

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2019 and 2018



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ORGANIZATION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICIALS
Years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2019

Perry Hofferber, President
Rhonda Newman, Vice President
McKenzie Burns, Board Member
Erin Groth, Board Member
Paul Nelson, Board Member
Rich McLane, Board Member

2018

Perry Hofferber, President
Bob Lund, President (partial year)
Erin Groth, Board Member
Paul Nelson, Board Member
Rhonda Newman, Board Member
Cathy Trenary, Board Member

MANAGER

David King



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
RAE Subdivision County Water and Sewer District No. 313
Bozeman, MT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of RAE Subdivision County Water and Sewer District No. 313 ("the District") as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of RAE Subdivision County Water and Sewer District No. 313, as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require that the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, 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.

Management has omitted the Management Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 2, 2020 on our consideration of the 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Bozeman, Montana

April 2, 2020

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2019 and 2018

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

	2019	2018
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents, unrestricted	\$ 2,852,765	\$ 3,108,569
Accounts receivable	83,048	80,724
Total current assets	2,935,813	3,189,293
CAPITAL ASSETS		
Construction in progress	800,968	210,739
Water and sewer system infrastructure	10,224,610	10,205,848
Land, buildings and improvements	189,913	189,913
Vehicles	104,753	104,753
Office equipment and furniture	81,262	63,525
	11,401,506	10,774,778
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,521,208)	(4,204,282)
Total capital assets	6,880,298	6,570,496
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows related to pensions	65,790	114,944
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 9,881,901	\$ 9,874,733

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 590	\$ 13,493
Accrued payroll expenses and benefits	17,411	7,054
Total current liabilities	18,001	20,547
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Compensated absences payable	47,171	46,426
Net pension liability	288,784	316,071
Total long-term liabilities	335,955	362,497
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows related to pensions	7,707	2,580
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	6,880,298	6,570,496
Unrestricted	2,639,940	2,918,613
Total net position	9,520,238	9,489,109
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	\$ 9,881,901	\$ 9,874,733

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

**RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

	Years Ended June 30	
	2019	2018
OPERATING REVENUES		
Water and sewer revenue	\$ 760,337	\$ 720,641
Miscellaneous revenue	1,980	43,600
	762,317	764,241
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Advertising	\$ 175	\$ 21
Contractors	93,087	180,200
Depreciation	316,925	355,373
Dues and subscriptions	838	473
Equipment rent	219	330
Fuel	1,906	2,330
Insurance	57,529	47,159
Lab fees	5,067	8,439
Maintenance, repairs and supplies	50,497	49,343
Mileage	465	630
Miscellaneous	681	522
Office supplies and postage	4,367	5,381
Payroll taxes	22,446	20,659
Permits and fees	5,472	8,976
Professional fees	21,953	5,281
Retirement plan contributions	48,256	57,943
Salaries and wages	253,760	239,105
Telephone	5,206	4,536
Training	3,578	8,346
Utilities	70,758	78,811
	963,185	1,073,858
Total operating expenses	963,185	1,073,858
Operating loss	(200,868)	(309,617)
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)		
Grant income	5,000	-
System investment fee	206,804	141,889
State on-behalf payment	245	228
Interest income	19,948	7,222
Unrealized gain (loss)	-	(23)
	231,997	149,316
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	231,997	149,316
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	31,129	(160,301)
NET POSITION, beginning of year	9,489,109	9,649,410
NET POSITION, end of year	\$ 9,520,238	\$ 9,489,109

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**RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	Years Ended June 30	
	2019	2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	\$ 759,993	\$ 753,902
Payments to suppliers and vendors	(334,700)	(393,447)
Payments to employees and benefits	(286,121)	(268,481)
Net cash provided by operating activities	139,172	91,974
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest earnings	19,948	7,222
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
System investment fees	206,804	141,889
Grant receipts	5,000	-
Purchases of capital assets	(626,728)	(108,016)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(414,924)	33,873
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(255,804)	133,069
Cash at beginning of year	3,108,569	2,975,500
CASH AT END OF YEAR	\$ 2,852,765	\$ 3,108,569
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating loss	\$ (200,868)	\$ (309,617)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	316,925	355,373
(Increase) decrease in current assets		
Receivables	(2,324)	(10,339)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities		
Accounts payable	(12,904)	7,355
Payroll liabilities and pension accounts	38,343	49,202
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 139,172	\$ 91,974

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2019 and 2018

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

The RAE Subdivision County Water and Sewer District No. 313 ("the District") is a political subdivision of Gallatin County and the State of Montana that provides water and sewer service to the residents and property owners of the District. The District was created and its boundaries defined pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 13, Parts 22 and 23, MCA. The District was incorporated on October 3, 1977. The District is supervised by a Board of Directors elected by the district property owners and sewer customers. The District is fiscally independent in that no other entity has the authority to approve or modify the District's budget. The District is legally separate in that it is able to buy, sell or lease property in its own name.

Revenue Bonds and Taxing Authority

The District sold Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993, in the year 1993. Original issue was \$485,000. The Series 1993 Bonds were issued to immediately refund the outstanding Series 1979 Bonds, which had been issued to finance the acquisition of an existing water and sewer facility serving the District and the acquisition and construction of certain improvements to, and the expansion of, the facility. The Series 1993 were redeemed on December 28, 2002 with the issuance of the Water and Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2002. In addition Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A and 2002B were issued on December 28, 2002 to assist in financing construction of the waste water system. On October 7, 2010, Series 2010 bonds were issued to assist in financing construction of the water tank storage system.

The Bonds are special, limited obligations of the District and are payable solely from the net revenues of the system. To the extent such net revenues are insufficient; the District is authorized to collect a "district bond tax".

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. Proprietary type funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. The District applies all GASB Pronouncements and all FASB Statements and Interpretations, APB Opinions, and Accounts Research Bulletins issued on or before November 30, 1989, except those that conflict with a GASB Pronouncement.

Financial Statement Presentation

The District's financial statements are presented in accordance with requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, and GASB Statement No. 34, the District is required to present a statement of net position classified between current and noncurrent assets and liabilities, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, with separate presentation for operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses, and a statement of cash flows using the direct method. It requires the classification of net position into three components – net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

Net investment in capital assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets. If these are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds are not included in the calculation of invested in capital assets, net of related debt. Rather, that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds.

Restricted – This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net position use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position – This component of net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”. 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.

Use of Estimates

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

Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The District maintains the majority of its cash in one financial institution.

Concentration of Credit Risk for Cash Deposits at Banks

Financial instruments that potentially subject the District to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash deposits. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), up to certain limits. In addition, Stifel Nicolaus provides additional coverage for securities up to \$150 million. At June 30, 2019 and 2018, all cash or equivalents of the District were insured.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist primarily of fees receivable. The District considers these receivables to be fully collectible. Bad debts, if any, are written off using the direct write off method. The use of this method does not result in a material difference from the allowance method required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. There were no credit losses in fiscal years 2019 or 2018.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Inventory

Supplies inventory is expensed as incurred.

Capital Assets

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Major additions and construction in progress over \$5,000 are capitalized while minor replacement and repairs that do not increase the useful life of the property are expensed as incurred. There is no depreciation on construction in progress until the construction is completed.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Water Mains, Sanitary Sewers, Wells, Pumps and Tanks, Lift Station:	7 to 20 years
Storage Buildings:	15 years
Equipment and Tools:	7 years
Office Equipment:	5 to 10 years
Wastewater System:	30 years

Pension Plans

Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA) prepared financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. The same accrual basis was used by MPERA for the purposes of determining the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, the fiduciary net position, and additions to or deductions from fiduciary net position. Member contributions are recognized in the period in which contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period they are earned and become measurable. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized in the accounting period in which they are due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Expenses are recognized in the period incurred. Investments are reported at fair value. MPERA adhered to all accounting principles generally accepted by the United States of America. MPERA applied all applicable pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Deferred Outflow of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflow of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an expenditure of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditures) until that time. The District has only one type of item that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, pension contributions, is reported in the statement of net position. This amount is deferred and recognized as an outflow of resources in the period that the amounts are recognized by the pension plan.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deferred Inflow of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has one type of item that qualifies for reporting in this category. The difference between projected and actual investment returns on the fund invested in the Montana Public Employee Retirement System is reported in the government-wide statement of net position. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Compensated Absences

The District's policy allows employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation benefits and sick leave which will be paid to employees upon separation from District service. Accumulated vacation and the eligible portion of sick leave to be paid to employees are recorded as an expense and liability as the benefits are earned.

Capital Contributions

Capital contributions are treated as non-exchange transactions under GASB Statement No. 33 and are recognized in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position when earned. They include system development fees, developer contributed capital assets, capital grants and any other supplemental contributions from customers, federal, state and local governments in support of system improvements. There were no capital contributions for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018.

Revenue and Expenditures

The District distinguishes operating revenues and expenditures from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a utility's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenditures for proprietary funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenditures not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenditures.

Income Taxes

No income tax provision has been included in the financial statements, since the District is a governmental organization and is not subject to federal or state income taxes.

Date of Management Review

Management has performed a review of the activities and transactions subsequent to June 30, 2019 to determine the need for any adjustments to and/or disclosure within the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019. Management has performed this analysis through April 2, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018:

	Balance June 30, 2018	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2019
Construction in progress	\$ 210,739	\$ 590,229	\$ -	\$ 800,968
Water/sewer system infrastructure	10,205,848	18,762	-	10,224,610
Land, building, and improvements	189,913	-	-	189,913
Vehicles	104,753	-	-	104,753
Office equipment and furniture	63,525	17,737	-	81,262
	<u>10,774,778</u>	<u>626,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,401,506</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,204,282)</u>	<u>(316,926)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,521,208)</u>
	<u>\$ 6,570,496</u>	<u>\$ 309,802</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,880,298</u>

	Balance June 30, 2017	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2018
Construction in progress	\$ 152,706	\$ 58,033	\$ -	\$ 210,739
Water/sewer system infrastructure	10,183,976	21,872	-	10,205,848
Land, building, and improvements	189,913	-	-	189,913
Vehicles	98,053	6,700	-	104,753
Office equipment and furniture	42,114	21,411	-	63,525
	<u>10,666,762</u>	<u>108,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,774,778</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,848,909)</u>	<u>(355,373)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,204,282)</u>
	<u>\$ 6,817,853</u>	<u>\$ (247,357)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,570,496</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 was \$316,925 and \$355,373, respectively.

Construction in progress relates to a maintenance shop, which is scheduled to be completed in fiscal year 2020, and a pipeline project, with completion expected in fiscal year 2021.

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3. COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Montana Code Annotated 7-13-2273 states that board members of a district shall be compensated for their services. For years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, total compensation paid to board members was \$6,518 and \$6,776, respectively.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District faces a considerable number of risks of loss, including: (a) damage to and loss of property and contents; (b) employee torts; (c) professional liability, i.e. errors and omissions; (d) environmental damage; (e) workers' compensation; i.e. employee injuries; and (f) medical insurance costs of employees. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Contingent liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. No liability accrual was required for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018.

5. WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT

The District has entered into water and sewer agreements with developers to provide extended water and sewer main connections. In consideration of the District's commitment to provide service, each developer is charged a system investment fee based on the number of dwellings. The system investment fee is payable over a period of years as units are sold and added to the system. However, one-third of the total system investment fee is due upon the execution of the agreement. The following are system investment fees collected for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018.

	2019	2018
Falcon Hollow Subdivision	\$ 31,063	\$ 81,929
Spain Homestead	-	31,551
Woodland Park Subdivision	151,501	21,566
Other system investment fees	25,774	7,918
Lift Station payback expense	(1,534)	(1,075)
	\$ 206,804	\$ 141,889

6. HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT

Effective January 1, 2018, the District adopted a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), available to covered employees (working half-time or greater). Each covered employee receives an HRA benefit of \$300 per month, plus an additional benefit of \$100 per month for each family member or dependent, up to a maximum of \$833 per month. These benefits will be adjusted for cost-of-living increases each year. The District holds this amount in an account and the employee turns in receipts for reimbursement. The HRA accumulates and any unused amounts can be used by the covered employee in future years. If the employee leaves employment with the District, the accumulated benefit will be paid to the employee as a taxable benefit. The HRA is comprehensive and allows for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses outlined in IRS Publication 502, including deductibles, co-pays, premiums, vision, dental, and other medical expenses.

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7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

In accordance with GASB Statement 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, employers and the non-employer contributing entity are required to recognize and report certain amounts associated with participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (the Plan). This includes the proportionate share of the collective Net Pension Liability; Pension Expense; and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows associated with pensions. The following information for reporting as of June 30, 2019, is based on a June 30, 2018 measurement date.

Plan Description

The PERS-Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (DBRP), administered by the Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA), is a multiple-employer, cost-sharing plan established July 1, 1945, and governed by Title 19, chapters 2 & 3, MCA. This plan provides retirement benefits to covered employees of the State, and local governments, and certain employees of the Montana University System, and school districts. Benefits are established by state law and can only be amended by the Legislature.

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

Benefits Provided

The PERS-DBRP provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries. Benefits are based on eligibility, years of service, and highest average compensation (HAC). Members rights are vested after five years of service.

Service retirement:

Hired prior to July 1, 2011	Age 60, 5 years of membership service; Age 65, regardless of membership service; or Any age, 30 years of membership service.
Hired on or after July 1, 2011	Age 65, 5 years of membership service; Age 70, regardless of membership service.

Early retirement:

Hired prior to July 1, 2011	Age 50, 5 years of membership service; or Any age, 25 years of membership service.
Hired on or after July 1, 2011	Age 55, 5 years of membership service.

Second Retirement (requires returning to PERS-covered employer or PERS service):

1. Retired before January 1, 2016 and accumulate less than 2 years additional service credit or retire on or after January 1, 2016 and accumulate less than 5 years additional service credit:
 - ◆ A refund of member's contributions plus return interest (currently .77% effective July 1, 2017).
 - ◆ No service credit for second employment;
 - ◆ Start the same benefit amount the month following termination; and
 - ◆ Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment (GABA) starts again in the January immediately following the second retirement.

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7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)

2. Retired before January 1, 2016 and accumulate at least 2 years of additional service credit:
 - ◆ A recalculated retirement benefit based on provisions in effect after the initial retirement; and
 - ◆ GABA starts on the recalculated benefit in the January after receiving the new benefit for 12 months.
3. Retired on or after January 1, 2016 and accumulate 5 or more years of service credit:
 - ◆ The same retirement as prior to the return to service;
 - ◆ A second retirement benefit as prior to the second period of service based on laws in effect upon the rehire date; and
 - ◆ GABA starts on both benefits in the January after receiving the original and the new benefit for 12 months.

Member's highest average compensation (HAC)

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

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

Compensation Cap

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

Monthly benefit formula

Members hired prior to July 1, 2011:

- Less than 25 years of membership service: 1.785% of HAC per year of service credit;
- 25 years of membership service or more: 2% of HAC per year of service credit.

Members hired on or after July 1, 2011:

- Less than 10 years of membership service: 1.5% of HAC per year of service credit;
- 10 years or more, but less than 30 years of membership service: 1.785% of HAC per year of service credit;
- 30 years or more of membership service: 2% of HAC per year of service credit.

*Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment (GABA)**

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

- 3% for members hired prior to July 1, 2007
- 1.5% for members hired between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2013
 - Members hired on or after July 1, 2013:
 - 1.5% for each year PERS is funded at or above 90%;
 - 1.5% is reduced by 0.1% for each 2% PERS is funded below 90%; and
 - 0% whenever the amortization period for PERS is 40 years or more.

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Contributions

The state Legislature has the authority to establish and amend contribution rates. Member and employer contribution rates are specified by Montana Statute and are a percentage of the member's compensation. Contributions are deducted from each member's salary and remitted by participating employers.

Special Funding: The state of Montana, as the non-employer contributing entity, paid to the Plan additional contributions that qualify as special funding. Those employers who received special funding are all participating employers.

Not Special Funding: Per Montana law, state agencies and universities paid their own additional contributions. The employer paid contributions are not accounted for as a special funding for state agencies and universities but are reported as employer contributions.

Member and employer contribution rates are shown in the table below.

Fiscal Year	Member		State & University Employer	Local Governments		School Districts	
	Hired < 7/1/11	Hired > 7/1/11		Employer	State	Employer	State
2019	7.900%	7.900%	8.670%	8.570%	0.100%	8.300%	0.370%
2018	7.900%	7.900%	8.570%	8.470%	0.100%	8.200%	0.370%
2017	7.900%	7.900%	8.470%	8.370%	0.100%	8.100%	0.370%
2016	7.900%	7.900%	8.370%	8.270%	0.100%	8.000%	0.370%
2015	7.900%	7.900%	8.270%	8.170%	0.100%	7.900%	0.370%
2014	7.900%	7.900%	8.170%	8.070%	0.100%	7.800%	0.370%
2012-2013	6.900%	7.900%	7.170%	7.070%	0.100%	6.800%	0.370%
2010-2011	6.900%		7.170%	7.070%	0.100%	6.800%	0.370%
2008-2009	6.900%		7.035%	6.935%	0.100%	6.800%	0.235%
2000-2007	6.900%		6.900%	6.800%	0.100%	6.800%	0.100%

1. Member contributions to the system of 7.9% are temporary and will be decreased to 6.9% on January 1 following actuary valuation results that show the amortization period has dropped below 25 years and would remain below 25 years following the reduction of both the additional employer and additional member contribution rates.
2. Employer contributions to the system:
 - ◆ Effective July 1, 2014, following the 2013 Legislative Session, PERS-employer contributions increase an additional 0.1% a year and will continue over 10 years through 2024. The additional employer contributions including 0.27% added in 2007 and 2009, will terminate on January 1 following an actuary valuation that shows the amortization period of the PERS-DBRP has dropped below 25 years and remains below the 25 years following the reduction of both the additional employer and member contribution rates.
 - ◆ Effective July 1, 2013, employers are required to make contributions on working retirees' compensation. Member contributions for working retirees are not required.

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- ◆ The portion of employer contributions allocated to the PCR are included in the employers reporting. The PCR was paid off effective March 2016 and the contributions previously directed to the PCR are now directed to member accounts.

3. Non Employer Contributions

- ◆ Special Funding
 - ⇒ The State contributes 0.1% of members' compensation on behalf of local government entities.
 - ⇒ The State contributes 0.37% of members' compensation on behalf of school district entities.
 - ⇒ The state contributed a Statutory Appropriation from the General Fund of \$33,454,182.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 24, on-behalf payments of fringe benefits and salaries for the entity are recognized as revenues and expenditures in the fund financial statements. The amounts contributed to the plan during the years ended June 30, 2017, 2018, and 2019 were equal to the required contribution for each year.

Total covered payroll for the employer and total contributions to the plan for the year ended June 30, 2019 and the two previous years is presented in the following table.

Year Ended June 30	Covered Payroll	Employee Contributions	Employer Contributions	State Contributions
2019	\$ 244,997	\$ 17,978	\$ 20,996	\$ 245
2018	\$ 227,547	\$ 16,884	\$ 19,501	\$ 227
2017	\$ 201,324	\$ 15,416	\$ 16,857	\$ 195

Pension Liabilities, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

GASB Statement 68 allows a measurement date of up to 12 months before the employer's fiscal year-end can be utilized to determine the Plan's TPL. The basis for the TPL as of June 30, 2018, was determined by taking the results of the June 30, 2017, actuarial valuation and applying standard roll forward procedures. The roll forward procedure uses a calculation that adds the annual normal cost (also called the service cost), subtracts the actual benefit payments and refunds for the plan year, and then applies the expected investment rate of return for the year. The roll forward procedure will include the effects of any assumption changes and legislative changes. The update procedures are in conformity with Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board. The Total Pension Liability (TPL) minus the Fiduciary Net Position equals the Net Pension Liability (NPL). The proportionate shares of the employer's and the state of Montana's NPL for June 30, 2018, and 2017, are displayed below. The employer's proportionate share equals the ratio of the employer's contributions to the sum of all employer and non-employer contributions during the measurement period. The state's proportionate share for a particular employer equals the ratio of the contributions for the particular employer to the total state contributions paid. The employer recorded a liability of \$288,784 and the employer's proportionate share was 0.0138 percent.

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	Net Pension Liability as of June 30, 2019	Net Pension Liability as of June 30, 2018	Percent of Collective NPL as of June 30, 2019	Percent of Collective NPL as of June 30, 2018	Change in Percent of Collective NPL
RAE Water and Sewer District Proportionate Share	\$ 288,784	\$ 316,071	0.0138 %	0.0162 %	(0.0024)%
State of Montana Proportionate Share associated with employer	<u>96,282</u>	<u>3,776</u>	<u>0.0185 %</u>	<u>0.0192 %</u>	<u>(0.0007)%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 385,066</u>	<u>\$ 319,847</u>	<u>0.0323 %</u>	<u>0.0354 %</u>	<u>(0.0031)%</u>

Changes in actuarial assumptions and methods: There were no changes in assumptions or other inputs that affected the measurement of the TPL.

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

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

Pension Expense

At June 30, 2019, the employer recognized \$48,690 for its proportionate share of the Plan's pension expense and recognized grant revenue of \$6,426 for the state of Montana proportionate share of the pension expense associated with the employer. Additionally, the employer recognized grant revenue of \$0 from the State Statutory Appropriation from the General Fund.

At June 30, 2018, the employer recognized \$55,286 for its proportionate share of the Plan's pension expense and recognized grant revenue of \$201 for the State of Montana proportionate share of the pension expense associated with the employer. Additionally, the employer recognized grant revenue of \$4,521 from the Coal Severance Tax fund.

As of measurement date

	Pension Expense as of	
	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018
RAE Water and Sewer District Proportionate Share	\$ 48,690	\$ 55,286
Grant revenue - State of Montana proportionate share for employer	6,426	201
Grant revenue - State of Montana coal tax for employer	<u>-</u>	<u>4,521</u>
	<u>\$ 55,116</u>	<u>\$ 60,008</u>

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7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)

Recognition of Deferred Inflows and Outflows

At June 30, 2019, the employer reported its proportionate share of PERS' deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

	June 30, 2019	
	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Expected vs. Actual Experience	\$ 21,960	\$ -
Projected Investment Earnings vs. Actual Investment Earnings	-	4,485
Changes in Assumptions	24,557	-
Changes in Proportion Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	-	3,222
Employer Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	19,273	-
	\$ 65,790	\$ 7,707
	June 30, 2018	
	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Expected vs. Actual Experience	\$ 7,784	\$ 457
Projected Investment Earnings vs. Actual Investment Earnings	-	2,123
Changes in Assumptions	43,204	-
Changes in Proportion Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	47,106	-
Employer Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	16,850	-
	\$ 114,944	\$ 2,580

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in employer's pension expense as follows:

For the measurement year ended June 30	Recognition of deferred outflows and inflows in future years as an increase (decrease) to pension expense
2019	\$ (11,840)
2020	\$ 25,233
2021	\$ (11,550)
2022	\$ (1,843)
2023	\$ -
Thereafter	\$ -

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation as determined using the following actuarial assumptions.

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- Investment Return (net of admin expense): 7.65%
- Admin Expense as a % of Payroll: 0.26%
- General Wage Growth (includes inflation at 2.75%): 3.50%
- Merit Increases: 0% to 6.3%
- Postretirement Benefit Increases:

Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment (GABA)

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

- ◆ 3.0% for members hired prior to July 1, 2007
- ◆ 1.5% for members hired between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2013
 - ◆ Members hired on or after July 1, 2013
 - 1.5% for each year PERS is funded at or above 90%;
 - 1.5% is reduced by 0.1% for each 2% PERS is funded below 90%; and
 - 0% whenever the amortization period for PERS is 40 years or more.
- Mortality assumptions among contributing members, service retired members, and beneficiaries based on RP 2000 Combined Employee and Annuitant Mortality Tables projected to 2020 with scale BB, males set back 1 year.
- Mortality assumptions among disabled members are based on RP 2000 Combined Employee and Annuitant Mortality Tables with no projections.

The most recent experience study, performed for the period covering fiscal years 2011 through 2016, is outlined in a report dated May 5, 2017 and can be located on the MPERA website. The long-term expected return on pension plan assets is reviewed as part of the regular experience studies prepared for the Plan. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including historical rates of return, rate of return assumptions adopted by similar public-sector systems, and by using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation (78c & 78f) as of June 30, 2018, are summarized in the following table.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Real Rate of Return Arithmetic Basis</u>
Cash Equivalents	2.60%	4.00%
Domestic Equity	36.00%	4.55%
Foreign Equity	18.00%	6.35%
Fixed Income	23.40%	1.00%
Private Equity	12.00%	7.75%
Real Estate	8.00%	4.00%

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7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.65%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating plan members, employers, and non-employer contributing entities would be made based on the Board's funding policy, which established the contractually required rates under the Montana Code Annotated. The state contributed 0.1% of the salaries paid by local governments and 0.37% paid by school districts. In addition, the state contributed a statutory appropriation from the general fund. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be adequate to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members through the year 2121. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL. A municipal bond rate was not incorporated in the discount rate.

Sensitivity of the proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the employer's sensitivity of the NPL to the discount rate in the table below. A small change in the discount rate can create a significant change in the liability. The NPL was calculated using the discount rate of 7.65%, as well as what the NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1.00% lower or 1.00% higher than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease (6.65%)	Current Discount Rate (7.65%)	1.0% Increase (8.65%)
Employer's Net Pension Liability - June 30, 2019	\$ 417,649	\$ 288,784	\$ 182,966
Employer's Net Pension Liability - June 30, 2018	\$ 460,330	\$ 316,071	\$ 194,976

Defined Contribution Plan

The City contributed to the state of Montana Public Employee Retirement System Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (PERS-DCRP) for employees that have elected the DCRP. The PERS-DCRP is administered by the PERB and is reported as a multiple-employer plan established July 1, 2002, and governed by Title 19, chapters 2 & 3, MCA.

All new PERS members are initially members of the PERS-DBRP and have a 12-month window during which they may choose to remain in the PERS-DBRP or join the PERS-DCRP by filing an irrevocable election. Members may not be participants of both the defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans.

Member and employer contribution rates are specified by state law and are a percentage of the member's compensation. Contributions are deducted from each member's salary and remitted by participating employers. The state Legislature has the authority to establish and amend contribution rates.

Benefits are dependent upon eligibility and individual account balances. Participants are vested immediately in their own contributions and attributable income. Participants are vested after 5 years of membership service for the employer's contributions to individual accounts and the attributable income. Non-vested contributions are forfeited upon termination of employment per 19-3-2117(5), MCA. Such forfeitures are used to cover the administrative expenses of the PERS-DCRP.

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At the plan level for the measurement period ended June 30, 2018, the PERS-DCRP employer did not recognize any net pension liability or pension expense for the defined contribution plan. Plan level non-vested forfeitures for the 300 employers that have participants in the PERS-DCRP totaled \$746,144.

Stand-Alone Statements

The financial statements of the Montana Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the GASB 68 Report disclose the Plan's fiduciary net position. The reports are available from the PERB at PO Box 200131, Helena MT 59620-0131, (406) 444-3154 or the MPERA website at <http://mpera.mt.gov>.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
MONTANA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
For the Last Five Fiscal Years

SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of net pension liability associated with the District	0.0138 %	0.1620 %	0.0124 %	0.0132 %	0.0108 %
District's proportion of net pension liability	\$ 288,784	\$ 316,071	\$ 211,561	\$ 184,065	\$ 134,859
State of Montana's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	<u>96,282</u>	<u>3,776</u>	<u>2,585</u>	<u>2,261</u>	<u>1,647</u>
Total	<u>\$ 385,066</u>	<u>\$ 319,847</u>	<u>\$ 214,146</u>	<u>\$ 186,326</u>	<u>\$ 136,506</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 227,547	\$ 201,324	\$ 148,774	\$ 153,667	\$ 122,519
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	126.912 %	156.996 %	142.203 %	119.782 %	110.072 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	73.470 %	73.750 %	74.710 %	78.400 %	79.900 %

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 20,996	\$ 19,273	\$ 16,857	\$ 12,493	\$ 12,663
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	\$ 20,996	\$ 19,273	\$ 16,857	\$ 12,493	\$ 12,663
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 244,997	\$ 227,547	\$ 201,324	\$ 148,774	\$ 153,667
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	8.57 %	8.47 %	8.37 %	8.40 %	8.24 %

These schedules are intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

**RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
 NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 MONTANA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Changes of Benefit Terms - The following changes to the plan provision were made as identified:

2017 Legislative Changes:

Working Retiree Limitations - for PERS

Effective July 1, 2017, if a PERS retiree returns as an independent contractor to what would otherwise be PERS-covered employment, general contractor overhead costs are excluded.

Refunds

- 1) Terminating members eligible to retire may, in lieu of receiving a monthly retirement benefit, refund their accumulated contributions in a lump sum.
- 2) Terminating members with accumulated contributions between \$200 and \$1,000 who wish to rollover their refund must do so within 90 days of termination of service.
- 3) Trusts, estates, and charitable organizations listed as beneficiaries are entitled to receive only a lump-sum payment.

Interest credited to member accounts

Effective July 1, 2017, the interest rate credited to member accounts increased from 0.25% to 0.77%.

Lump-sum Payouts

Effective July 1, 2017, lump-sum payouts in all systems are limited to the member's accumulated contribution rate than the present value of the member's benefit.

Disabled PERS Defined Contribution (DC) Members

PERS members hired after July 1, 2011 have a normal retirement after of 65. PERS DC members hired after July 1, 2011 who became disabled were previously only eligible for a

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions
 The following Actuarial Assumptions were adopted from June 2016 Experience Study:

General Wage Growth*	3.50%
Investment Rate of Return*	7.65%
*includes inflation at	2.75%
Merit salary increases	0% to 6.30%
Asset valuation method	4 year smoothed market
Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of pay, open
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Mortality (healthy members)	For males and females: RP 2000 Combined Employee and Annuitant Mortality Table projected to 2020 using Scale BB, males set back 1 year
Mortality (disabled members)	For males and females: RP Combined Mortality Table, with no projections
Admin expense as a % of payroll	0.26%

Administrative expenses are recognized by an additional amount added to the normal cost contribution rate for the System. This amount varies from year to year based on the prior year's actual administrative expenses.

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.



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

**To the Board of Directors
RAE Subdivision County Water and Sewer District No. 313
Bozeman, MT**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of RAE Subdivision County Water and Sewer District No. 313 ("the District"), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 2, 2020.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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



Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated April 2, 2020.

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 District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of the 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.

Amatics CPA Group
Bozeman, Montana
April 2, 2020

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS
June 30, 2019

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters and no material weaknesses required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* as of June 30, 2019.

RAE SUBDIVISION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 313
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
June 30, 2019

The results of our prior audit disclosed one instance of noncompliance and one internal control deficiency considered to be a significant deficiency, which were required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* as of June 30, 2017.

2017-1	Segregation of Duties - Resolved
2017-2	MCA 2-7-503(3)(a) Audit Commencement - Resolved