

CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Report
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT

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MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2020

The Clifton Sanitation District (the “District”) offers the readers of the District’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the District’s financial performance during the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements.

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In addition to this Management Discussion and Analysis, this annual report includes:

- * Independent Auditor’s Report
- * Financial Statements – the financial statements of the District report information about the District using accounting methods like those used by private sector companies. These statements offer short and long-term financial information about its activities. The audited financial statements of the district are:
 1. Statement of Net Position – The Statement of Net Position provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and obligations to District’s creditors (liabilities). It also provides the basis for computing the rate of return, evaluating the capital structure of the District, and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the District.
 2. Statement of Activities – The statement that measures the results of the District’s operations over the past year and illustrates the way it has funded its operations. This section will determine profitability and credit worthiness. These results are also a reflection of the economic condition of our district. If the predicted moderate growth continues, we as a District also will continue that moderate growing trend.
 3. Statement of Cash Flows – The reason for this statement is to provide information about the District’s cash receipts and payments during this reporting period. This statement reports cash receipts, cash payments and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and financial activities.
- * Notes to the Financial Statements, which explain in more detail and provide support for the information in the financial statements.
- * Supplementary Information –
Budget comparison Schedule –2020

DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE DISTRICT

For operational control, the District has classified all operations into two distinct categories: Operating and Non-operating. Operating Revenues and Operating Expenses are those items that are allocated to operations and are essential elements for day-to-day operation of the District. Non-operating Revenues are received and reserved for funding Non-operating Expenses that included infrastructure improvement, capacity development, and equipment purchases.

The District operates as a self-supporting enterprise, meaning that the revenue received from wastewater treatment and other Operating revenue sources must be adequate to cover expenses of day-to-day operation of the District. Capital projects, including infrastructure, capacity development, and equipment purchases are funded using Non-operating Revenues. Primarily, Non-operating Revenues are received from the sales of new sewer service connections called Plant Investment Fees. The Operating philosophy is critically dependent upon effective rates and user fees.

The District's day-to-day operational control involves many levels of planning, forecasting, and budgeting. Revenues and expenses are allocated to specific functions of the District and staff is required to comply with monthly budget and budget variance parameters. The effectiveness of this system and the development of Cost of Service based fees and rates have been instrumental in operating the District in an efficient and economical manner.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT

One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is "Is the District as a whole better off or worse off as a result of this year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the following Statement of Activities are included to answer this question.

	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 3,167,110	\$ 1,892,864
NON CURRENT ASSETS	36,841,344	37,587,496
TOTAL ASSETS	40,008,454	39,480,360
CURRENT LIABILITIES	974,274	828,718
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,031,429	4,646,667
TOTAL LAIBILITIES	5,005,703	5,475,385
NET POSITION:		
Invested in Capital Assets	27,977,408	27,221,791
Unrestricted	7,025,344	6,783,184
NET POSITION	\$ 35,002,752	\$ 34,004,975

- The District funds its activities from interest earnings, new tap sales (Plant Investment Fees), and service fee charges.

	2020	2019
Operating Revenue:		
Service Fee Charges	\$ 3,207,234	\$ 3,192,858
Operating Expense	<u>(2,963,953)</u>	<u>(2,994,092)</u>
Net Income / (Loss) from Operations	243,281	198,766
Net Non-Operating Revenue/(Expense)	<u>488,785</u>	<u>1,254,755</u>
Income before Contributions	<u>732,066</u>	<u>1,453,521</u>
Capital Contributions:		
Plant Investment Fees	265,710	275,163
System Contribution	-	330,488
Total Contributed Capital	<u>265,710</u>	<u>605,651</u>
Net Position Beginning	34,004,976	31,945,803
Net Position Ending	<u>35,002,752</u>	<u>34,004,976</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 997,776</u>	<u>\$ 2,059,173</u>

Capital Assets

At the end of 2020, the District had invested \$32,609,075 (net of \$19,173,360) in accumulated depreciation), in a broad range of infrastructure, collection lines, maintenance and office facilities, treatment plant, vehicles and equipment as shown in the following table.

	Balance December 31, 2019	Reclass & Additions	Reclass & Deletions	Balance December 31, 2020
Land	\$ 3,028,297	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,028,297
Land Improvements	1,729,854	-	-	1,729,854
Building & Improvements	22,606,083	143,672	-	22,749,755
System Transmission Lines	17,633,124	1,102,610	(106,411)	18,629,323
Office Furniture & Equipment	192,240	-	(12,868)	179,372
Equipment	5,421,698	135,480	(91,344)	5,465,834
Total	<u>50,611,296</u>	<u>1,381,762</u>	<u>(210,623)</u>	<u>51,782,435</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(18,172,600)	(1,198,222)	197,462	(19,173,360)
Construction in Process	-	-	-	-
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 32,438,696</u>	<u>\$ 183,540</u>	<u>\$ (13,161)</u>	<u>\$ 32,609,075</u>

The District's sewer system is a combination of the infrastructure contribution of developers, and the District's on-going capital projects.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

As required by State Law, the District adopts a budget and appropriates funds for the following year by December 15th of each year. If an amendment is necessary, the Board will approve a supplemental appropriation at a public hearing and file it with the State of Colorado. Budget to actual statements is included as Supplemental Information in the audited financial statements. There were no supplemental appropriations made to the 2019 or 2020 budgets.

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2019 Budget	2019 Actual
Service Charges	\$ 3,148,020	\$ 3,207,234	\$ 3,136,060	\$ 3,192,858
Misc. Income	93,164	91,227	112,960	120,417
Plant Investment Fees	229,300	265,710	212,600	275,163
Investment Income	75,000	150,882	97,000	179,941
Grant Income	-	398,149	42,000	1,122,839
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,545,484</u>	<u>\$ 4,113,202</u>	<u>\$ 3,600,620</u>	<u>\$ 4,891,218</u>
Admin. Expenses	\$ 633,809	\$ 520,120	\$ 604,377	\$ 508,140
Operating Expenses	1,729,152	1,254,538	1,624,135	1,338,873
Capital Outlay	1,450,000	1,381,762	3,504,025	3,018,065
Debt Service	731,526	727,784	733,451	719,824
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 4,544,487</u>	<u>\$ 3,884,204</u>	<u>\$ 6,465,988</u>	<u>\$ 5,584,902</u>

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

2020 Actual Expenses vs. Budget were a \$731,940 favorable variance.
 2020 Actual Revenues vs. Budget were a \$567,718 favorable variance, primarily due to grant funding received in 2020.

2019 Actual Expenses vs. Budget were a \$881,086 favorable variance.
 2019 Actual Revenues vs. Budget were a \$1,290,598 favorable variance.

The actual tap fee revenue received in 2020 was more than budgeted due primarily to an improved building economy, more interest was earned on investment than anticipated, and the receipt of a grant, were the main reasons actual revenue was higher than budgeted.

Miscellaneous revenues include offsite wastewater hauling from oil and gas camps and gravel mining royalties. Both revenue sources are subject to economic conditions and may not be realized. Contingency plans are in place to defer or eliminate capital projects if not realized.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ACTIVITIES

During 2020, the District expended \$1,381,761 for capital related expenses and to complete capital improvements for treatment and infrastructure projects. The following are some of the major improvements that were added or are in progress for the system in 2020.

Capital Outlays:

During 2020, \$143,672 was spent on a the VFD project allowing for blower turndown to provide increased efficiency and operational control; \$1,102,609 was spent on construction projects including sewer line replacements on E Road, 31 Road, and Smallwood Drive as well as approximately 20,000 feet of sewer main rehabilitation through lining and \$135,480 was spent on equipment including a work pickup, replacement maintenance utility vehicle, and dump trailer.

The District's wastewater systems are operated in accordance with a host of federal, state, and local public health and environmental regulations and standards. These mandates continue to evolve and become more stringent. Regulatory projects are typically mandated, and consequences of non-compliance can be severe (i.e., administrative penalties, building moratoriums, etc.). Therefore, regulatory requirements are considered highest-priority projects for the District.

The 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes continued collection system rehabilitation, a collection system sewer line replacement project, treatment plant equipment replacement/upgrade, and mobile equipment replacement. Clifton Sanitation District plans to implement the aforementioned projects in 2021 to continue to protect public health and water quality and ensure sufficient wastewater capacity to meet future growth needs.

Debt Activities

Adequate funding from revenues projected in 2021 will be sufficient to pay the scheduled debt service amounts. The District does not plan to incur new debt for 2021 or to finance capital projects. Note 8 in the Notes to the Financial Statements provide the details of the District's long-term indebtedness.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

Clifton Sanitation District is located on the Western Slope of Colorado, between Grand Junction and Palisade and provides sanitary sewer service to an estimated 21,000 residents of Clifton and the Community of Whitewater.

The number of taps sold by the District is tightly correlated to the boom-and-bust cycle of western Colorado's economy. The cyclical nature of western Colorado's economy

makes it difficult for the District to plan for future service needs. Boom years can result in growth too rapid for the District to keep pace while bust years prevent the District from collecting enough revenue to maintain existing infrastructure. Actual tap fee revenue in 2020 exceeded budget projections. Tap fee revenue budget was increased in 2021 due to this trend and is again anticipated to meet or exceed this budget. When developing the 2022 budget growth trends will be evaluated and it is anticipated that decreased tap fee budget will be proposed at that time.

The monthly sewer service charges are based upon the cost to collect, treat, and dispose of wastewater from one single-family unit. The charges comprise the funds for operations, maintenance, and debt service.

In 2017, the District authorized Farnsworth Consulting Group to update the previous Master Plan completed in 2008, develop an asset management needs assessment, and update the last rate study completed in 2011. The Master Plan update evaluated the collection system and provided the District with an up-to-date capital improvement plan for future improvement recommendations based on dwelling unit increases and system capacity projections.

Asset management consists of systematic and coordinated activities and practices through which the District optimally manages its physical assets and the performance and expenditure over their lifecycle. The goal of asset management is to ensure that the District has sufficient information to make value-based decisions related to operating, maintaining, repairing, rehabilitating, and replacing assets.

Red Oak Consulting completed the last rate study in December 2011. The updated study completed by Farnsworth Consulting /group evaluated the current financial position of the District and the need to have a fee system to provide the capital for future projects and on-going operation of the District. The study recommended fee changes necessary to maintain the District in a strong financial position. The rate study included a comprehensive cash flow and financial analysis, cost of service analysis, examination of the financial status and policies, and proposed rate and fee schedule adjustments. The District anticipates completion of a rate study in 2022.

The District has an Intergovernmental Agreement, (IGA) with the Whitewater Public Improvement District, (WWPID) to treat the sanitary sewer from the Whitewater community. The District has been treating wastewater from the WWPID affective December 2012. In addition to the Whitewater Community, the District will be providing service to the properties adjacent to the sewer main between the WWPID and the District treatment facility. Only minor growth took place along this corridor in 2020, however, it is anticipated this will be a growth area for the District in upcoming years.

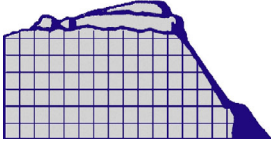
User fees, growth, and increasing water quality standards being implemented by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) are contributing factors that will be evaluated before a final budget is adopted for the next year's budget.

The 2020 budget reflected no rate adjustment to monthly service fees. The rate schedule had proposed a rate increase of 3.5% in 2021, however due to current local economic conditions because of the novel coronavirus outbreak a rate increase was stayed for 2021. This delayed rate increase is anticipated for inclusion in the 2022 proposed budget. It is the District's intent to update the financial analysis annually to recognize changes in customer billing data, operating expenditures and capital improvement needs. Future rate increases will likely be necessary to ensure that adequate reserves are in place to address any operating deficit as well as the necessary funds to address infrastructure rehabilitation and replacement.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT MANAGER

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, and creditors with the general overview of the District's finances and demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions concerning this report or need additional information, please contact the Manager of Clifton Sanitation District 3217 D Road, Clifton, Colorado 81520.

Eli Jennings
District Manager
January 29, 2021



Paul D. Miller CPA, LLC.

Certified Public Accountant

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Clifton Sanitation District
Clifton, Colorado

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Clifton Sanitation District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I 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, I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Clifton Sanitation District, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information on pages i-vii 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. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I 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.

Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Clifton Sanitation District's financial statements taken as a whole. The budgetary comparison information on page 14 is the responsibility of management, was derived from, and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Paul D. Miller, CPA, LLC

Grand Junction, CO
January 29, 2021

CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
As of December 31, 2020

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 2,489,074
Accounts receivable-service fees-less \$0 allowance	569,567
Other receivables	7,063
Inventory (Cost)	73,671
Prepaid expenses	18,350
Accrued interest receivable	9,384
Total Current Assets	3,167,110

NONCURRENT ASSETS:

Cash -HRA	3,798
Investments	4,228,472
Capital assets	32,609,075
Total Noncurrent Assets	36,841,344

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 40,008,454
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LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 198,886
Other current liabilities	3,791
Unearned gravel revenue	67,179
Accrued payroll	22,262
Accrued interest payable	49,720
Accrued compensated absences	32,198
Current loans payable	600,238
Total Current Liabilities	974,274

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Loans payable less current portion	4,031,429
Total Long-term Liabilities	4,031,429

TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,005,702
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NET POSITION

Invested in capital assets net of related debt	27,977,408
Unrestricted	7,025,344
NET POSITION	35,002,752

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$ 40,008,454
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2020

OPERATING REVENUE	
Charges for services	\$ 3,207,234
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Treatment	1,023,941
Collection	230,597
Depreciation	1,198,222
General operating expenses	511,192
Total Operating Expense	<u>2,963,953</u>
Net (Loss) From Operations	<u>243,281</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)	
Miscellaneous income	91,227
Grant income	398,149
Investment income	150,882
Investment expense	(8,928)
Interest expense	(142,545)
Total Non-Operating Revenue	<u>488,785</u>
NET (LOSS) INCOME BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>732,066</u>
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS:	
Plant investment fees	265,710
System contribution (non cash)	-
Total Capital Contribution	<u>265,710</u>
Change in Net Position	997,776
Total Net Position - Beginning	<u>34,004,976</u>
Total Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 35,002,752</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from customers	\$ 3,230,379
Other cash receipts	502,071
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	(737,882)
Cash payments to suppliers	(1,522,108)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,472,460
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Acquisition & construction of capital assets	(1,206,880)
(Increase) Decrease in restricted cash	(2,761)
Payment of loans	(585,238)
Plant investment fees	265,710
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(1,529,169)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Net Investment income (Net of Investment expense of \$8,928)	75,516
Withdrawal from investment	302,515
Net sale (purchase) of investments	997,530
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	1,375,561
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,318,852
CASH - Beginning of year	1,170,222
CASH - End of year	\$ 2,489,074
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 243,281
Adjustment to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	1,198,222
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	8,661
Change in assets and liabilities	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	26,911
(Increase) decrease in inventory	-
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	2,371
(Increase) decrease in interest receivable	4,268
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	37,971
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	(7,795)
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	3,662
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll	5,701
Increase (decrease) in other current payables	(2,640)
Total adjustments	1,277,332
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 1,520,613
NON-CASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Market value change	\$ 79,634
Acceptance of Subdivisions	\$ -
Interest expense	\$ 142,545
Capital assets purchased by accounts payable	\$ 40,992

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

HISTORY AND ACTIVITY

The Clifton Sanitation District operates as a Special District formed by an election in 1967. The District was organized under the provisions of the Colorado Revised Statutes, 1963 Chapter 89, Article 5, as amended. The purpose of the District is to operate and maintain the sanitary sewer system of the District.

A Revenue Bond Resolution accomplished initial financing for the construction of the sewer facilities in 1968, whereby the District authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$471,190. In addition to the financing arranged through the Farmers Home Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, an initial development grant was made to the District in the amount of \$222,200 that helped defray development costs. In consideration for the grant from the Farmers Home Administration, the District has agreed to comply with certain terms and conditions as set forth in the Association Sewer System Grant Agreement dated February 21, 1968.

The accounting policies of the Clifton Sanitation District conform to generally accepted accounting principles. The following is a summary of such significant policies.

REPORTING ENTITY

Clifton Sanitation District is the primary government operating as a sanitation enterprise fund. The District has no component units.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION – FUND ACCOUNTING

The operations of the District are accounted for as an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body had decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purpose.

INVESTMENTS

Investments, consisting of funds invested in a local government investment pool (Note 9), are measured at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The District uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the District's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING-CONTINUED

It requires the classification of net position into three components- invested in capital assets, net of related debt, restricted, and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

- Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – This consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted – This consists of constraints placed on net position use through external restrictions imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants,), grantors, contributors, or law or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted – This consists of net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt”.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The fund of the District is accounted for on a cost of service or “capital maintenance” measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities associated with the activity of the District are included on the balance sheet. Equipment and property are recorded at cost. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on the balance sheet. Depreciation is provided over estimated useful lives of 5-50 years, using the straight-line method. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred, while significant betterments and replacements are recorded as increases to equipment. As assets are retired or disposed of, the cost and associated accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and gains or losses on these sales or disposals are included in income. It is the District’s policy to capitalized assets that cost \$1,500 or more and have a two-year life or longer.

BUDGET BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The annual budget is prepared and approved by the board of directors in accordance with the State of Colorado Financial Management Manual. The budget is submitted to Mesa County and the District adopts an appropriation resolution for the next fiscal year before December 31. The Board of Directors may amend the appropriation resolution at any time during the year if warranted by circumstances.

The budget basis of accounting differs from the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis in the contributed capital is included in revenue, outlays for acquisition of fixed assets are included as expenses.

TAX, SPENDING AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments. The amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it complies with the requirements of the law because it does not collect any taxes or other public funds and is, therefore, exempt from the provisions of the law. However, the District has made certain interpretations of the law’s language in order to determine its compliance.

CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Eligible employees may accrue sick leave but are not paid upon leaving employment. All eligible employees are entitled to vacation based upon their years of service, but in no case may they accrue more than 42 days of vacation time. Total accrued compensated absences for 2020 were \$32,198.

BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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The budget basis of accounting differs from the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis in that contributed capital (plant investment fees) is included as revenue, outlays for debt retirement and acquisition of fixed assets are included as expenses.

ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS

All taxes and service fees become a lien on property if not paid. However, due to the cost of filing liens and the time involved, the District elects to write off small balances from time to time. All service fees were considered collectible on December 31, 2020.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE CHARGES

As required by Colorado statute, the use of availability of services charges is restricted to meeting current debt service requirements.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has reviewed subsequent events through the date of the audit report.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Clifton Sanitation District is, as are most governmental entities, exposed to a variety of risks that result in losses. These risks include possible loss from acts of God, injury to employees, or breach of contract. Clifton Sanitation District has financed losses that may arise from these and other events by purchasing commercial insurance. There were no reductions in coverage from 2019 to 2020. Settlements have not exceeded coverage in any of the past four years.

ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In general, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full, from current financial resources and are reported as current obligations for the fund. Long-term bond obligations are accrued as a long-term liability on the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED

RESTRICTED ASSETS/RESERVATIONS OF NET POSITION

Assets are reported as restricted when limitation on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, laws of other governments, or imposed by enabling legislation. Reservations of net position arise from certain Board designations of net position, as well as the aforementioned constraints. It is the District's policy to use restricted funds first, for expenditures which both restricted and unrestricted funds are available.

NOTE 2 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in fixed assets follows:

For 2020:

	Balance December 31, 2019	Reclass & Additions	Reclass & Deletions	Balance December 31, 2020
Land	\$ 3,028,297	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,028,297
Land Improvements	1,729,854	-	-	1,729,854
Building & Improvements	22,606,083	143,672	-	22,749,755
System Transmission Lines	17,633,124	1,102,610	(106,411)	18,629,323
Office Furniture & Equipment	192,240	-	(12,868)	179,372
Equipment	5,421,698	135,480	(91,344)	5,465,834
Total	50,611,296	1,381,762	(210,623)	51,782,435
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(18,172,600)	(1,198,222)	197,462	(19,173,360)
Construction in Process	-	-	-	-
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 32,438,696</u>	<u>\$ 183,540</u>	<u>\$ (13,161)</u>	<u>\$ 32,609,075</u>

NOTE 3 – CASH AND DEPOSITS

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories; state regulators determine eligibility. Amounts on deposit more than federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to the aggregate uninsured deposits.

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NOTE 3 – CASH AND DEPOSITS-CONTINUED

	<u>2020</u>
Cash and investments consisted of the following:	
Uninsured	\$ 296
Deposits: Insured	
Checking, Money markets, CD's	750,000
Deposits: Collateralized	<u>1,742,575</u>
TOTAL DEPOSITS	<u>2,492,871</u>
Investments	
U.S. Treasury NT. (Level 2)	2,724,294
Federal National Mortgage (Level 2)	<u>1,504,178</u>
(Rated by Moody's Aaa & S&P AAA)	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>4,228,472</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,721,343</u>

Colorado Statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local government entities may invest. Authorized investments include obligation of the United States and certain U.S. government agency securities; certain international agency securities; general obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local Colorado Statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local government entities may invest. Authorized investments include obligation of the United States and certain U.S. government agency securities; certain international agency securities; general obligation and revenue bonds of the U.S. local government entities; bankers' acceptance of certain banks; commercial paper; local government investment pools; written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities; certain money market funds, and guaranteed contracts.

The Districts investments on December 31, 2020 are registered in the District's name and are categorized above to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at year-end.

Of the total deposit shown above \$1,073,688 is insured and collateralized through a private insurance carrier retained by Charles Schwab on behalf of Clifton Sanitation District. and \$250,000 is insured by a bank and \$1,168,887 is collateralized under P.D.P.A.

The District considers cash in the bank, cash on hand, and investment with original maturities of three months or less as cash and cash equivalents.

NOTE 4 – PENSION PLAN

The District provides pension benefits for all its full-time employees through a defined contribution plan that was adopted by resolution April 4, 1994. The plan adopted is part of the Colorado Retirement Association. The contribution rate is equal to 6% of eligible employees' compensation from the District and 6% rate for the employee. The District's total payroll for the year ending December 31, 2020 was \$542,117. The contribution for 2020 was \$32,527 for the employer and \$32,527 by the employee. The Employer could authorize benefit terms as well as amend those terms.

The District also offers it employees the ability to contribute to a Deferred Compensation Plan (457) if they so choose. On December 31, 2020, one employee is contributing to the plan. The District does not match the contributions to this plan.

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NOTE 5 – CHANGE IN CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS (UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION)

A summary of the changes in the contributed capital accounts for the years ended December 31, 2020 is as follows:

Tap fees	\$ 265,710
Donated sewer lines by developers	-
	<u>\$ 265,710</u>

NOTE 6 – MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT PLAN (HRA)

In 2011, the District established an HRA plan to cover employees' deductible. For 2020, the Board has approved a \$1,040 per month for participant, spouse, and/or qualified dependents. The aggregate maximum qualified benefit amount to be available for all plan years combined is \$12,480. The HRA dollars must first be applied to the District's group health insurance premiums for spousal or dependent coverage. Any remaining dollars can be used for IRS Code 213 (d) expenses except for individual insurance premiums. The funds remain the District's when employee leave or are terminated, and the annual funding is to be determined by the Board and is not an automatic event.

NOTE 7 – LOANS/BONDS PAYABLE

Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (WPCRF). This loan for \$2,000,000 is part of a total package that deals with the dissolution of Clifton Sanitation District # 1, (not related) the assumption of the District's # 1 area by Clifton Sanitation District. These funds were used for the plant investment portion of the District new plant, and the remaining \$500,000 was used for the closing down of the District's # 1 lagoons and final business. The \$2,000,000 carries no interest and is payable over twenty years. The first payment will be made May and November of each year beginning May 1, 2007. The payments will be \$47,619 each loan payment date. Below is the amortization of the total \$2,000,000:

2021	\$ 95,238
2022	95,238
2023	95,238
20024	95,238
2025	95,238
2026-2027	190,477
	666,667
Less Current	(95,238)
Total	\$ 571,429

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NOTE 8 – LOANS/BONDS PAYABLE-CONTINUED

Beginning Balance 1/1/2020	\$ 761,905
Payment 2020	<u>95,238</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2020	<u>\$ 666,667</u>

In 2015, District refinanced a loan from the Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority (CWRPDA). The total of the loan was \$9,800,000. At the time of refinancing, the loan balance was \$6,295,000. The remaining life of the note is 10 years, at an interest rate of 3.64%. Payments are made in February and August of each year. The funds were used for the construction of a new treatment plant. Following is the amortization of payment of these funds.

Beginning Balance 1/1/20	\$ 4,455,000
2020 payments	<u>490,000</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 3,965,000</u>

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 505,000	\$ 133,862	\$ 638,862
2022	520,000	120,425	640,425
2023	535,000	102,387	637,387
2024	555,000	83,864	638,864
2025	570,000	68,099	638,099
2026-2027	<u>1,280,000</u>	<u>(5,725)</u>	<u>1,274,275</u>
	3,965,000	502,912	4,467,912
Less Current	<u>(505,000)</u>	<u>(133,862)</u>	<u>(638,862)</u>
Long-term Portion	<u>\$ 3,460,000</u>	<u>\$ 369,050</u>	<u>\$ 3,829,050</u>

Total Debt Summary:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 600,238	\$ 183,862	\$ 784,100
2022	615,238	120,425	735,663
2023	630,238	102,387	732,625
2024	650,238	83,864	734,102
2025	665,238	68,100	733,338
2026-2027	<u>1,470,476</u>	<u>(5,722)</u>	<u>1,464,754</u>
	4,631,666	552,916	5,184,582
Less Current	<u>(600,238)</u>	<u>(183,862)</u>	<u>(784,100)</u>
Long-term Portion	<u>\$ 4,031,428</u>	<u>\$ 369,054</u>	<u>\$ 4,400,482</u>

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NOTE 9 – SUMMARY OF FAIR VALUE EXPOSURE

The District categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 input are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The inputs and methodology used for valuing the Organization’s financial assets and liabilities are not indicators of the risk associated with those instruments.

The following table provides fair value measurement information for financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2020:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Investment in Securities</u>
Level 1: Quoted prices:	\$ -
Level 2: Other significant observable inputs:	4,228,472
Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs	<u>-</u>
Total fair value	<u>\$4,228,472</u>

NOTE 10 – LEASE.

The District leases a copier. The terms of the lease are as follows: 60 months at \$302 per month. The copier is on an operating lease, as the District will turn the copier over at the end of the lease term. Following is the yearly lease amt.

2021	\$ 3,628
2022	3,628
2023	3,628
2024	3,628
2025	<u>3,524</u>
Total	<u>\$ 18,036</u>

NOTE 11 – REQUIRED RESERVES

As required by the Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority, Clifton Sanitation District must have reserve cash that can meet the required O & M as stipulated in the 2006 Note agreement. For the 2021 budget, the District manages the reserve fund to include operating reserves utilizing six months of operating expenses, (\$1,000,000), Emergency Capital Reserves of approximately 1% of the value of the system \$500,000; debt service reserves are one year of debt service, (\$734,101). The District believes that it meets this requirement.

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NOTE 12 – GASB 83 “CERTAIN ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS”

The District has begun evaluating the effects that GASB 83, Certain Assets Retirement Obligation (ARO), would have on its operation and assets. GASB 83, requires an entity to, upon an event happening to determine what it will cost to retire that asset. Because GASB 83 addresses what is to be done and how the liability is to be booked, when an asset is to be retired, the District, along with its engineers have developed a plan and an estimated cost if the District were to have to decommission its plant.

Since a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital assets has not occurred, and the District does not foresee an event occurring in the near future, they will continue to monitor the cost and technology changes that may cause a portion of their plant to become obsolete and require the retirement of assets.

NOTE 13 – NOVEL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND IMPACT ON THE DISTRICT

The District's revenue was not impacted materially by the novel coronavirus pandemic in 2020. The District was considered a critical government service as defined in the Governor's Public Health Order 20-24, so services were not interrupted during the 2020 year. The only revenue stream that was affected was, late fees and shut offs were not allowed to be billed from April 2020 thru September 2020.

For 2021, the District that operations will continue normally. Management will continue to monitor the state and local standards and adjust operations accordingly.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

CLIFTON SANITATION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS)
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Service Charges	3,207,234	3,148,020	\$ 59,214
Miscellaneous income	91,227	93,164	(1,937)
Plant investment fee	265,710	229,300	36,410
Grant income	398,149	-	398,149
Investment income	150,882	75,000	75,882
Total Revenue	4,113,202	3,545,484	567,718
EXPENSES:			
Treatment:			
Salaries	465,326	543,916	78,590
Employee benefits	159,732	259,280	99,548
Chemicals	43,301	38,500	(4,801)
Utilities	138,762	170,274	31,512
Insurance-Treatment	20,129	22,045	1,916
Repairs & maintenance	110,712	275,131	164,419
Fuel	8,641	11,500	2,859
Lab and other tests	19,849	22,281	2,432
Vehicle expense	15,844	39,065	23,222
Other	41,646	56,990	15,344
Total Treatment Expenses	1,023,941	1,438,982	415,041
Collection:			
Salaries	16,130	35,240	19,109
Employee benefits	2,404	15,207	12,803
Repairs & maintenance	77,974	86,883	8,909
Computer & Internet support	4,034	6,075	2,041
Line maintenance	103,532	121,766	18,234
Traffic control	26,524	25,000	(1,524)
Total Collection Expense	230,597	290,170	59,573
General & Administrative:			
Salaries	179,585	182,220	2,635
Employee benefits	75,899	69,927	(5,972)
Communication	12,071	13,493	1,422
Insurance and bonds	8,627	9,448	821
Professional fees	80,164	67,100	(13,064)
Directors' fees and expense	9,280	9,800	520
Miscellaneous	10,279	8,800	(1,479)
Vehicle expense	955	2,938	1,983
Training & education	6,978	-	(6,978)
Permits and fees	13,615	21,300	7,685
Occasional labor	18,986	28,000	9,014
Safety expense	21,955	27,000	5,045
Advertising	8,826	8,040	(786)
Office supplies and postage	63,972	76,481	12,509
Contingency	-	100,000	100,000
Investment expense	8,928	9,261	333
Total General & Administrative Expense	520,120	633,809	113,689

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 BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS)
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Expenses-carried forward	\$ 1,774,658	\$ 2,362,962	\$ 588,303
Capital outlays	1,381,862	1,450,000	68,138
Debt service:			
Principal	585,239	585,238	(1)
Interest	142,545	146,288	3,742
	<u>3,884,304</u>	<u>4,544,487</u>	<u>660,183</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	228,897	<u>\$ (999,003)</u>	<u>\$ 1,227,901</u>
Adjustments to budgetary basis:			
Capital outlay	1,381,862		
System contribution	-		
Depreciation	(1,198,222)		
Debt service	585,239		
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>\$ 997,776</u>		