

Herlong Public Utility District

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUDIT REPORT

December 31, 2016



March 2, 2017

Herlong Public Utility District
PO Box 115
Herlong, CA 96113

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Herlong Public Utility District as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016, as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Herlong Public Utility District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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 of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental 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 of material misstatement.

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

We believe that our 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 Herlong Public Utility District as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information and Budget VS. Actual comparison 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 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 principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with managements 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 assurances on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide an assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 2, 2017, on our consideration of the Herlong Public 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



Pehling & Pehling, CPA's

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year-Ended December 31, 2016

Our discussion and analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year-ended December 31, 2016. Please review it in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements.

Financial Highlights

The District has shown a pattern of increasing revenues over the past years, primarily from grant awards on resource conservation.

- Total Net Position was \$15,996,886
- Overall Revenues were \$ 1,435,935
- Operating Revenues were \$ 1,169,131
- Overall Expenses were \$ 1,531,835
- The District Invested in Capital Assets during the current year. Capital Expenditures totaled \$881,089.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of four statements (1) Net Position, (2) Activities, (3) Proprietary fund statement of Net Position, (4) Proprietary fund statement of Revenues and Expenses and the Notes to the Financial Statements. This report also contains supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

The District's financial statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenue and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid. Net position, the difference between the District's assets and liabilities, are one way to measure the District's financial health or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

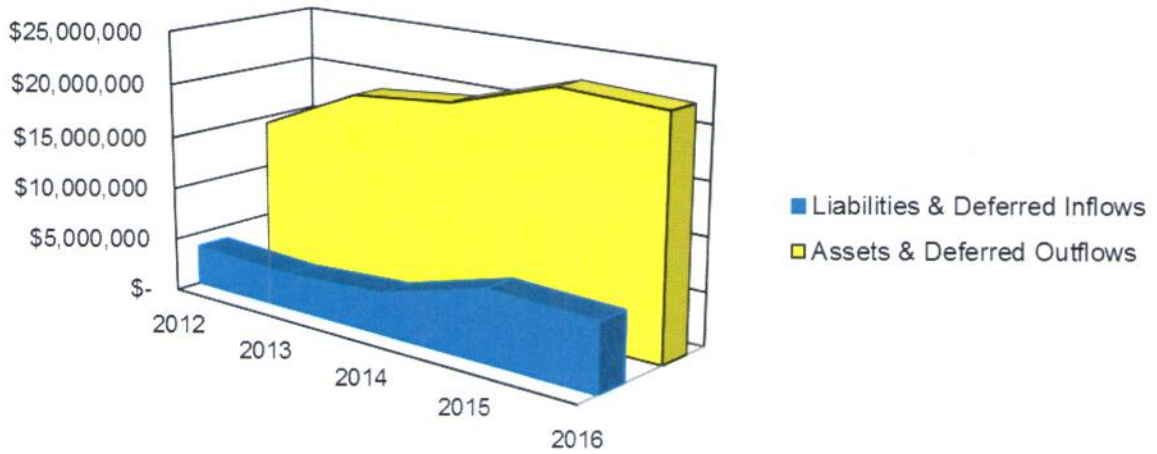
The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported are used for their intended purposes. The District's activities have increased greatly with the SIAD project and future USDA sewer project anticipated in the future. The District's net position was increased during the fiscal years of this audit period.

The following graphs depict the financial information from our financial statements of the District. A discussion and analysis of the graphs of our financial information is as follows:

Statement of Net Position

Analyzing the flow of all of the assets and liabilities of the District over this time period.

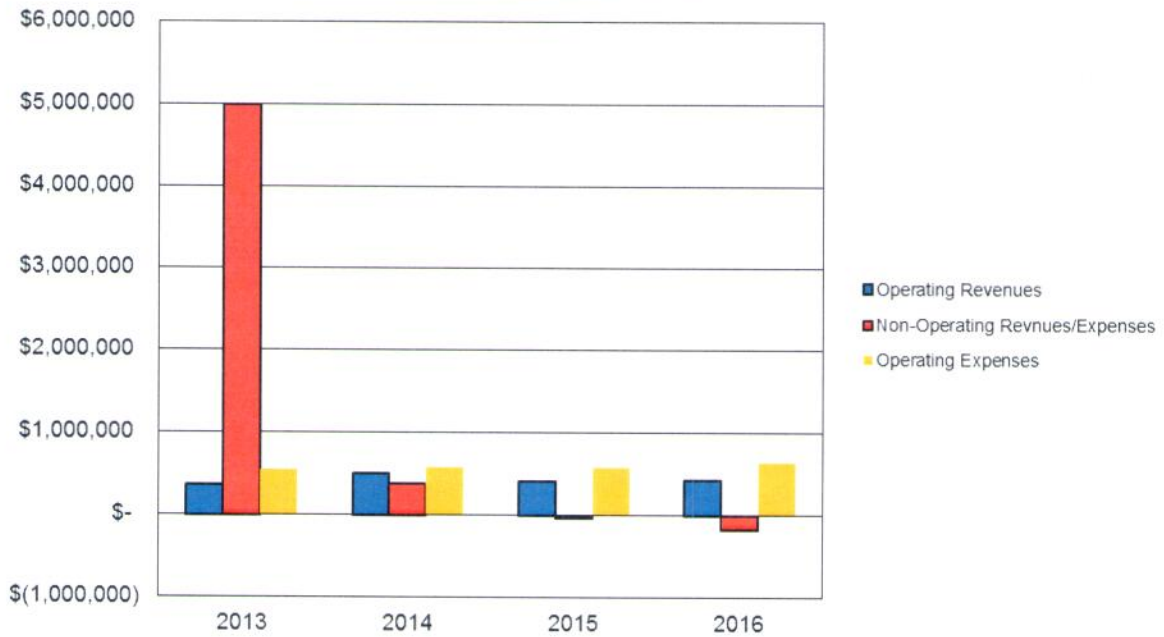
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Statement of Activities

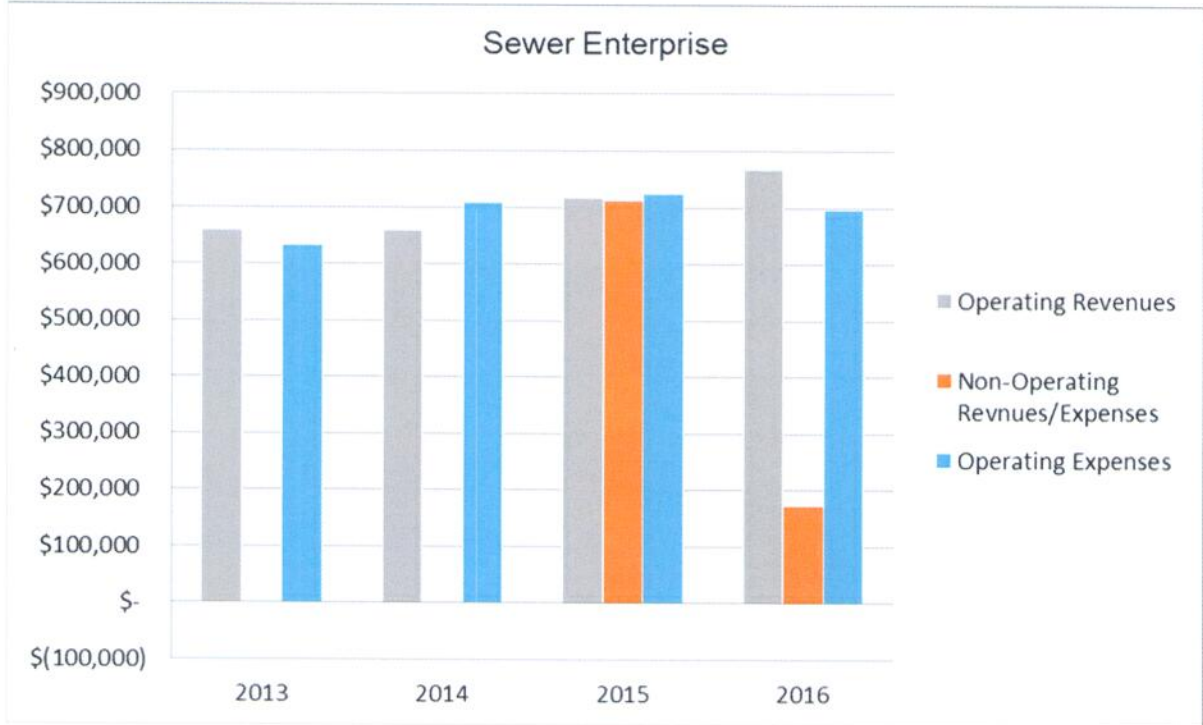
Matching the revenue and the expenses of the District by the fiscal year. In FY 2013 the District received the bulk of the SIAD grant contract. By 2014 the grant was almost completed and therefore non-operating revenues were lower.

Water Enterprise



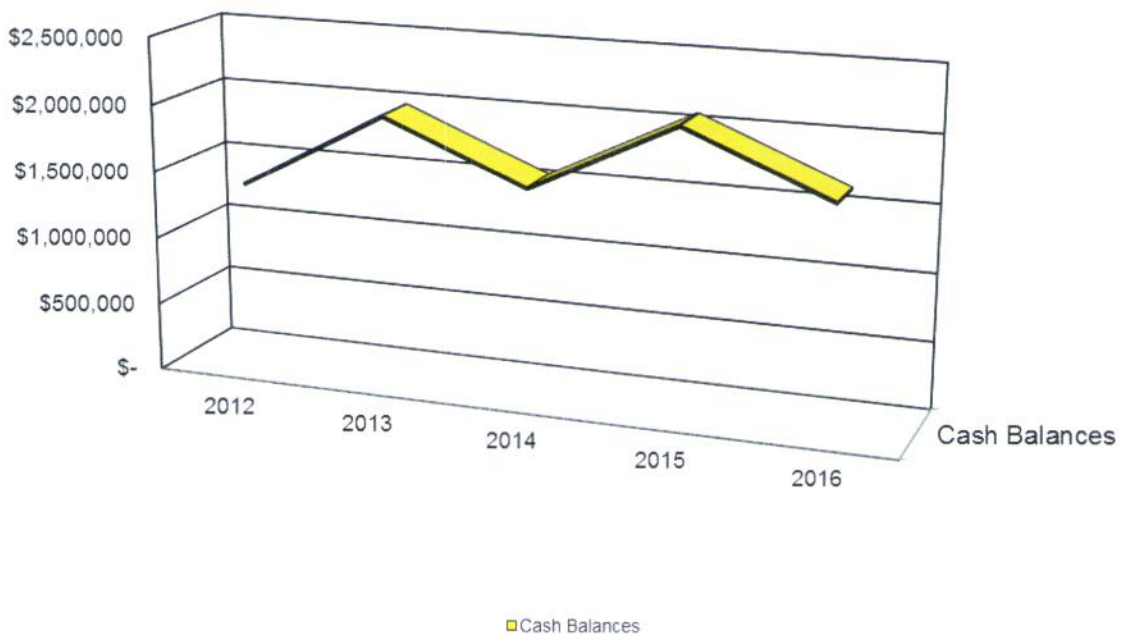
Matching the revenue and the expenses of the District by the fiscal year. In FY 2015 the District received the bulk of the USDA sewer grant/loan.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Observing the cash balance at the District's year-end shows the funds available to meet current operating needs, pay current liabilities, and meet the amount of current deferred revenue resulting from grant receipts prior to the grant or project completion.



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The District spent money on CIP for sewer as part of the USDA program.

Notes to the financial statements.

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Herlong Public Utility District, PO Box 115, Herlong, California 96113

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**Statement of Net Position
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	Proprietary Fund Statements		Adjustments from Proprietary to Government-Wide Financial Statements	Government- Wide Financial Statements
	Water	Sewer		
<u>ASSETS & DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</u>				
<u>Current Assets:</u>				
Cash	\$ 868,501	\$ 602,487		\$ 1,470,987
Restricted Investment USDA	163,846	-		163,846
Pre-paid Expenses	3,859	20,097		23,956
Accounts Receivable	41,755	10,441		52,196
Total Current Assets	1,077,960	633,025		1,710,985
<u>Fixed Assets:</u>				
CIP	-	317,297		317,297
Land	737,899	341,981		1,079,880
Buildings and Improvements	12,392,392	10,352,386		22,744,778
Equipment	556,222	177,336		733,558
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,564,496)	(1,950,075)		(4,514,571)
Total Fixed Assets	11,122,018	9,238,924		20,360,942
<u>Other Assets:</u>				
Loan Receivable	117,710	-	(117,710)	-
Total Other Assets	117,710	-		-
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</u>				
Deferred outflows	33,367	100,103		133,470
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	33,367	100,103		133,470
TOTAL ASSETS & DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	12,351,055	9,972,053		22,205,398
<u>LIABILITIES & DEFERRED INFLOWS</u>				
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>				
Notes Payable - Current Portion	41,000	163,710	(117,710)	87,000
Accounts Payable	584	-		584
Accrued Vacation	14,436	28,641		43,077
Total Current Liabilities	56,020	192,350		130,661
<u>Long-Term Liabilities:</u>				
Net Pension Liability	30,702	112,151		142,853
Notes Payable	2,820,000	3,115,000		5,935,000
Total Long-Term Liabilities	2,850,702	3,227,151		6,077,853
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,906,722	3,419,501		6,208,514
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS</u>				
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS	2,906,722	3,419,501		6,208,514
<u>NET POSITION</u>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	8,261,018	5,960,215		14,221,232
Restricted	163,846	13,002		176,848
Unrestricted	1,064,469	534,335		1,598,804
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 9,489,333	\$ 6,507,552		\$ 15,996,885

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended
December 31, 2016**

	Proprietary Fund Statements		Adjustments from Proprietary to Government-Wide Financial Statements	Government- Wide Financial Statements
	Water	Sewer		
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>				
Charges for Services	\$ 427,435	\$ 767,623	(25,927)	\$ 1,169,131
Total Operating Revenues	427,435	767,623		1,169,131
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
Water Treatment, Transmission & Distribution	257,778	-		257,778
Sewer Treatment & Disposal	-	459,063	(25,927)	433,136
Administrative	31,354	38,003		69,357
Depreciation	299,457	200,696		500,153
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	588,590	697,762		1,260,425
<u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES/EXPENSES</u>				
Interest Expense	(183,094)	(88,317)		(271,410)
Interest Income	5,133	317		5,451
Capital Grants	-	261,354		261,354
Taxes and Intergovernmental	-	-		-
Total Non-Operating Revenues/Expenses	(177,960)	173,354		(4,606)
<u>NET CHANGE IN NET POSITION</u>	(339,116)	243,216		(95,900)
<u>NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	9,828,449	6,264,336		16,092,785
<u>NET POSITION, END OF YEAR</u>	\$ 9,489,333	\$ 6,507,552		\$ 15,996,885

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year-Ended
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	Enterprise Funds		Total
	Water	Sewer	
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u>			
Cash Received from Charges for Service	\$ 427,435	\$ 766,742	\$ 1,194,177
Deduct: Cash paid for Operating Expenses	(279,094)	(598,138)	(877,232)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	148,341	168,604	316,945
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Tax Assessment	-	-	-
Cash Received from Other	-	486,354	486,354
Interest Expense	(183,094)	(88,317)	(271,410)
Payment on Principle on Notes Payable	(40,000)	(45,000)	(85,000)
Loan to WW	25,000	(25,000)	-
Net Pension Obligation	-	-	-
Purchase of Capital Assets	-	(1,106,089)	(1,106,089)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(198,094)	(778,052)	(976,145)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Property Tax Receipts	-	-	-
NET CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-	-	-
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Purchase Investment CD's	(1,151)	-	(1,151)
Interest Receipts	5,133	317	5,451
NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	3,982	317	4,300
<u>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</u>	(45,770)	(609,130)	(654,900)
<u>CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	914,271	1,166,617	2,080,888
<u>CASH, END OF YEAR</u>	\$ 868,501	\$ 557,487	\$ 1,425,988
<u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (161,155)	\$ 69,861	\$ (91,294)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities			
Add back depreciation	299,457	200,696	500,153
(Increase) Decrease in Operating Accounts Receivable	23,411	224,119	247,530
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid	-	-	-
Increase (Decrease) in Pension Obligation	-	-	-
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(13,380)	(339,711)	(353,091)
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Liabilities	8	13,639	13,647
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 148,341	\$ 168,604	\$ 316,945

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Notes to Financial Statements
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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Herlong Public Utility District (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.

A. Description of the Reporting Entity

The District was established in 2/14/2008, under the California State Government Code. The District currently provides water and sewer services throughout the Herlong area.

The District is a governed entity administered by a Board of Directors (Board) that acts as the authoritative and legislative body of the entity. The Board is comprised of five board members who are elected by voters living within the District's boundaries. Elections are held within the Board to appoint the President. The President's responsibilities are to preside at all meetings of the Board; be the chief officer of the District; perform all duties commonly incident to the position of presiding officer of a board, commission, or business organization; and exercise supervision over the business of the District, its officers, and its employees.

The accompanying general-purpose financial statements comply with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 14, *"The Financial Reporting Entity,"* in that the financial statements include all organizations, activities, and functions that comprise the District. Component units are legally separate entities for which the District (the primary entity) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the ability to appoint a voting majority of the organization's governing body and either (1) the District's ability to impose its will over the organization or (2) the potential that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on, the District. Using these criteria, the District has no component units.

B. Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

C. Government-Wide Financial Statements

The District Government-Wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position. These statements present summaries of Governmental and Business-Type Activities for the District accompanied by a total column. These statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the District's assets and liabilities, including capital assets as well as infrastructure assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are

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recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred. The types of transactions reported as operating revenues for the District are reported as charges for services.

Certain eliminations have been made as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34 in regards to interfund activities, payables and receivables. All internal balances in the Statement of Net Position have been eliminated except those representing balances between the governmental activities and the business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances and eliminated in the total primary government column. In the Statement of Activities, internal service fund transactions have been eliminated; however, those transactions between governmental and business-type activities have not been eliminated.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities demonstrating the degree to which the direct expenses of a given project are offset by project revenues. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function or segment. Operating revenues include (1) charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the program and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including taxes are presented instead as non-operating revenues.

Enterprise Funds – The enterprises funds are used to account for all the financial resources of the District. The enterprise net assets is available to the District for any purpose, provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of California and the bylaws of the District. The District maintains separate funds for Water, and Sewer.

Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions of Revenues – Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving value in return, include taxes and donations. Revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual, when they become both measurable and available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. On an accrual basis, revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis.

Expenses - On an accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

E. Funds on Deposit, County and Bank

The District is authorized to deposit cash and invest excess funds by California Government Code Section 53648 et seq. cash balances held in banks and revolving funds are insured to \$250,000 by the FDIC. The remaining balance is fully insured and collateralized.

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\$162,695 of the cash balances are restricted for future USDA debt repayments.

Interest rate risk. - The District policy is to find highest investment return with maximum security that meets daily cash flow demands.

Credit risk. - The District policy is to use only US treasury bills, registered state warrants or notes or bonds issued by the state of California, bonds notes warrants issued by a local agency within California, obligations issued by the Federal government, prime commercial paper from corporations with assets greater than 500 million with the highest ranking by Moody's or S&P not to exceed 15% for up to 180 days and up to 30% if the average maturity does not exceed 31 days, Bankers acceptance with a term not exceed 270 days up to 40% with not more than 30% in a single commercial bank, 30% of funds in certificates of deposit, repurchase/reverse purchase agreements given that agreement shall be no less than 102% of market value, medium term notes not to exceed 5 years of us corporations rate "A" or better by Mood's or S&P with no more than 30%, shares of beneficial interested issued by a diversified management company up to 15%, mortgage pass through security that are rated "AA" or better up to 30% and bonds issued by the Herlong Public Utility District, collateralized bank deposits, funds held under the terms of a trust indenture or other contract agreement, or any other investment authorized by Government Code. The District is prohibited from investing in inverse floaters, range notes, interest-only strips derived from mortgage pools or any investments that may result in a zero interest accrual if held to maturity.

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Concentration of credit risk. - The District policy is to follow prudent diversification strategies.

F. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are recorded at their gross value, where appropriate are reduced by the portion that is considered uncollectable. Accounts receivable consists primarily of service fees that have been billed but not paid as of year-end. Management believes its receivables to be fully collectable due to the ability to place a lien against property for unpaid receivables and, accordingly no allowance for doubtful accounts is necessary.

G. Prepaid Expenses

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods are recorded as prepaid items.

H. Fixed Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, infrastructure assets and intangible are reported in the applicable governmental -type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Property, plant and equipment purchased or acquired is carried at

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historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated or contributed capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value on the date received. The current capitalization threshold is \$5,000 for an individual item.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable.

I. Accounts Payable

On an accrual basis, expenses are recognized in the fiscal year in which the goods or services are received. Payables are liabilities of the District based upon current year charges for goods or services received but not paid in the current year.

J. Accrued Expenses

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K. Net Position

The District's net position represents the difference between its assets and liabilities in the statement of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed on their use by their source.

L. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

M. Long-Term Debt

All long-term liabilities to be repaid from the governmental resources are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements.

Loan from Water to Waste Water funds \$148,998.10
 Monthly interest rate of .05% owed to Water funds
 Loan to be paid in full within 12 months

Date	Amount Borrowed/(Paid)	Interest due	Total Loan
9/25/14	\$297,596.45	\$148.80	\$298,745.25
10/20/14	-	148.87	297,894.12
11/20/14	-	148.95	298,043.07

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M. Long-Term Debt

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Monthly interest rate of .05% owed to Water funds
 Loan to be paid in full within 12 months

Date	Amount Borrowed/(Paid)	Interest due	Total Loan
9/25/14	\$297,596.45	\$148.80	\$298,745.25
10/20/14	-	148.87	297,894.12
11/20/14	-	148.95	298,043.07

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12/17/14	116,573.00	207.31	414,823.38
	(279,109.28)	<u>2,319.00</u>	(279,109.28)
Balance 12/31/16	<u>\$116,795.59</u>	<u>\$2,972.93</u>	<u>\$119,768.52</u>

USDA Loan/Grant, 4.25% payable in semiannual installments for 40 years to the water fund
One year's payment in reserves with the first 10 years
Total Loan December 2009 \$3,075,000.00

Year End December 31,	Principle	Interest	Total
2017	41,000	120,721	161,721
2018	43,000	118,936	161,936
2019	45,000	117,066	162,066
2020-2023	200,000	447,865	647,856
2024-2028	301,000	507,131	808,131
2029-2033	370,000	436,050	806,050
2034-2038	456,000	348,628	804,628
2039-2043	561,000	240,996	801,996
2044-2048	691,000	108,396	799,396
2049	<u>153,000</u>	<u>3,251</u>	<u>156,251</u>
Totals	<u>\$2,861,000</u>	<u>\$2,449,040</u>	<u>\$5,310,040</u>

Herlong Public Utility District has an obligation to a USDA bearing interest at 2.75%.
The loan is collateralized by the sewer Plant.

Loan maturities for each of the five years following December 31, 2016, are as follows:

2017	\$	46,000
2018		48,000
2019		49,000
2020		50,000
2021		78,232
Thereafter		<u>2,889,768</u>
	\$	<u><u>3,161,000</u></u>

NOTE 2: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; damage to, and theft or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2016, the District contracted with SDRMA for liability, property, crime damage, and employee and director insurances.

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NOTE 3: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description - The Herlong Public Utility District's defined benefit pension plan provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Herlong Public Utility District's defined benefit pension plan is part of the Public Agency portion of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), an agent multiple-employer plan administered by CalPERS, which acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating public employers within the State of California. A menu of benefit provisions as well as other requirements are established by the State statutes within the Public Employees' Retirement Law. The Herlong Public Utility District selects optional benefit provisions from the benefit menu by contract with CalPERS and adopts the benefits through local ordinance (other local methods). CalPERS issues a separate comprehensive annual financial report. Copies of the CalPERS' annual financial report may be obtained from the CalPERS Executive Office - 400 P Street - Sacramento, CA 95814.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. 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.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

For Purposes of Measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the CalPERS Financial Office. For this Purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when currently due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. CalPERS audited financial statements are publicly available reports that can be obtained at CalPERS' website under Forms and Publications.

GASB 68 requires that the reported results must pertain to liability and asset information within certain defined timeframes. For this report the following timeframes are used.

Validation Date (VD)	June 30, 2014
Measurement Date (MD)	June 30, 2015
Measurement Period (MP)	July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description, Benefits Provided and Employees Covered

The Plan is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). A full description of the

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pension plan benefit provisions, assumptions for funding purposes but not accounting purposes, and membership information is listed in the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation report. This report is a publicly available valuation report that can be obtained at CalPERS' website under Forms and Publications.

Contribution Description

Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers be determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. The total plan contributions are determined through the CalPERS' annual actuarial valuation process. For Public agency cost-sharing plans covered by either the Miscellaneous or Safety risk pools, the Plan's actuarially determined rate is based on the estimated amount necessary to pay the Plan's allocated share of the risk pool's costs of benefits earned by the employees during the year, and any unfunded accrued liability. The employer is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees. For the measurement period ended June 30, 2015 (the measurement date), the active employee contribution rate is 20.880 percent of annual pay. Employer contributions rates may change if plan contracts are amended. It is the responsibility of the employer to make necessary accounting adjustments to reflect the impact due to any Employer Paid Member Contributions or situations where members are paying a portion of the employer contribution.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions Used to determine Total Pension Liability

For the measurement period ending June 30, 2014 (the measurement date), the total pension liability was determined by rolling forward the June 30, 2013 total pension liability. Both the June 30, 2013 total pension liability and the June 30, 2014 total pension liability were based on the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 68
Actuarial Assumptions	
Discount Rate	7.50%
Inflation	2.75%
Salary Increases	Varies by Entry Age and Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.50% Net of Pension Plan Investment and Administrative Expenses; includes inflation
Mortality Rate Table ¹	Funds
Post Retirement Benefit Increase	Contract COLA up to 2.75% until Purchasing Power Protection Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies, 2.75% thereafter

¹The mortality table used was developed based on CalPERS' specific data. The table includes 20 years of mortality improvements using Society of Actuaries Scale BB. For more details on this table, please refer to the 2014 experience study report.

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All other actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the fiscal years 1997 to 2011, including updates to salary increase, mortality and retirement rates. The Experience Study report can be obtained at CalPERS' website under Forms and Publications.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50 percent. To determine whether the municipal bond rate should be used in the calculation of a discount rate for each plan, CalPERS stress tested plans that would most likely result in a discount rate that would be different from the actuarially assumed discount rate. Based on the testing, none of the tested plans run out of assets. Therefore, the current 7.50 percent discount rate is adequate and the use of the municipal bond rate calculation is not necessary. The long term expected discount rate of 7.50 percent is applied to all plans in the Public Employees Retirement Fund. The stress test results are presented in a detailed report call the "GASB Crossover Testing Report" that can be obtained at CalPERS' website under the GASB 68 section.

According to Paragraph 30 of Statement 68, the long-term discount rate should be determined without reduction for pension plan administrative expense. The 7.50 percent investment return assumption used in this accounting valuation is net of administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are assumed to be 15 basis points. An investment return excluding administrative expenses would have been 7.65 percent. Using this lower discount rate was resulted in a slightly higher total pension liability and net pension liability. This difference was deemed immaterial to the Public Agency Cost-Sharing Multi-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan. However, employers may determine the impact at the plan level for there own financial reporting purposes.

CalPERS is Scheduled to review all actuarial assumptions as part of its regular Asset Liability Management review cycle that is scheduled to be completed in February 2018. Any changes to the discount rate will require Board action and proper stakeholder outreach. For these reasons, CalPERS expects to continue using a discount rate net of administrative expenses for GASB 67 and 68 calculations though at least the 2017-2018 fiscal year. CalPERS will continue to check the materiality of the difference in calculation until such time as we have changed our methodology.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined 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.

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, staff took into account both short-term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Such cash flows were developed assuming that both members and employers will make their required contributions on time and as scheduled in all future years. Using historical returns of all the funds' asset classes, expected compound (geometric) returns were calculated over the short-term (first 10 years) and the long-term (11-60 years) using a building block approach. Using the expected nominal returns for both short-term and long-

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term, the present value of benefits was calculated for each fund. The expected rate of return was set by calculating the single equivalent expected return that arrived at the same present value of benefits for cash flows as the one calculated using both short-term and long-term returns. The expected rate of return was then set equivalent to the single equivalent rate calculated above and rounded down to the nearest one quarter of one percent.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The plan fiduciary net position disclosed in your GASB 68 accounting valuation report may differ from the plan assets reported in your funding actuarial valuation report due to several reasons. First, for the accounting valuations, CalPERS must keep items such as deficiency reserves, fiduciary self-insurance and OPEB expense included in fiduciary net position. These amounts are excluded for rate setting purposes in your funding actuarial valuation. In addition, differences may result from early CAFR closing and final reconciled reserves.

Allocation of Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense to Individual Plans

A key aspect of GASB 68 pertaining to cost-sharing employers is the establishment of an approach to allocate the net pension liability and pension expense to the individual employers within the risk pool. Paragraph 49 of GASB 68 indicates that for pools where contribution rates within the pool are based on separate relationships, the proportional allocation should reflect those relationships. The allocation method utilized by CalPERS determines the employer's share by reflecting these relationships through the plans they sponsor within the risk pool. Plan liability and asset-related information are used where available, and proportional allocations if individual plan amounts as of the valuation date are used where not available.

- (1) In determining a cost-sharing plans proportionate share, total amounts of liabilities and assets are first calculated for the Miscellaneous Risk Pool (risk pool) as a whole on the valuation date (2013). The risk pool's fiduciary net position (FNP) subtracted from its total pension liability (TPL) determines the net position liability (NPL) at the valuation date.
- (2) Using standard actuarial roll forward methods, the risk pool TPL is then computed at the measurement date (June 30, 2014). Risk Pool FNP at the measurement date is then subtracted from this number to compute the NPL for the risk pool at the measurement date.

Note: for purposes of FNP in this step (2) and any later reference thereto, the risk pool's FNP at the measurement date denotes the aggregate risk pool's FNP at June 30, 2014 less the sum of all additional side fund (or unfunded liability) contributions made by all employers during the measurement period (2013-14).

- (3) The individual plan's TPL, FNP and NPL are also calculated at the valuation date.

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- (4) Two ratios are created by dividing the plan's individual TPL and FNP as of the valuation date from (3) by the amounts in step (1), the risk pool's total TPL and FNP, respectively.
- (5) The plan's TPL as of the Measurement Date is equal to the risk pool TPL generated in (2) multiplied by the TPL ratio generated in (4).

The plan's FNP as of the Measurement Date is equal to the FNP generated in (2) multiplied by the FNP ratio generated in (4) plus any additional side fund (or unfunded liability) contributions made by the employer on behalf of the plan during the measurement period.

- (6) The plan's NPL at the Measurement Date is the difference between the TPL and FNP calculated in (5).

Please refer to the CalPERS Public Agency Cost-Sharing Allocation Methodology Report that can be obtained at CalPERS' website under the GASB 68 section, and see Appendix D of this report for the calculation of the plan's proportionate share of the TPL and FNP.

The plan's proportion of aggregate employer contributions is equal to the plan's proportion of FNP calculated in (4).

The following table shows the Plan's proportionate share of the risk pool collective net pension liability over the measurement period.

	Plan Net Pension Liability/(Asset) (c)=(a)-(b)
Balance at: 6/30/2014 (VD)	\$ 145,380
Balance at: 6/30/2015 (MD)	\$ 142,854
Net Changes during 2014-15	\$ 2,526

Rate	Net Pension Liability
6.65%	(239,576)
7.65%	(267,519)
8.65%	(117,976)

Subsequent Events

There were no subsequent events that would materially affect the results presented in this disclosure.

Recognition of Gains and Losses

Under GASB 68, gains and losses related to changes in total pension liability and fiduciary net position are recognized in pension expense systematically over time.

The first amortized amounts are recognized in pension expense for the year gain or loss occurs. The remaining amounts are categorized as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pension and are to be recognized in future pension expense.

The amortization period differs depending on the source of the gain or loss:

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Difference between projected and actual earnings 5 year straight-line amortization

All other amounts Straight-line amortization over the average expected remaining service lives of all members that are provided with benefits (active, inactive and retired) as of the beginning of the measurement period

The expected average remaining service lifetime (EARSL) is calculated by dividing the total future service years by the total number of participants (active, inactive and retired) in PERF C.

The EARSL for the 2013-14 measurement period is 3.8 years, which was obtained by dividing to total service years 460,700 (the sum of remaining service lifetimes of the active employees) by 122,789 (the total number of participants: active, inactive, and retired). Note that inactive employees are retirees have remaining service lifetimes equal to 0. Also, note that total future service is based on the members' probability of decrementing due to an event other than receiving a cash refund.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows

For the measurement period ended June 30, 2015 (the measurement date), the Herlong Public Utility District incurred a pension expense.

As of June 30, 2014, the Herlong Public Utility District reports other amounts for the Plan as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions as follows:

**Misc
amortization**

Measurement Date	Initial Changes of Assumptions	Remaining Period (Years)	Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the Effects of Changes in Assumptions (Measurement Dates)					
			2015 (FY 2016)	2016 (FY 2017)	2017 (FY 2018)	2018 (FY 2019)	2019 (FY 2020)	2020 (FY 2021)
			2014	-	-	-	-	-
2015	(44,525.61)	3.80	(11,717.27)	(11,717.27)	(11,717.27)	(9,373.81)	-	-
Net Increase (Decrease in Pension Expense)			(11,717.27)	(11,717.27)	(11,717.27)	(9,373.81)		

Measurement Date	Initial Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	Remaining Period (Years)	Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the Effects of changes in difference between expected and actual Experience (Measurement Dates)					
			2015 (FY 2016)	2016 (FY 2017)	2017 (FY 2018)	2018 (FY 2019)	2019 (FY 2020)	2020 (FY 2021)

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2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2015	4,706.26	3.80	1,238.49	1,238.49	1,238.49	990.79	-	-
Net Increase (Decrease in Pension Expense)			1,238.49	1,238.49	1,238.49	990.79		

Measurement Date	Initial Differences between Proj and Actual Earnings on Investments	Remaining Period (Years)	Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the differences between projected and actual earnings on investments (Measurement Dates)					
			2015 (FY 2016)	2016 (FY 2017)	2017 (FY 2018)	2018 (FY 2019)	2019 (FY 2020)	2020 (FY 2021)
2014	(8,664.00)	4.00	(2,166.00)	(2,166.00)	(2,166.00)			
2015	(12,436.53)	5.00	(2,487.31)	(2,487.31)	(2,487.31)	(2,166.00)	(2,487.31)	
Net Increase (Decrease in Pension Expense)			(4,653.31)	(4,653.31)	(4,653.31)	(4,653.31)	(2,487.31)	

Measurement Date	Change in Proportions	Remaining Period (Years)	Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the Effects of Changes in proportions (Measurement Dates)					
			2015 (FY 2016)	2016 (FY 2017)	2017 (FY 2018)	2018 (FY 2019)	2019 (FY 2020)	2020 (FY 2021)
2014	(17,749.00)	2.80	(6,338.93)	(6,338.93)	(5,071.14)			
2015	128,220.87	3.80	33,742.33	33,742.33	33,742.33	26,993.87		
Net Increase (Decrease in Pension Expense)			27,403.41	27,403.41	28,671.19	26,993.87		

Measurement Date	Difference in Actual Contribution and Proportionate Share of Contrib.	Remaining Period (Years)	Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the Effects of differences in actual contributions and proportionate share of contributions (Measurement Dates)					
			2015 (FY 2016)	2016 (FY 2017)	2017 (FY 2018)	2018 (FY 2019)	2019 (FY 2020)	2020 (FY 2021)
2014	6,243.00	2.80	2,229.64	2,229.64	1,783.71			
2015	51,659.42	3.80	13,594.58	13,594.58	13,594.58	10,875.67		
Net Increase (Decrease in Pension Expense)			15,824.23	15,824.23	15,378.30	10,875.67		

	2015 (FY 2016)	2016 (FY 2017)	2017 (FY 2018)	2018 (FY 2019)	2019 (FY 2020)	2020 (FY 2021)
Amortization of Deferred Inflows/Outflows for Notes to FS		28,095.55	28,917.41	24,833.21	(2,487.31)	

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, other than the employer-specific item, will be recognized in future pension expense.

NOTE 4: USE OF RESTRICTED/UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION

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

NOTE 5: COMPARATIVE DATA AND RECLASSIFICATIONS

Comparative data for the prior year have been presented in certain sections of the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the District's financial position and operations. Also, certain amounts presented in the prior year data have been reclassified in order to be consistent with current year's presentation.

NOTE 6: JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY

The District participates in a joint venture under a joint agreement (JPA) with the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA). The relationship between the District and the JPA is such that is not a component unit of the District and the JPA is not a component unit of the District for financial reporting purposes.

The JPA'S purpose is to jointly fund and develop programs to provide comprehensive and economical funding of property, workers compensation and employers liability coverage's for bodily injury by accident or by disease, including resulting from death, arising out of and in the course of an employee's employment with the District. This program is provided through collective self-insurance; the purchase of insurance benefit's; or a combination thereof.

NOTE 7: CONTINGENCIES

As of December 31, 2016, the District did not have any pending litigation or potential nondisclosed liabilities that management believes would have a material effect on the financial statements.

NOTE 8: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The majority of the water and wastewater revenue is from the District's main customer, the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The District supplies water and wastewater services to the prison facility located in Herlong, CA which represents approximately 88% of its total utility sales revenue.

NOTE 9: DATE OF MANAGEMENT'S REVIEW

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 2, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Supplemental Information

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**Statement of Activities
Budget vs Actual
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Water Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>			
Charges for Services	\$ 541,204	\$ 427,435	\$ (113,769)
Total Operating Revenues	<u>541,204</u>	<u>427,435</u>	<u>(113,769)</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
Water Treatment, Transmission & Distribution	377,617	257,778	119,839
Sewer Treatment & Disposal	-	-	-
Administrative	44,354	31,354	13,000
Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>299,457</u>	<u>(299,457)</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>421,971</u>	<u>588,590</u>	<u>(166,619)</u>
<u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES/EXPENSES</u>			
Interest Expense	(124,000)	(183,094)	59,094
Interest Income	3,650	5,133	1,483
Capital Grants	-	-	-
Taxes and Intergovernmental	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues/Expenses	<u>(120,350)</u>	<u>(177,960)</u>	<u>60,577</u>
<u>NET CHANGE IN NET POSITION</u>		<u>(339,116)</u>	
<u>NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>		<u>9,828,449</u>	
<u>NET POSITION, END OF YEAR</u>		<u>\$ 9,489,333</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Activities
Budget vs Actual
For the Year Ended
December 31, 2016**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Sewer Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>			
Charges for Services	\$ 762,061	\$ 767,623	\$ (5,562)
Total Operating Revenues	<u>762,061</u>	<u>767,623</u>	<u>(5,562)</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
Water Treatment, Transmission & Distribution	-	-	
Sewer Treatment & Disposal	665,810	459,063	206,747
Administrative	53,226	38,003	15,223
Depreciation	-	200,696	(200,696)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>719,036</u>	<u>697,762</u>	<u>21,274</u>
<u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES/EXPENSES</u>			
Interest Expense	(87,500)	(88,317)	817
Interest Income	625	317	(308)
Capital Grants	800,000	261,354	(538,646)
Capital Expenditures	(800,000)	-	800,000
Taxes and Intergovernmental	-	-	-
Total Non-Operating Revenues/Expenses	<u>(86,875)</u>	<u>173,354</u>	<u>261,863</u>
<u>NET CHANGE IN NET POSITION</u>		<u>243,216</u>	
<u>NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>		<u>6,264,336</u>	
<u>NET POSITION, END OF YEAR</u>		<u>\$ 6,507,552</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



March 2, 2017

Board of Directors
Herlong Public Utility District
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INDEPENDENT REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

We have audited the financial statements of Herlong Public Utility District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated **March 2, 2017**. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of Herlong Public Utility District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Herlong Public Utility District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Herlong Public Utility District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of the internal controls 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 deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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 controls such 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. We considered the deficiencies in internal control described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2016-1 and 2016-2 to be material weaknesses.

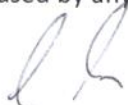
A *significant deficiency in internal control* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**
(continued)

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Herlong Public Utility District's general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, others within the organization, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Pehling & Pehling CPAs
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HERLONG PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

**Combined Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
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Financial Statement Findings -Yellow Book Section: Material Weakness

Finding 2016-1 Lack of Segregation of Duties

Criteria Upon Which Audit Finding is Based(Legal Citation)

Yellow Book paragraphs 5.10 - 5.14 and Appendix I, SAS No. 109

Finding (Condition)

An inadequate segregation of duties exists.

Amount of Questioned Cost, How Computed and Prevalence

None noted

Effect

The District has exposure to risk of financial statement misstatement and the potential risk of errors or fraud.

Cause

Due to the District only having a few personnel assigned to duties that involve access to the general ledger and other accounting records and who also have custody of and responsibility for handling cash and other assets, an inadequate segregation of duties exists.

Recommendation

We recommend that the District employees and Board examine all activities of the District carefully to help decrease the risks of any individual being in a position to both perpetrate and conceal errors or fraud.

District's Response

Due to the number of employees of the District, it is not possible for the District to cost effectively mitigate this finding. The District cannot, with its current budget, hire an adequate number of employees to insure that custody of assets and accountability for assets is separated.

The District does, however believe that being aware of this weakness will insure that existing employees and Board members will maintain diligence to potential risks of not having an adequate segregation of duties.

Finding 2016-2 Financial Statement Preparation

Criteria Upon Which Audit Finding is Based(Legal Citation)

In accordance with Statement on Auditing Standards No. 122 (SAS 122), the District is responsible for preparing complete and accurate financial statement, management discussion and analysis, and footnote disclosures in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

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Combined Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs December 31, 2016

Finding (Condition)

Similar to many other small California special districts, the District does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure that complete and accurate financial statements, management discussion and analysis, and footnote disclosures are prepared in accordance with GAAP prior to the annual audit. Management relies upon the auditor to recommend footnote disclosures for the financial statements and to prepare adjusting journal entries for approval in order to report financial information in accordance with GAAP.

Amount of Questioned Cost, How Computed and Prevalence

None noted

Effect

There is a risk that a material financial statement misstatement may exist and not be prevented or detected by the District's system of internal control.

Cause

This condition has always existed at the District, and is being reported in accordance with SAS 122.

Recommendation

The District should consider the cost benefit of hiring an accountant familiar with GAAP or hiring and independent CPA firm to compile financial statements in conformity with GAAP.

District's Response

The District had determined that the costs of correcting this control weakness outweigh the benefits to be received. The District will continue to rely on the independent auditor to prepare its annual financial statements.

Internal Control - Significant Deficiencies that are not Material Weaknesses

None noted

Material Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations

None noted

Non-Material Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations

None noted

HERLONG PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

**Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
December 31, 2016**

Finding 2015-1 Lack of Segregation of Duties

Due to the number of employees an inadequate segregation of duties exists.

Status

Ongoing. See Current year finding 2016-1

Finding 2015-2 Financial Statement Preparation

Similar to many other small California special districts, the District does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure that complete and accurate financial statements, management discussion and analysis, and footnote disclosures are prepared in accordance with GAAP prior to the annual audit. Management relies upon the auditor to recommend footnote disclosures for the financial statements and to prepare adjusting journal entries for approval in order to report financial information in accordance with GAAP.

Status

Ongoing. See current year finding 2016-2.