operating expenses were \$10.7 million, an increase of 5% over the prior year. Legal and professional fees decreased but personnel and water purchases increased. Non-operating revenues decreased as connection and installation fees for new service were not as high as the previous year. (See Table A-2)

Table A-2 Changes in District Net Position

			Percentage
	2023	2022	Change
Operating Revenues	\$ 11,465,570	\$ 9,831,095	17%
Operating Expenses	(10,734,327)	(10,249,909)	5%
Operating Income (Loss)	731,243	(418,814)	-275%
Non-operating Income (Expense)	4,398,408	6,475,012	-32%
Change in Net Position	5,129,651	6,056,198	-15%
Net Position at Beginning of Year	28,321,149	22,264,951	
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 33,450,800	\$ 28,321,149	

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

District revenues exceeded expectations in the budget by \$984 thousand. Operating expenses were \$790 thousand under budget, primarily in personnel. Connection fees from new developments were \$1.2 million more than expected and capital spending to service these new accounts was \$2.4 million over budget. Capital spending is difficult to predict because it is dependent upon how quickly construction occurs. These differences led to a net increase in budgetary net position of \$300 thousand, compared to a budgeted decrease of \$876 thousand.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

As of September 30, 2023, the District had invested \$58.1 million in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, equipment, treatment plants, and distribution systems. Significant additions in 2023 include ongoing engineering and construction for the Texas Water Development Board project. (See Table A-3.) More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Table A-3District's Capital Assets

					Percentage
	2023			2022	Change
Land	\$	727,800	\$	727,800	0%
Water Rights		7,079,526		7,079,526	0%
Building and Improvements		983,582		983,582	0%
Plant and Distribution System	4	43,896,684		38,164,543	15%
Machinery and Equipment		1,265,193		1,211,050	4%
Construction in Progress		4,222,033		5,249,346	-20%
Totals at Historical Cost		58,174,818		53,415,847	9%
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(1	1,639,951)	(1	0,413,493)	12%
Net Capital Assets	\$ 4	46,534,867	\$	43,002,354	8%
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Long-Term Debt

At year-end, the District had \$22.3 million in principal outstanding on bonded debt and notes. No new debt was issued in 2023. However, the District plans to incur debt in 2024 to continue needed expansion to service new customers. More detailed information about the District's debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Table A-4District's Long Term Debt

			Percentage
	2023	2022	Change
Bonds Payable	\$ 15,320,000	\$ 15,887,000	-4%
Notes Payable	6,943,423	7,673,977	-10%
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 22,263,423	\$ 23,560,977	-6%

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The 2024 budget contemplates continued expenditures from the 2017 Texas Water Development Board Bonds for the Capital Improvement Plan. 2024 is the fourth year of a five year rate plan to help fund the cost of capital improvements. Base rates will increase for 2024 as well as increases in consumption rates. Rapid development in the area continues to put demands on the District's system and the District issued \$1.95 million in additional bonds in November 2023 to complete the 2017 planned TWDB projects. Another \$8 million is expected to be issued in 2024 to start additional system improvements.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District at 2370 FM 1979, San Marcos, TX 78666.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include:

- Statement of Net Position
- Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
- Statement of Cash Flows

In addition, the notes to the financial statements are included to provide information that is essential to a user's understanding of the basic financial statements.

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	5,436,118
Accounts Receivable (net)		2,805,548
Prepaid Expense		32,287
Total Current Assets		8,273,953
Other Assets:		
Restricted Cash for Construction		3,945,492
Restricted Cash for Debt Service		923,647
Restricted Cash for Debt Reserve		926,290
Net Pension Asset		120,606
Total Other Assets		5,916,035
Capital Assets (net)		46,534,867
TOTAL ASSETS		60,724,855
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DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Pension Related Outflows		183,408
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		1 0 10 000
Accounts Payable		1,943,830
Payroll Liabilities		15,242
Accrued Wages		20,744
Customer Deposits		1,174,950
Accrued Interest, Payable from Restricted Assets		149,726
Accrued Compensated Absences		65,586
Payable to Canyon Regional Water Authority		1,821,238
Bonds and Notes Payable - Current		1,318,499
Total Current Liabilities		6,509,815
Long-term Liabilities:		
Bonds and Notes Payable - Net of Current Portion		20,944,924
Total Long-term Liabilities		20,944,924
TOTAL LIABILITIES		27,454,739
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		2.724
Deferred Pension Related Inflows		2,724
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets		27,020,922
Restricted:		
Net Pension Asset		120,606
Debt Service and Debt Reserve		1,700,211
Unrestricted	_	4,609,061
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	33,450,800

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

OPERATING REVENUES	
Water Sales	\$ 10,847,113
Wastewater Charges	135,125
Other Charges	483,332
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	11,465,570
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Water Purchase	4,635,473
Personnel	2,448,881
Depreciation	1,244,222
Operations and Maintenance	878,225
Professional Fees	800,908
Admin Expenses	257,766
Vehicles and Equipment	225,208
Utilities	142,864
Insurance	100,780
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	10,734,327
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	731,243
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest Income	409,047
Impact and Installation Fees	4,333,698
Other Revenues	200,116
Interest Expense	(544,453)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES	4,398,408
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	5,129,651
Net Position at Beginning of Year	28,321,149
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 33,450,800

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 10,739,674
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(6,096,503)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(2,488,725)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	2,154,446
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Principal Payments on Bonds and Notes Payable	(1,297,554)
Impact and Installation Fees	4,333,698
Interest Paid	(553,964)
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	(4,776,735)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(2,294,555)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Interest and Investment Income	409,047
Other Cash Receipts	200,116
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	609,163
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	469,054
Beginning Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Unrestricted 2,113,451	
Restricted 8,649,042	10,762,493
Ending Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Unrestricted 5,436,118	
Restricted 5,795,429	\$ 11,231,547

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities

Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 731,243
Adjustments to Reconcile Income from Operations to Net Cash	
Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	1,244,222
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(855,896)
(Increase) Decrease in Other Receivables	51,475
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	(25,705)
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Pension Related Outflows	(54,324)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	918,951
Increase (Decrease) in Payroll Liabilities	(44,518)
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits	130,000
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Compensated Absences	23,740
Increase (Decrease) in Net Pension Liability/Asset	142,643
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Pension Related Inflows	(107,385)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 2,154,446

NOTE A -- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Crystal Clear Special Utility District (the "District") was created pursuant to Texas Senate Bill 116, 83rd Legislature, R.S. (2013), further codified in Texas Special District Local Laws Code Chapter 7206, enacted under the authority granted to the Texas Legislature in Texas Constitution article XVI Section 59. Prior to that date the District operated as a Water Supply Corporation. The District was organized to furnish potable water and wastewater utility services. The District is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of seven members elected by voters residing in the District's boundaries. The District serves customers in Hays, Comal and Guadalupe counties.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government 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:

1. REPORTING ENTITY

In evaluating how to define the government for financial purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statement 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" and GASB Statement 39 "Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units". The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the concept of financial accountability. A primary government is financially accountable for the organizations that make up its legal entity. It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body and either it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. The District has no component units.

2. ENTERPRISE FUND

The District is an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are proprietary funds used to account for business-type activities provided to the general public or other governmental entities. The activities are financed by charges to customers and the measurement of financial activity focuses on net income similar to the private sector. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

3. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Revenues are classified as *operating* and *non-operating*. Operating revenues include charges to customers for water and wastewater services. Non-operating revenues include customer charges for capital expansion and interest income.

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

NOTE A -- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

4. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes authorize the District to invest in (a) obligations of the United States or its agencies, and instrumentalities; (b) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies; (c) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the State of Texas or the United States; (d) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state having been rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm and having received a rating of not less than A or its equivalent; (e) certificates of deposit by state and national banks domiciled in this state that are (i) guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or its successor; or, (ii) secured by obligations that are described by (a) - (e). Statutes also allow investing in local government investment pools organized and rated in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, whose assets consist exclusively of the obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities and repurchase assessments involving those same obligations.

Investments are stated at fair value (plus accrued interest) except for money market, certificates of deposit, local government investment pools, and participating interest-earning investment contracts (U.S. Treasuries) that have a remaining maturity at time of purchase of one year or less. Those investments are stated at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

The District considers cash and cash equivalents to be amounts in checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts, and local government investment pools.

5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Customers are billed monthly for services and recorded as revenue in the period of the service. Often bills are issued in subsequent months for water consumption in the previous month. Revenue earned in a previous period is recorded as an unbilled receivable at the end of each period. Accounts receivable consists of amounts due from customers for services rendered and is presented net of an allowance for doubtful accounts based on management's estimate.

6. INVENTORY

Inventory consists of pipe, fittings, pumps and meters. Inventory is reported at the lower of cost or market based on the first in-first out method.

7. PREPAID EXPENSES

Expenses paid during the year that have a benefit beyond the current fiscal year are recorded on the balance sheet as prepaid expenses.

NOTE A -- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

8. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, equipment, water rights, and water plant and distribution systems, are recorded at cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The Costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. Interest has been capitalized during the construction periods on water plant and distribution systems. Purchases in excess of \$5,000 with a useful life in excess of one year are capitalized and depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and Improvements 10 to 50 years Equipment 3 to 10 years Water Plants and Distribution Systems 20 to 50 years

9. DEFERRED INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period while a deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position. These items are presented in separate sections following assets (deferred outflows) or liabilities (deferred inflows) on the statement of net position.

10. CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

Upon the creation of a new account, customers make a deposit toward their final bill. The amount is recorded as customer deposits liability on the Statement of Net Position.

11. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Bonds, notes and capital leases are recorded as liabilities on the statement of net position. Bond issue costs and premiums are expensed in the period they are incurred. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Interest costs are expensed during the construction period.

12. NET POSITION

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. When expenses qualify for restricted and unrestricted resources, the District's policy is to use restricted resources first.

NOTE A -- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

13. PENSION

The net pension liability (asset), deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS), and additions to and deductions from TCDRS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TCDRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

14. BUDGET

An operating budget is adopted each fiscal year for the District. The budget is adopted on a cash basis of accounting internally and converted to accrual basis for financial reporting. Additional budgetary information is provided in the required supplementary information.

15. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B -- CASH AND INVESTMENTS

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract. The depository bank deposits for safekeeping and trust with the District's agent bank approved pledge securities in an amount sufficient to protect District funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance. At September 30, 2023, the District's bank deposits were covered by a combination of federal deposit insurance and pledged securities. All of the District's deposits were fully collateralized.

2. <u>Investments</u>

As of September 30, 2023, the District's investments consisted of Texas Class local government investment pools presented at net asset value. The Texas Class pool maintains a AAAm rating and a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share. Texas Class is a 2a7-like pool which is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company, but nevertheless 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. Therefore, the Texas Class is reported at \$1 per share, which approximates fair value and is included in cash and cash equivalents. The amount invested in Texas Class at September 30, 2023 is \$3,757,244.

NOTE C -- RESTRICTED CASH AND EQUIVALENTS

Restricted cash consists of a debt service and loan reserve related to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Series 2015 Revenue Bonds and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) 2017 Revenue Bonds. The District is required to make monthly transfers to these accounts up to certain limits and may only spend the balances on debt service or USDA/TWDB approved activities.

In addition, the proceeds of the 2017 bonds are held in escrow for construction and are released only upon approval by the TWDB.

NOTE D -- ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

District receivables as of September 30, 2023, consisted of the following:

Customer Balances	\$ 1,209,726
Unbilled Services Rendered	1,297,264
Bulk Water Agreement	370,659
Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(72,101)
Total Accounts Receivable (net)	\$ 2,805,548

NOTE E -- CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Balances at		Balances at		Balances at			Transfers/	В	alances at
	10/1/2022		10/1/2022 Additions		Disposals		9/30/2023			
Land	\$	727,800	\$	-	\$	-	\$	727,800		
Water Rights		7,079,526		-		-		7,079,526		
Building and Improvements		983,582		-		-		983,582		
Plant and Distribution System	3	8,164,543		165,963		5,566,178		43,896,684		
Machinery and Equipment		1,211,050		71,907		(17,764)		1,265,193		
Construction in Progress		5,249,346		4,538,865		(5,566,178)		4,222,033		
	5	3,415,847		4,776,735		(17,764)		58,174,818		
Less Accumulated Depreciation										
Building and Improvements		(350,509)		(24,916)		-		(375,425)		
Plant and Distribution System	(9,101,383)		(1,099,057)		-	((10,200,440)		
Machinery and Equipment		(961,601)		(120,249)		17,764		(1,064,086)		
	(1	0,413,493)		(1,244,222)		17,764		(11,639,951)		
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 4	3,002,354	\$	3,532,513	\$		\$	46,534,867		

Land, Water Rights and Construction in Progress are not depreciated.

NOTE F -- LONG-TERM DEBT

The District's long-term debt activity as of and for the year ending September 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Balance				
	Outstanding			Outstanding	
Bonds Payable, Series	10/1/2022 Additions		Retirements	9/30/2023	
Notes and Bonds	\$ 23,560,977	\$ -	\$ (1,297,554)	\$ 22,263,423	
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	(263,249)	345,786	(203,143)	(120,606)	
Compensated Absences	41,846	65,586	(41,846)	65,586	
Totals	\$ 23,339,574	\$ 411,372	\$ (1,542,543)	\$ 22,208,403	

The District's bond and note activity as of and for the year ending September 30, 2023 is as follows:

Balance			Balance							
	C	Outstanding					О	utstanding	Dι	ie Within
Bonds Payable, Series		10/1/2022	Ad	ditions	Re	etirements	9	9/30/2023	_0	ne Year
CoBank Notes	\$	4,307,258	\$	-	\$	(289,435)	\$	4,017,823	\$	298,915
Promissory Notes		3,366,719		-		(441,119)		2,925,600		446,584
Revenue Bonds, Series 2015		2,922,000		-		(52,000)		2,870,000		53,000
Revenue Bonds, Series 2017		12,965,000				(515,000)		12,450,000		520,000
Totals	\$	23,560,977	\$	_	\$	(1,297,554)	\$	22,263,423	\$	1,318,499

All debt was privately placed with no subjective acceleration clauses, events of default with finance-related consequences, or termination events with finance-related consequences.

Bonds Payable

Combination Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 were issued by the District in July 2016 to pay off short term borrowings for construction of system improvements. The bonds were purchased at closing by the United States Department of Agriculture. The bonds bear interest at 2.75% and mature serially through December 1, 2055.

Combination Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 were issued by the District in November 2017 to fund system improvements. The bonds were placed with the Texas Water Development Board. The bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 0.02% to 2.33% and mature serially through December 1, 2043.

The bonds require debt service and reserve accounts to which the District has complied.

CoBank Notes

The District signed promissory notes with CoBank to refinance existing notes in 2015. The CoBank notes bear interest at 4.1-4.4% and require quarterly payments of interest and principal until maturity on April 20, 2036. The notes require the District to maintain debt service coverage and debt to capitalization ratios to which the District has complied.

NOTE F -- LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Promissory Notes

The District signed promissory notes to purchase water rights from landowners in 2020 for \$4,516,898. The notes require monthly payments of \$40,000 until maturity at January 10, 2030. The notes bear interest at an effective rate of 1.23%.

The annual requirements to amortize all outstanding privately-placed debt as of September 30, 2023, including interest payments, are as follows:

Year End	Principal		Interest			
September 30,	Payments	Payments			Total	
2024	\$ 1,318,499	\$	532,951	\$	1,851,450	
2025	1,346,073		506,174		1,852,247	
2026	1,368,069		478,086		1,846,155	
2027	1,396,476		448,329		1,844,805	
2028	1,425,308		417,229		1,842,537	
2029-2033	5,489,648		1,618,638		7,108,286	
2034-2038	4,416,350		934,244		5,350,594	
2039-2043	4,047,000		442,447		4,489,447	
2044-2048	498,000		166,899		664,899	
2049-2053	573,000		93,298		666,298	
2054-2056	385,000		16,088		401,088	
Total	\$ 22,263,423	\$	5,654,383	\$	27,917,806	

NOTE G -- TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Plan Description

The District participates as one of 830 plans in the nontraditional, defined benefit pension plan in the statewide Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS). TCDRS is an agency created by the state of Texas and administered in accordance with the TCDRS Act as an agent multiple-employer retirement system for County and District employees in the State of Texas. The Board of Trustees of TCDRS is responsible for the administration and management of the system. TCDRS in the aggregate issues an annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) on a calendar year basis. The CAFR is available upon written request from the TCDRS Board of Trustees at PO Box 2034, Austin, Texas 78768-2034.

The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the District, within the options available in the state statutes governing TCDRS. Members can retire at age 60 and above with 8 or more years of service or with 20 years regardless of age or when the sum of their age and years of service equals 80 or more. A member is vested after 8 years but must leave his accumulated contributions in the plan. Members who withdraw their personal contributions in a partial lump sum are entitled to any amounts contributed by the employer.

NOTE G -- TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)

Benefit amounts are determined by the sum of the employee's contributions to the plan, with interest, and employer-financed monetary credits. The level of these monetary credits is adopted by the governing body of the District within the actuarial constraints imposed by the TCDRS Act so the resulting benefits can be expected to be adequately financed by the employer's commitment to contribute. At retirement, death or disability, the benefit is calculated by converting the sum of the employee's accumulated contributions and the employer-financed monetary credits to a monthly annuity using annuity purchase rates prescribed by the TCDRS Act.

Contributions

The District has elected the annually determined contribution rate plan provisions of the TCDRS Act. The plan is funded by monthly contributions from both employee members and the employer based on the covered payroll of employee members. Under the TCDRS Act, the contribution rate of the District is actuarially determined annually. The District contributed more than the actuarially determined rate of 3.75% and 3.67% for the calendar years of 2022 and 2023, respectively.

The contribution rate payable by the employee members is 7% and the District matches 1 to 1 as adopted by the governing body of the District. The employee deposit rate and the employer contribution rate may be changed by the governing body of the employer within the options available in the TCDRS Act.

Benefits Provided

TCDRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are adopted by the governing body of the District, within the options available in the state statutes governing TCDRS.

At retirement, the benefit is calculated as if the sum of the employee's contributions, with interest, and the District-financed monetary credits with interest were used to purchase an annuity. Members may choose to receive their retirement benefit in one of seven payment options. Members may choose to receive a portion of their benefit as a Partial Lump Sum Distribution in an amount equal to 12, 24, or 36 monthly payments, which cannot exceed 75% of the member's deposits and interest.

At the December 31, 2022 valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	12/31/2022
Inactive Employees Receiving Benefits	3
Inactive Employees	23
Active Employees	26
	52

NOTE G -- TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)

Net Pension Liability

The District's Net Pension Liability (NPL) was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total Pension Liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age

Amortization Method Level Percentage of Payroll, Closed

Remaining Amortization Period 13.6 years (based on contribution rate calculated in 12/31/22 valuation)

Asset Valuation Method 5 Year Smoothed Market

Inflation 2.50%

Salary Increases Varies by age and service. 4.7% average over career including inflation.

Investment Rate of Return 7.50%, net of investment expenses, including inflation

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.50%. The pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the TCDRS Board of Trustees. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with an emphasis on both capital appreciation as well as the production of income, in order to satisfy the short-term and long-term funding needs of TCDRS.

NOTE G -- TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

		Expected Real Rate of Return
Asset Class	Target Allocation	(Geometric)
US Equities	11.50%	4.95%
Private Equity	25.00%	7.95%
Global Equities	2.50%	4.95%
International Equities - Developed	5.00%	4.95%
International Equities - Emerging	6.00%	4.95%
Investment-Grade Bonds	3.00%	2.40%
Strategic Credit	9.00%	3.39%
Direct Lending	16.00%	6.95%
Distressed Debt	4.00%	7.60%
REIT Equities	2.00%	4.15%
Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)	2.00%	5.30%
Private Real Estate Partnerships	6.00%	5.70%
Hedge Funds	6.00%	2.90%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	0.20%
-	100.00%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 7.60%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rates specified in statute. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's Fiduciary Net Position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. 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.

The following presents the net pension liability of the District, calculated using the discount rate of 7.60%, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.60%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.60%) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate		Dis	Discount Rate		count Rate
		6.60%		7.60%		8.60%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$	120,079	\$	(120,606)	\$	(309,997)

NOTE G -- TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)

Changes in Net Pension Liability

The below schedule presents the changes in the Net Pension Liability as of December 31, 2022:

	Total Pension		Pla	Plan Fiduciary		Net Pension	
		Liability		Net Position		Liability	
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$	941,809	\$	1,205,058	\$	(263,249)	
Changes for the year:							
Service Cost		171,090		_		171,090	
Interest on total pension liability		81,880		_		81,880	
Change of Benefit Terms		-		_		-	
Economic/Demographic gains or losse		12,419		_		12,419	
Changes of Assumptions		-		-		-	
Refund of Contributions		(56,477)		(56,477)		-	
Benefit Payments		(15,907)		(15,907)		-	
Administrative Expense		-		(736)		736	
Member Contributions		-		121,615		(121,615)	
Net Investment Income		-		(80,397)		80,397	
Employer Contributions		-		65,151		(65,151)	
Other				17,113		(17,113)	
Net Changes		193,005		50,362		142,643	
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$	1,134,814	\$	1,255,420	\$	(120,606)	

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's Fiduciary Net Position is available in a separately-issued TCDRS financial report. That report may be obtained at www.tcdrs.com.

NOTE G -- TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$49,133. Also as of September 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Defen	Deferred Outflows Deferred Inflov			
	Ou	ıtflows of	Inflows of		
	of I	Resources	of R	of Resources	
Differences between Expected and					
Actual Economic Experience	\$	45,994	\$	2,099	
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions		26,479		625	
Differences Between Projected and					
Actual Investment Earnings		61,664		-	
Contributions Subsequent to the					
Measurement Date		49,271			
	\$	183,408	\$	2,724	

Deferred outflows of resources in the amount of \$49,271 result from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the plan year ending December 31, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

For the Year ended December 31,	
2023	\$ 28,788
2024	31,539
2025	31,576
2026	37,441
2027	2,069
Thereafter	
	\$ 131,413

NOTE H -- JOINT VENTURE - CANYON REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

The District is a member entity of Canyon Regional Water Authority (CRWA) through a regional taxable water supply contract dated August 1, 1998. CRWA was created to purchase, own, hold, lease and otherwise acquire sources of potable water; build, operate and maintain facilities for the treatment and transportation of water; sell potable water to local governments, water supply corporations and other persons in Texas; to protect, preserve and restore the purity and sanitary condition of water in the area. The participating entities, of which there are 13, are contractually obligated to fund a pro-rata portion of CRWA's operating, debt service and project costs. The District has pledged its system revenues to fund its share of CRWA costs and debts (approximately 7%). For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, CRWA reported assets of \$183 million and liabilities of \$124 million, including bonds payable of \$114 million. Annual required funding payments are recorded as water purchases.

In addition, CRWA is a member of Alliance Regional Water Authority under a similar arrangement. In 2014, the District agreed to reimburse CRWA for 53.52% of CRWA's share of Alliance in exchange for the future water developed by Alliance. The agreement required the District to fund the annual requirements in addition to the past costs incurred by CRWA in relation to the Alliance project. The District makes regular contributions for annual funding, but is not required at this time to make payments on the prior costs, which are recognized as a liability on the Statement of Net Position in the amount of \$1,821,238. The District is responsible for approximately 16% of Alliance's budget and debt. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 (the most recent year available), Alliance reported assets of \$363 million and liabilities of \$276 million, including bonds payable of \$231 million. Annual required funding payments are recorded as water purchases.

Furthermore, the District entered into a reservation agreement with a development neighboring the District's CCN. The reservation agreement reserves 20.19% of the District's 53.52% of the Alliance responsibility and benefits. The development is billed monthly their share of the costs resulting from the Alliance project as a reservation fee.

NOTE I -- COMMITMENTS

As of September 30, 2023, the District had the following commitments related to construction projects:

	Total	Expended	Estimated
	Commitment	to Date	Remaining
Construction	\$ 6,383,027	\$ 2,834,493	\$ 3,548,534
Engineering	641,767	475,253	166,514
	\$ 7,024,794	\$ 3,309,746	\$ 3,715,048

NOTE J -- LITIGATION

The District is subject to various claims regarding easements, decertifications from the District's CCN, water rights and impact fees. If decided adversely to the District, the outcomes would not be expected to have a significant impact on these financial statements. No loss contingencies have been recorded.

NOTE K -- SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In November 2023, the District issued \$1.95 million in bonds through the Texas Water Development Board to complete the capital projects planned as part of the 2017 bond series. The bonds mature serially through 2043 and bear interest at rates ranging from 2.6% to 3.49%.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Budget 1	Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget-
	0 : : 1	T2' 1	(Budgetary	Positive
O	Original	Final	Basis)	(Negative)
Operating Revenues:	Ф. 0.020.220	Ф. 0.020.220	Φ 10 0 47 11 2	Φ 016.775
Water Sales	\$ 9,930,338	\$ 9,930,338	\$ 10,847,113	\$ 916,775
Waterwater Charges	129,800	129,800	135,125	5,325
Other Charges	421,100	421,100	483,332	62,232
Total Operating Revenues	10,481,238	10,481,238	11,465,570	984,332
Operating Expenses:				
Water Purchase	4,855,500	4,855,500	4,635,473	220,027
Personnel	2,863,200	2,863,200	2,448,881	414,319
Operations and Maintenance	789,500	789,500	878,225	(88,725)
Professional Fees	1,011,200	1,011,200	800,908	210,292
Admin Expenses	312,500	312,500	257,766	54,734
Vehicles and Equipment	214,500	214,500	225,208	(10,708)
Utilities	134,000	134,000	142,864	(8,864)
Insurance	100,000	100,000	100,780	(780)
Total Operating Expenses	10,280,400	10,280,400	9,490,105	790,295
Operating Income (Loss)	200,838	200,838	1,975,465	1,774,627
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):				
Interest Income	500	500	409,047	408,547
Capital, Impact and Installation Fees	3,114,784	3,114,784	4,333,698	1,218,914
Other Revenues	30,000	30,000	200,116	170,116
Capital Purchases	(827,000)	(2,348,000)	(4,776,735)	(2,428,735)
Principal & Interest on Long-Term Debt	(1,874,000)	(1,874,000)	(1,842,007)	31,993
Non-Operating Revenues	444,284	(1,076,716)	(1,675,881)	(599,165)
Budgetary Net Income	\$ 645,122	\$ (875,878)	\$ 299,584	\$ 1,175,462

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT NOTES TO STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

The budget is prepared on a modified accrual basis of accounting. The annually adopted budget is not a legally binding document, but is used as a planning tool. The District does not use encumbrance accounting.

The following schedule reconciles the budgetary basis to generally accepted accounting principles.

Net Income (Budgetary Basis)	\$ 299,584
Bond Principal Payments	1,297,554
Capital Purchases	4,776,735
Depreciation	(1,244,222)
Change in Net Position (GAAP Basis)	\$ 5,129,651

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE SEVEN PLAN (CALENDAR) YEARS

	1 Liability

		7	Total Pensio	n Li	ability					
	2016		2017		2018		2019	2020	2021	2022
Service Cost	\$ 51,116	\$	81,798	\$	86,710	\$	123,711	\$ 158,386	\$ 202,735	\$ 171,090
Interest (on the Total Pension Liability)	2,030		10,608		16,376		28,758	46,210	66,917	81,880
Changes of Benefit Terms	-		-		-		-	-	5,111	-
Difference between Expected										
and Actual Experience	44		(9,839)		32,719		37,023	15,018	(3,499)	12,419
Change of Assumptions	-		(83)		-		-	52,960	(1,041)	-
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of										
Employee Contributions			(8,217)		(24,475)		(15,225)	(1,929)	(12,112)	(72,384)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	53,190		74,267		111,330		174,267	270,645	258,111	193,005
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	-		53,190		127,457		238,787	413,054	683,699	941,810
Total Pension Liability - Ending	\$ 53,190	\$	127,457	\$	238,787	\$	413,054	\$ 683,699	\$ 941,810	\$ 1,134,815
		Pla	n Fiduciary	Net	Position					
	2016		2017		2018		2019	2020	2021	2022
Contributions - Employer	\$ 17,706	\$	32,415	\$	45,759	\$	113,104	\$ 129,487	\$ 123,901	\$ 65,151
Contributions - Employee	32,109		58,016		82,279		64,636	129,487	123,901	121,615
Net Investment Income	-		8,704		(1,498)		40,473	47,605	195,665	(80,397)
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of										
Employee Contributions	-		(8,217)		(24,475)		(15,225)	(1,929)	(12,112)	(72,384)
Administrative Expense	-		(95)		(199)		(347)	(562)	(652)	(736)
Other	754		1,101		3,101		5,627	7,651	6,889	17,113
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	50,569		91,924		104,967	_	208,268	311,739	437,592	 50,362
Plan Fiduciary Net Postion - Beginning	-		50,569		142,493		247,460	455,728	767,467	1,205,059
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	\$ 50,569	\$	142,493	\$	247,460	\$	455,728	\$ 767,467	\$ 1,205,059	\$ 1,255,421
Net Pension Liability (Asset) - Ending	\$ 2,621	\$	(15,036)	\$	(8,673)	\$	(42,674)	\$ (83,768)	\$ (263,249)	\$ (120,606)
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a										
Percentage of Total Pension Liability	95.07%		111.80%		103.63%		110.33%	112.25%	127.95%	110.63%
Covered Payroll	\$ 458,699	\$	828,805	\$	1,175,420	\$	1,615,767	\$ 1,849,808	\$ 1,770,017	\$ 1,737,364
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage										
of Covered Payroll	0.57%		-1.81%		-0.74%		-2.64%	-4.53%	-14.87%	-6.94%

The District began participating in the plan in 2016. Information will be accumulated until ten years are presented.

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS

	Ac	tuarially			Contribution			Contributions	S
Fiscal Year Ending	Det	termined		Actual	Deficiency	Covered		As Percent	
September 30,	Cor	ntribution	Cor	ntributions	(Excess)		Payroll	of Payroll	
2023	\$	68,178	\$	68,178	-	\$	1,846,714	3.69%	
2022		55,490		77,187	(21,697)		1,872,864	4.12%	
2021		49,740		131,100	(81,360)		1,872,864	7.00%	
2020		56,085		114,509	(58,424)		1,831,356	6.25%	
2019		55,134		55,134	-		1,384,658	3.98%	
2018		41,861		41,923	(62)		1,077,933	3.89%	
2017		29,934		29,934	-		775,492	3.86%	
2016		11,039		11,039	-		285,984	3.86%	

Valuation Timing:

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Payroll, Closed
Remaining Amortization Period	13.6 years (based on contribution rate calculated in 12/31/22 valuation)
Asset Valuation Method	5 Year Smoothed Market
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	Varies by age and service. 4.7% average over career including inflation.
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Retirement Age	Members who are eligible for service retirement are assumed to commence receiving benefit payments based on age. The average age at service retirement for recent retirees is 61.
M ortality	135% of the Pub-2010 General Retirees Table for males and 120% of the Pub-2010 General Retiree Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate Scale after 2010.
Changes in Assumptions	2015: New inflation, mortality and other assumptions
	2017: New mortality assumptions
	2019: New inflation, mortality and other assumptions
	2022: New investment return and inflation assumptions were reflected
Changes in Plan Provisions	2017: New annuity purchase rates

The District began participating in the plan in 2016. Information will be accumulated until ten years are presented.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
The following Supplementary Information is required to be included as additional information by the Texa Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT TSI-1. SERVICES AND RATES FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

1. Services Provided by the District during the Fiscal Year: Retail Water Wholesale Water Drainage Retail Wastewater Wholesale Wastewater Irrigation Parks/Recreation Fire Protection Security Solid Waste/Garbage Flood Control Roads Participates in joint venture, regional system, and/or wastewater service (other than emergency interconnect) Other (specify): 2. Retail Service Providers Retail Rates for a 5/8" Meter Rate per 1,000 Minimum Gallons Over Minimum Flat Usage Usage Rate Minimum Level Water 82.23 \$ 5.94 0 to 5,000 N/A No \$ 6.53 5,000 to 10,000 \$ 10,000 to 20,000 7.77 \$ 10.50 20,000 to 50,000 \$ 13.41 50,000 to 70,000 14.00 Over 70,000 37.09 \$ 3.22 0 to 5,000 Wastewater N/A No \$ 2.93 Over 5,000 Surcharge \$ District employs winter averaging for wastewater usage? No Total Charges per 10,000 gallons usage: Water 144.58 Wastewater 67.84 Water and Wastewater Retail Connections **ESFC** Total Active Active Factor **ESFCs** Meter Size Connections Connections Unmetered 0 0 1.0 0 <=3/4" 6,102 6,102 6,102 1.0 1" 37 37 93 2.5 1 1/2" 4 4 5.0 20 2" 15 15 8.0 120 3" 19 19 285 15.0 4" 2 2 50 25.0 6" 0 0 50.0 0 8" 0 0 80.0 0

10"

Total Wastewater

Total Water

0

6,179

185

115.0

1.0

0

6,670

185

0

6,179

185

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT TSI-1. SERVICES AND RATES (CONTINUED) FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Water Accountability Ratio:

3. Total Water Consumption during the Fiscal Year (rounded to the nearest thousand):

804,006,510

Gallons pumped into system

	Guilons pumped into system 60 1,000,510		(Gallor	ns billed/Gallor	
	Gallons billed to customers: 558,694,000			69%	
4.	Standby Fees (authorized only under TWC Section 49	.231):			
	Does the District have Debt Service standby Fees?			Yes	No 🖂
	If yes, Date of the most recent Commission Order:				
	Does the District have Operation and Maintenance standb	y fees?		Yes	No 🖂
	If yes, Date of the most recent Commission Order:				
5.	Location of District:				
	Counties in which the District is located: <u>Guadalupe</u> , <u>Con</u>	nal, Hays			
	Is the District located entirely within one county?			Yes	No 🖂
	Is the District located within a city?	Entirely	<i>I</i>	Partly 🗵	Not at all
	Cities in which the District is located: San Marcos, Seguin	n, New Bra	<u>unfels</u>		
	Is the District located within a city's extra territorial juriso	diction (ET. Entirely		Partly 🖂	Not at all
	ETJs in which the District is located: <u>San Marcos, Segu</u>	in, New Bra	aunfel	<u>s</u>	
	Are Board members appointed by an office outside the dis	strict?		Yes	No 🖂
	If Yes, by whom?				

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT TSI-2. ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Personnel Expenditures (including benefits)	Personnel Expenditures (including benefits)						
Professional Fees:							
Legal			398,979				
Engineering			272,549				
Accounting and Audit			15,350				
Other			114,030				
Water and Transmission Costs			4,635,473				
Utilities			142,864				
Repairs and Maintenance			1,103,433				
Administrative Expenses			358,546				
Depreciation and Amortization			1,244,222				
Interest			544,453				
Total Expenses		\$	11,278,780				
Total number of persons employed by the District	Full-Time		27				
	Part-Time		0				

The following sections have been omitted since they do not pertain to this entity:

TSI-3. Temporary Investments

TSI-4. Taxes Levied and Receivable

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT TSI-5. LONG-TERM DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Combination Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015

		ue Refunding Bonds,	Series 2015
Fiscal Year Ending	Principal Due	Interest Due	
September 30,	Each Year	Each Year	Total
2024	ф. 52 ,000	Φ 70.410	Φ 121.410
2024	\$ 53,000	\$ 78,410	\$ 131,410
2025	55,000	76,680	131,680
2026	56,000	75,187	131,187
2027	58,000	73,620	131,620
2028	60,000	72,192	132,192
2029	61,000	70,334	131,334
2030	63,000	68,629	131,629
2031	65,000	66,869	131,869
2032	67,000	65,229	132,229
2033	69,000	63,184	132,184
2034	71,000	61,259	132,259
2035	73,000	59,279	132,279
2036	75,000	57,398	132,398
2037	77,000	55,154	132,154
2038	79,000	53,009	132,009
2039	82,000	50,796	132,796
2040	84,000	48,643	132,643
2041	86,000	46,176	132,176
2042	89,000	43,770	132,770
2043	91,000	41,295	132,295
2044	94,000	38,854	132,854
2045	97,000	36,125	133,125
2046	100,000	33,416	133,416
2047	102,000	30,639	132,639
2048	105,000	27,865	132,865
2049	108,000	24,864	132,864
2050	111,000	21,853	132,853
2051	115,000	18,746	133,746
2052	118,000	15,580	133,580
2053	121,000	12,256	133,256
2054	125,000	8,873	133,873
2055	128,000	5,395	133,395
2056	132,000	1,820	133,820
	\$ 2,870,000	\$ 1,503,399	\$ 4,373,399

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT TSI-5. LONG-TERM DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Combination Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017

Combination wa	Sewer Syste	stem Revenue Bonds, Series 2017				
Fiscal Year Ending	Princ	cipal Due	Interest Due			
September 30,	Eac	ch Year	Е	ach Year		Total
2024	\$	520,000	\$	235,827	\$	755,827
2025		530,000		230,547		760,547
2026		535,000		224,261		759,261
2027		545,000		216,940		761,940
2028		555,000		208,714		763,714
2029		560,000		199,681		759,681
2030		575,000	189,917			764,917
2031		585,000	179,504			764,504
2032	595,000			168,499		763,499
2033	605,000		156,887			761,887
2034		620,000	144,604			764,604
2035		630,000	131,728			761,728
2036		645,000		118,339		763,339
2037		660,000		104,374		764,374
2038		675,000		89,821		764,821
2039		690,000		74,737		764,737
2040		705,000		59,147		764,147
2041		725,000		42,951		767,951
2042		740,000		26,139		766,139
2043		755,000		8,796		763,796
	\$	12,450,000	\$	2,811,413	\$	15,261,413

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT TSI-5. LONG-TERM DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Annual Requirements for all Series						
Fiscal Year Ending	Principal Due	Interest Due					
September 30,	Each Year	Each Year	Total				
2024	\$ 573,000	\$ 314,237	\$ 887,237				
2025	585,000	307,227	892,227				
2026	591,000	299,448	890,448				
2027	603,000	290,560	893,560				
2028	615,000	280,906	895,906				
2029	621,000	270,015	891,015				
2030	638,000	258,546	896,546				
2031	650,000	246,373	896,373				
2032	662,000	233,728	895,728				
2033	674,000	220,071	894,071				
2034	691,000	205,863	896,863				
2035	703,000	191,007	894,007				
2036	720,000	175,737	895,737				
2037	737,000	159,528	896,528				
2038	754,000	142,830	896,830				
2039	772,000	125,533	897,533				
2040	789,000	107,790	896,790				
2041	811,000	89,127	900,127				
2042	829,000	69,909	898,909				
2043	846,000	50,091	896,091				
2044	94,000	38,854	132,854				
2045	97,000	36,125	133,125				
2046	100,000	33,416	133,416				
2047	102,000	30,639	132,639				
2048	105,000	27,865	132,865				
2049	108,000	24,864	132,864				
2050	111,000	21,853	132,853				
2051	115,000	18,746	133,746				
2052	118,000	15,580	133,580				
2053	121,000	12,256	133,256				
2054	125,000	8,873	133,873				
2055	128,000	5,395	133,395				
2056	132,000	1,820	133,820				
	\$ 15,320,000	\$ 4,314,812	\$ 19,634,812				

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT TSI-6. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM BONDED DEBT FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	USDA Series 2015		TWDB Series 2017			Total
Interest Rate Dates Interest Payable Maturity Dates	2.75% Jun 1; Dec 1 12/1/2055		0.02-2.33% Jun 1; Dec 1 12/1/2042			
Beginning Bonds Outstanding Bonds Sold During the Year	\$	2,922,000	\$	12,965,000	\$	15,887,000
Bonds Retired During the Year		(52,000)		(515,000)		(567,000)
Ending Bonds Outstanding	\$	2,870,000	\$	12,450,000	\$	15,320,000
Interest Paid During the Year Paying Agent's Name City	\$ 79,642 USDA Seguin, TX		\$ 240,125 BOKF, NA Austin, TX		\$	319,767
Bond Authority Amount Authorized by	Φ.	2 200 000	Ф	15,000,000	Ф	10.200.000
The Board of Directors	\$	3,200,000	\$	15,000,000	\$	18,200,000
Amount Issued		3,200,000		15,000,000		18,200,000
Remaining to be Issued	\$	_	\$		\$	
Debt Service Cash and Investments as of September 30						923,647
Average Annual Debt Service					\$	594,994

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT TSI-7. COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

							Percent	of Total Re	venues	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Operating Revenues:							<u></u> , .			
Water Sales	\$7,104,895	\$7,900,012	\$8,170,634	\$9,152,688	\$10,847,113	94.6%	94.3%	93.6%	93.1%	94.6%
Wastewater Charges	65,111	142,853	97,993	126,481	135,125	0.9%	1.7%	1.1%	1.3%	1.2%
Other Charges	342,299	337,010	459,598	551,926	483,332	4.6%	4.0%	5.3%	5.6%	4.2%
Total Operating Revenues	7,512,305	8,379,875	8,728,225	9,831,095	11,465,570	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
0 " "										
Operating Expenses:	1050 600	2.5.62.202	2 201 520	2 0 62 50 4	4 60 5 450	26.10/	20.60/	25.50/	40.207	40.407
Water Purchase	1,959,600	2,562,292	3,291,729	3,963,504	4,635,473	26.1%	30.6%	37.7%	40.3%	40.4%
Personnel	1,868,559	2,259,003	2,293,954	2,136,762	2,448,881	24.9%	27.0%	26.3%	21.7%	21.4%
Depreciation	939,902	982,279	1,014,626	1,146,470	1,244,222	12.5%	11.7%	11.6%	11.7%	10.9%
Operations and Maintenance	578,206	926,973	574,209	1,023,278	878,225	7.7%	11.1%	6.6%	10.4%	7.7%
Professional Fees	501,652	968,284	716,651	1,332,923	800,908	6.7%	11.6%	8.2%	13.6%	7.0%
Admin Expenses	313,057	240,311	213,037	238,809	257,766	4.2%	2.9%	2.4%	2.4%	2.2%
Vehicles and Equipment	184,048	111,862	199,521	185,381	225,208	2.4%	1.3%	2.3%	1.9%	2.0%
Utilities	126,794	132,537	135,864	133,827	142,864	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.4%	1.2%
Insurance	69,137	84,141	70,089	88,955	100,780	0.9%	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%
Total Operating Expenses	6,540,955	8,267,682	8,509,680	10,249,909	10,734,327	87.1%	98.7%	97.5%	104.3%	93.6%
Operating Income (Loss)	971,350	112,193	218,545	(418,814)	731,243	12.9%	1.3%	2.5%	-4.3%	6.4%
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):										
Interest Income	271,436	91,256	2,414	24,406	409,047	3.6%	1.1%	0.0%	0.2%	3.6%
Capital, Reservation and Installation Fees	1,199,198	2,230,648	2,440,601	7,032,432	4,333,698	16.0%	26.6%	28.0%	71.5%	37.8%
Gain on the Sale of Property/Equipment	14,850	(3,219)	1,022,019	-	-	0.2%	0.0%	11.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Revenues	-	-	-	-	200,116	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%
Interest Expense	(583,667)	(602,403)	(602,456)	(581,826)	(544,453)	-7.8%	-7.2%	-6.9%	-5.9%	-4.7%
Total Non-Operating	/									
Revenues (Expenses)	901,817	1,716,282	2,862,578	6,475,012	4,398,408	12.0%	20.5%	32.8%	65.9%	38.4%
Change in Net Position	\$1,873,167	\$1,828,475	\$3,081,123	\$6,056,198	\$ 5,129,651	24.9%	21.8%	35.3%	61.6%	44.7%

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT TSI-8. BOARD MEMBERS, KEY PERSONNEL, AND CONSULTANTS FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Complete Entity Mailing Address: 2370 FM 1979, San Marcos, TX 78666									
Entity Business Telephone Number: 830-372-1031									
Submission Date of the most recer	Submission Date of the most recent Registration Form: May 2021								
Limit of Fees of Office that a Trus	Limit of Fees of Office that a Trustee may receive during a fiscal year: \$7,200								
	Term of Office		Fees of						
	(Elected or		Office	Expense					
	Appointed)		Paid*	Reimbursements	Title at				
Names:	or Date Hired		9/30/23	9/30/23	Year End				
Board of Trustees:									
Don Bosworth	7/14-12/24				Secretary				
Nick Reininger	12/21-12/24				Director				
Robert Snipes	1/23-12/25				Director				
Mike Cox	1/11-12/25				President				
Allen Pooley	4/20-12/25				Treasurer				
Ernest Hartman, Jr	12/17-12/26				Director				
Louis Upton	5/22-12/26				Vice President				
Administrative Personnel:									
Regina Franke	8/15/2016	\$	121,550	\$ -	General Manager				
Consultants:									
M&S Engineering		\$	1,066,373		Engineer				
Terrill & Waldrop		\$	357,496		Attorney				
Texas Land & Right of Way Con	npany	\$	448,014		ROW Agent				
Freese and Nichols		\$	52,792		Engineer				
PMSI		\$	36,905		Engineer				
Armstrong, Vaughan & Associate	es, P.C.	\$	15,350		Auditor				
Ardurra Group, Inc.		\$	974		Engineer				

^{*}Fees of Office are the amounts actually paid to a director during the District's fiscal year.

COMPLIANCE SECTION



Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P. C.

Certified Public Accountants

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
Crystal Clear Special Utility District

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 Crystal Clear Special Utility District as of September 30, 2023 and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Crystal Clear Special Utility District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 18, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Crystal Clear Special Utility 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 Crystal Clear Special Utility District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Crystal Clear Special Utility 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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Crystal Clear Special Utility District'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*.

We noted certain matters that we have reported to management of Crystal Clear Special Utility District in a separate letter dated January 18, 2024.

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.

Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.

Armstrong, Vauspan of Associates, P.C.

January 18, 2024



Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P. C.

Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Directors Crystal Clear Special Utility District San Marcos, TX

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Crystal Clear Special Utility District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2023. Crystal Clear Special Utility District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Crystal Clear Special Utility District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Crystal Clear Special Utility District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Crystal Clear Special Utility District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Crystal Clear Special Utility District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Crystal Clear Special Utility District's compliance based on our audit. 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 GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Crystal Clear Special Utility District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Crystal Clear Special Utility District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Crystal Clear Special Utility District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Crystal Clear Special Utility District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.

Arontony, Vauspan & Associates, P.C.

January 18, 2024

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

B.

C.

D.

1.	Financial Statements			
	Type of auditor's report issued:		Unmodified	
	Internal control over financial reporting	:		
	Any material weaknesses identified	?	Yes	_X_ No
	Any significant deficiencies identifi	ied?	Yes	_X_ No
	Noncompliance material to financial Statements noted?		Yes	<u>X</u> No
2.	Federal Awards			
	Internal control over major programs:			
	Any material weaknesses identified	?	Yes	_X_ No
	Any significant deficiencies identif	ied?	Yes	_X_ No
	Type of auditor's report issued on companior programs:	bliance for	Unmodified	
	Any audit findings disclosed that are recreported in accordance with 2 CFR 20		Yes	<u>X</u> No
	Identification of major programs:			
	CFDA Number(s) 66.468		ral Program or C er State Revolvi	
	Dollar threshold used to distinguish bet Type A and type B Programs:	ween	<u>\$750,000</u>	
	Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		X Yes	No
	ancial Statement Findings ONE			
	deral Award Findings and Questioned Co NE	<u>osts</u>		
	or Audit Findings ONE			

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/	Assistance	Pass-Through				
Pass-Through Grantor/	Listing	Entity Identifying	Federal			
Program Title	Number	Number	Expenditures			
U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY						
Passed through Texas Water Development Board						
Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	66.468	L1000615	\$ 2,240,180			

CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Federal grant funds are considered to be expended as purchases are made under the provisions of the grant, and accordingly, may be in advance of the reimbursements received.

The Drinking Water State Revolving Funds program is a loan through the Texas Water Development Board and not from the Federal government. Thus, the loan amount is not reported on the face of the Schedule of Federal Expenditures and federal expenditures are recorded when expenses are incurred, not when advances from loan proceeds are made.

The District has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed by Uniform Guidance.

