

COUNTY OF BUTTE LANDFILL FUND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Supervisors
County of Butte
Oroville, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Landfill Fund of the County of Butte, California, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the 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 audit. 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. 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 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 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 the Landfill Fund of the County of Butte, California as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Landfill Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the County of Butte, as of June 30, 2021, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the schedule of the Fund's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of contributions for the pension plan, the schedule of the Fund's proportionate share of the net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) plan, schedule of contributions for the OPEB plan, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 11, 2022 on our consideration of the Landfill Fund'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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Landfill Fund's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Roseville, California
January 11, 2022

COUNTY OF BUTTE LANDFILL FUND

Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2021

Assets

Current assets:	
Cash and investments	\$ 29,597,448
Imprest cash	2,800
Accounts receivable	1,020,144
Total current assets	<u>30,620,392</u>

Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable	1,940,608
Depreciable, net	41,125,438
Total noncurrent assets	<u>43,066,046</u>
Total assets	<u>73,686,438</u>

Deferred outflows of resources - Pension	489,640
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	12,372
Total deferred outflows	<u>502,012</u>

Liabilities

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	542,354
Accrued salaries and benefits	81,546
Interest payable	8,423
Capital leases payable, current portion	333,287
Compensated absences, current portion	224,635
Total current liabilities	<u>1,190,245</u>

Noncurrent liabilities:	
Capital leases payable	344,126
Compensated absences	6,948
Landfill closure/post-closure care costs	10,319,956
Net pension liability	2,999,414
Net OPEB liability	498,899
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>14,169,343</u>
Total liabilities	<u>15,359,588</u>

Deferred inflows of resources - pension	12,523
Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	193,113
Total deferred inflows	<u>205,636</u>

Net Position

Net investment in capital assets	42,388,633
Unrestricted	16,234,593
Total net position	<u>\$ 58,623,226</u>

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

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Operating Revenues:	
Landfill gate fees	\$ 9,421,634
Miscellaneous	<u>362,203.00</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>9,783,837</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries and employee benefits	2,976,003
Operation and maintenance	4,429,605
Depreciation	1,920,737
Landfill closure and postclosure care costs	<u>1,163,414</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>10,489,759</u>
Operating income	<u>(705,922)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	
Interest income	(110,144)
Intergovernmental	83,186
Interest expense	<u>(21,527)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(48,485)</u>
Net Income Before Transfers	(754,407)
Transfer from the County	93,595
Transfer to County	<u>(28,401)</u>
Change in Net Position	(689,213)
Net position, beginning of year	<u>59,312,439</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 58,623,226</u>

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

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 9,574,514
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(4,648,660)
Cash paid to employees for services	<u>(2,032,477)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>2,893,377</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Grant proceeds not restricted for capital purposes	83,186
Payments from Other County Funds	103,289
Payments to Other County Funds	<u>(28,401)</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>158,074</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Payments related to the acquisition of capital assets	(4,958,276)
Principal payments on long-term debt	(1,411,081)
Interest paid	<u>(31,569)</u>
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(6,400,926)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest received	<u>18,382</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>18,382</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,331,093)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>32,931,341</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 29,600,248</u>
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents to	
Cash and investments	\$ 29,597,448
Imprest cash	<u>2,800</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 29,600,248</u>

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

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Statement of Cash Flows (continued)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

**Reconciliation of Operating Income
to Net Cash Provided by
Operating Activities:**

Operating income	\$	(705,922)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation		1,920,737
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Decrease (increase) in:		
Accounts receivable		(209,323)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts Payable		(219,055)
Accrued Salaries		11,881
Compensated Absences		44,375
Net Pension Liability and Related Deferrals		907,110
Net OPEB Liability and Related Deferrals		(19,840)
Landfill closure/postclosure cost		1,163,414
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	<u>2,893,377</u>

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

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

A. **General**

The County of Butte Landfill Fund (Landfill) was formed to account for the County of Butte's (County) costs of providing landfill and related waste disposal services to the citizens of Butte County, in both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County. The disposal site is comprised of 165 acres, and is located in an unincorporated area of the County between the cities of Oroville and Chico. The landfill site was operated under contract by Waste Management, Inc. until April 2003, at which point the County took over operations.

B. **Reporting Entity**

The financial statements present information on the financial activities of the Landfill. The Landfill is a fund of the County and its financial information is included as an enterprise fund of the County's financial statements. The Landfill financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 accounting policies are described below. These financial statements present only the portion of the County that is attributable to the Landfill.

C. **Basis of Accounting**

The Landfill utilizes the accrual basis of accounting to account for its activities. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and expenses are recognized in the period in which liabilities are incurred.

Enterprise funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the board has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability. The Landfill distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from operating the sanitary landfill.

D. **Cash and Investments**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows the Landfill considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased, and its equity in the County's Treasurer's investment pool to be cash and cash equivalents.

E. **Receivables**

No amount has been provided as an allowance for doubtful accounts because in the opinion of management all material amounts are fully collectible.

F. **Capital Assets**

Additions by the Landfill placed in service are recorded at cost. The Landfill defines capital assets as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$25,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses; renewals and betterments are capitalized. The sale or disposal of capital assets is recorded by removing cost and accumulated depreciation from the accounts and charging the resulting gain or loss to income.

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Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Structures and improvements	20-50 Years
Equipment	5-20 Years
Infrastructure	30-50 Years

G. **Compensated Absences**

The liability for compensated absences consists of unpaid, accumulated annual sick leave balances. The liability has been calculated using the vested method, in which leave amounts for both employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination are included.

H. **Pensions**

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 Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's 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.

I. **Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County of Butte Retiree Healthcare Plan (Plan) and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the PERS Health CERBT Trust. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

J. **Use of Estimates**

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

K. **Net Position**

The financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted, or unrestricted. Net investment in Capital Assets – This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these assets reduce the balance in this category. Restricted– This category presents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or legislation. Unrestricted– This category represents net position of the Landfill, not restricted for any project or other purpose.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments are comprised of the following at June 30, 2021:

County's investment pool	\$ 29,597,448
Imprest Cash	<u>2,800</u>
	<u>\$ 29,600,248</u>

Investments

The County maintains a cash and investment pool (Pool) that is available for use by all County funds. At June 30, 2021, the carrying amount of the Landfill's cash held by the County as part of the internal investment pool was \$29,597,448.

The fair value of investments in the Pool is determined monthly based upon quoted market prices. The Pool is subject to regulatory oversight by the Treasury Oversight Committee, as required by the California Government Code Section 27143. The County has not provided nor obtained any legally binding guarantees during the year ended June 30, 2021 to support the values of shares in the Pool. However, management believes that the investments in the Pool are of high quality and that the risk of participation in the Pool is negligible.

The Pool values participants' shares on an amortized cost basis. Specifically, the Pool distributes income to participants quarterly based on their relative participation during the month which is calculated based on (1) realized investment gains and losses computed on an amortized cost basis, (2) interest income based on stated rates (both paid and accrued), (3) amortization of discounts and premiums on a straight-line basis, and (4) investment and administrative expenses. This method differs from the fair value method used to value investments in these financial statements because the amortized cost method is not designed to distribute to participants all unrealized gains and losses in the fair value of the Pool's investments. Investment income related to investments reported in certain funds is assigned to other funds based upon legal or contractual provisions.

Required disclosures for the Landfill's deposit and investment risks at June 30, 2021 were as follows:

Credit risk	Not rated
Custodial credit risk	Not applicable
Concentration of credit risk	Not applicable
Interest rate risk	Varies

Required disclosure information regarding authorized investments, categorization of investments and other deposit and investment risk policies can be found in the County's annual financial report and may be obtained by contacting the County Auditor-Controller's Office at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 120, Oroville, CA 95965.

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NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Transfers and Adjustments	Ending Balance
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:					
Land	\$ 421,932	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 421,932
Construction in Progress	1,374,612	3,918,498	-	(3,774,434)	1,518,676
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>1,796,544</u>	<u>3,918,498</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,774,434)</u>	<u>1,940,608</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:					
Infrastructure	37,295,387	-	-	3,774,434	41,069,821
Structures and Improvements	2,589,336	-	-	-	2,589,336
Equipment	7,680,343	1,039,777	-	(15,500)	8,704,620
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>47,565,066</u>	<u>1,039,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,758,934</u>	<u>52,363,777</u>
Accumulated Depreciation for:					
Infrastructure	(5,041,693)	(1,183,980)	-	-	(6,225,673)
Structures and Improvements	(288,757)	(124,324)	-	-	(413,081)
Equipment	(4,002,652)	(612,433)	-	15,500	(4,599,585)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(9,333,102)</u>	<u>(1,920,737)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,500</u>	<u>(11,238,339)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>38,231,964</u>	<u>(880,960)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,774,434</u>	<u>41,125,438</u>
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 40,028,508</u>	<u>\$ 3,037,538</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 43,066,046</u>

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NOTE 4: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Landfill is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; pollution; and natural disasters. The Landfill participates in the County insurance programs to insure against these losses. Additional information on the County's risk management program can be found in the notes to the County's financial statements.

NOTE 5: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liabilities activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Capital Lease Obligations	\$ 1,003,494	\$ -	\$ 326,081	\$ 677,413	\$ 333,287
Certificates of Participation	1,085,000	-	1,085,000	-	-
Compensated Absences	187,208	244,420	200,045	231,583	224,635
Landfill Closure, Post-Closure Care Costs	9,156,542	1,163,414	-	10,319,956	-
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>\$ 11,432,244</u>	<u>\$ 12,726,283</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,210</u>	<u>\$ 11,228,952</u>	<u>\$ 557,922</u>

Certificates of Participation

In July of 2016, the County entered into a lease financing with Capital One Public Funding for \$4,220,000. The proceeds were used for a current refunding of the 2006 Certificates of Participation (COPs) for Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility improvements. The refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments by, approximately \$345,000 over a four year term and resulted in an economic gain of \$320,675.

As of June 30, 2021, there are no remaining debt service payments.

Capital Lease

On November 15, 2016, the County entered into a lease-purchase agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to finance the purchase of a Wheel Loader and an Articulated Haul Truck for Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility. Commencing on November 15, 2017, principal and interest payments of \$171,039 are payable annually with a final payment of \$171,039 due on November 15, 2021. The interest rate is fixed at 1.568%.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2021 were as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	
2022	\$ 350,554
2023	179,514
2024	179,514
Total Minimum Lease Payments	709,582
Less: Amount Representing Interest	32,169
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 677,413</u>

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NOTE 6: CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require the County operator to place a final cover on its Neal Road Landfill site when it stops accepting waste, and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. Although closure and post-closure care costs will be paid only near to or after the date the landfill stops accepting waste, the County reports a portion of these closure and post-closure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date.

The County Neal Road Landfill Joint Technical Document (JTD) was revised in May 2016, resulting in change of available landfill capacity from the original design in 2002. The new calculated capacity for the Landfill is smaller compared with the original design, which resulted in a greater percent of capacity filled. According to the revised JTD document, as of August 31, 2016, with the annual inflation factor, the estimated highest closure costs, highest correction costs and highest post-closure costs are \$13,049,739, \$1,974,436, and \$11,008,940, respectively.

Annually, the Landfill adjusts estimated closure and correction costs due to changes in inflation and capacity. Such changes resulted in an increase to the Landfill closure, correction care and post-closure liability and caused an increase in expense. Based upon new estimated capacity, 39.642% capacity is reported to date as the cumulative usage as of June 30, 2021. The \$10,319,956, reported as landfill closure and corrective action and post-closure liability at June 30, 2021, represents the 39.642% of the estimated closure and corrective action and post-closure costs.

The County will recognize the remaining estimated closure costs of \$15,713,159 as the remaining estimated capacity is filled. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure, corrective actions and post-closure maintenance in 2021. The County expects to close the landfill in the fiscal year 2031. Actual costs may be higher due to changes resulting from inflation, deflation, technology, or changes in applicable laws or regulations.

In addition, the County Board established a Pledge of Revenue in 2005 to demonstrate financial responsibility for post-closure maintenance of the Neal Road Landfill. The amount of \$362,613. Pledge Revenue per year in 2021 dollars for the thirty years period of post-closure maintenance, representing the most recent post-closure maintenance cost estimate of \$11,008,940.

NOTE 7: COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN (DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN)

A. General Information about the Pension Plan

Landfill employees are covered under the retirement plan of the County of Butte.

The County contributes to the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), an agent multiple-employer public employee defined benefit plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. PERS acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating public entities within the State of California. Benefit provisions and all other requirements are established by statute. Copies of PERS' annual financial report may be obtained from their executive office – 400 Q Street, Lincoln Plaza East, Sacramento, CA 95811 or www.calpers.ca.gov.

Additional disclosure information regarding employee's retirement plan can be found in the County's audited financial statements.

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B. Net Pension Liability

The Landfill's proportionate share of the County of Butte's net pension liability for the retirement plan is measured as the total pension liability, less the pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability of the retirement plan is measured as of June 30, 2020 using standard update procedures. The principal assumptions and methods used to determine the net pension liability are shown in the County's audited financial statements.

C. Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the Landfill's proportionate share of the Plan as of the measurement date, calculated using the discount rate of 7.15 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower (6.15 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (8.15 percent) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate <u>-1% (6.15%)</u>	Discount Rate <u>(7.15%)</u>	Discount Rate <u>+1% (8.15%)</u>
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 2,902,471</u>	<u>\$ 2,999,414</u>	<u>\$ 1,187,270</u>

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

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Landfill recognized pension expense of \$907,110. At June 30, 2021, the Landfill reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Pension contributions subsequent to measurement date	\$ 331,858	\$ -
Difference between actual and expected experience	105,789	-
Changes in assumptions	-	12,523
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	<u>51,993</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 489,640</u>	<u>\$ 12,523</u>

Deferred outflows of resources of \$331,858 related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	
2022	35,284
2023	52,445
2024	35,945
2025	<u>21,585</u>
Total	<u>\$ 145,259</u>

NOTE 8: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

A. General Information about the OPEB Plan

Landfill employees are covered under the OPEB plan of the County of Butte.

The County provides health care benefits for retired employees and their beneficiaries through a single employer plan. The County sponsors healthcare coverage under the California Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA), commonly referred to as PERS Health. PEMHCA provides health insurance through a variety of Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Options.

Additional disclosure information regarding employee's OPEB plan can be found in the County's audited financial statements.

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B. Net OPEB Liability

The Landfill's proportionate share of the County of Butte's net OPEB liability is measured as the total OPEB liability, less the plan's fiduciary net position. The net OPEB liability of the plan was determined using an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 measured as of June 30, 2021. The principal assumptions and methods used to determine the net pension liability are shown in the County's audited financial statements.

C. Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Landfill's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the Landfill's proportionate share would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate.

	<u>1% Decrease (4.75%)</u>	<u>Current Rate (5.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (6.75%)</u>
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 713,697</u>	<u>\$ 498,899</u>	<u>\$ 558,161</u>

The following presents the Landfill's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the proportionate share of the liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates.

	<u>1% Decrease (5.00% decreasing to 3.50%)</u>	<u>Current Rate (6.00% decreasing to 4.50%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.00% decreasing to 5.50%)</u>
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 585,543</u>	<u>\$ 498,899</u>	<u>\$ 697,692</u>

D. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Landfill recognized OPEB expense of \$(19,840). OPEB expense represents the change in the net OPEB liability during the measurement period, adjusted for actual contributions, and the deferred recognition of changes in investment gain/loss, and actuarial assumptions or method.

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At June 30, 2021, the Landfill reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Difference between actual and expected experience	\$ 10,463	\$ 84,952
Changes in assumptions	1,732	98,144
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	177	10,017
Total	<u><u>\$ 12,372</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 193,113</u></u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	
2022	(34,099)
2023	(34,156)
2024	(33,800)
2025	(31,010)
2026	(16,879)
Thereafter	<u>(30,797)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ (180,741)</u></u>



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**COUNTY OF BUTTE, CALIFORNIA
COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN
(DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN)
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

* Last 10 Fiscal Years

	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	6/30/2017	6/30/2016	6/30/2015
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,999,414	\$ 1,965,185	\$ 1,581,475	\$ 1,543,488	\$ 1,569,014	\$ 1,643,876
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Misc Plan	1.38%	0.98%	0.88%	0.88%	1.02%	1.37%
Covered Payroll	\$ 1,085,151	\$ 945,027	\$ 919,556	\$ 1,040,770	\$ 1,296,112	\$ 1,248,528
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	276.41%	207.95%	171.98%	148.30%	121.06%	131.67%
Plan's Fiduciary Net Position - Misc Plan	\$550,983,805	\$535,054,471	\$513,811,741	\$487,110,878	\$447,252,151	\$462,023,800
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	71.66%	72.66%	74.18%	73.62%	74.43%	79.29%

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit Changes

There were no changes in benefits.

Changes in Assumptions

There were no significant changes in assumptions.

* Fiscal Year 2015 was the first year of implementation. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

**COUNTY OF BUTTE, CALIFORNIA
COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN
(DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN)
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

* Last 10 Fiscal Years	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contributions Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
<u>2021</u>					
Pension Plan	\$ 265,325	\$ 265,325	\$ -	\$ 1,340,644	19.79 %
<u>2020</u>					
Pension Plan	\$ 220,744	\$ 220,744	\$ -	\$ 1,085,151	20.34 %
<u>2019</u>					
Pension Plan	\$ 160,404	\$ 160,404	\$ -	\$ 945,027	16.97 %
<u>2018</u>					
Pension Plan	\$ 138,505	\$ 138,505	\$ -	\$ 919,556	15.06 %
<u>2017</u>					
Pension Plan	\$ 148,282	\$ 148,282	\$ -	\$ 1,040,770	14.25 %
<u>2016</u>					
Pension Plan	\$ 161,709	\$ 161,709	\$ -	\$ 1,296,112	12.48 %
<u>2015</u>					
Pension Plan	\$ 144,810	\$ 144,810	\$ -	\$ 1,248,528	11.60 %

* Amounts presented above were determined as of 6/30. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	For details, see June 30, 2017 Funding Valuation Report.
Asset valuation method	Actuarial value of assets. For details, see June 30, 2017 Funding Valuation Report.
Inflation	2.625%
Salary Increases	Varies by Entry Age and Service
Payroll growth	2.875%
Investment rate of return	7.25% Net of Pension Plan Investment and Administrative Expense; includes Inflation.
Retirement age	The probabilities of retirement are based on the 2014 CalPERS Experience Study for the period from 1997 to 2015.
Mortality	The probabilities of mortality are based on the 2014 CalPERS Experience Study for the period from 1997 to 2015. Pre-retirement and post-retirement mortality rates include 15 years of projected mortality improvement using 90% of Scale MP-2016 published by the Society of Actuaries.

**COUNTY OF BUTTE, CALIFORNIA
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLAN
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET OPEB LIABILITY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

* Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>6/30/2021</u>	<u>6/30/2020</u>	<u>6/30/2019</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 498,899	\$ 629,170	\$ 604,651
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	1.04%	1.04%	1.04%
Covered Payroll	\$ 1,343,248	\$ 1,304,124	\$ 1,407,295
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	37.14%	48.24%	42.97%
Plan's Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 10,133,567	\$ 7,752,981	\$ 5,902,138
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	17.42%	11.35%	9.20%

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit Changes

There were no changes in benefits.

Changes in Assumptions

There were no significant changes in assumptions.

* Fiscal Year 2018 was the first year of implementation.
Additional years will be presented as they become available.

**COUNTY OF BUTTE, CALIFORNIA
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLAN
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

* Last 10 Fiscal Years	Contributions in Relation to			Employer's	Contributions
	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contributions Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	as a % of Covered Payroll
<u>2021</u>					
OPEB Plan	\$ 48,623	\$ 48,623	\$ -	\$ 1,395,474	3.48 %
<u>2020</u>					
OPEB Plan	\$ 52,428	\$ 52,428	\$ -	\$ 1,343,248	3.90 %
<u>2019</u>					
OPEB Plan	\$ 59,786	\$ 47,862	\$ 11,923	\$ 1,304,124	4.58 %
<u>2018</u>					
OPEB Plan	\$ 61,234	\$ 56,473	\$ 4,760	\$ 1,407,295	4.35 %

* Amounts presented above were determined as of 6/30. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal, Level Percentage of Payroll
Amortization method	Level percent of pay
Recognition of deferred inflow s and outflow s of resources	Closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees provided w ith OPEB
Salary Increases	3.00%
Inflation rate	2.75%
Investment rate of return	5.75%, net of OPEB plan investment expense
Healthcare cost trend rate	4.00% for 2021; 5.20% for 2022; 4.00% for 2023; and decreasing 0.10% per year to an ultimate rate of 4.00% for 2070 and later years



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

Board of Supervisors
County of Butte
Oroville, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Landfill Fund (Fund) of the County of Butte, California, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Landfill Fund's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 11, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Landfill Fund's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Landfill Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Landfill Fund'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 or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Landfill Fund’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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Roseville, California
January 11, 2022