

### **Financial Statements Audit Report**

# **Terrace Heights Sewer District**

For the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

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### Office of the Washington State Auditor Pat McCarthy

December 23, 2024

Board of Commissioners Terrace Heights Sewer District Yakima, Washington

### **Report on Financial Statements**

Please find attached our report on the Terrace Heights Sewer District's financial statements.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the District's financial activities and condition.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

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Olympia, WA

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### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

### **Terrace Heights Sewer District** January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

This schedule presents the status of findings reported in prior audit periods.

Audit Period:			Report Ref. N	0.:	: Finding Ref. No.:				
January 1, 2019 th	nrough December 31, 2	202	1033125		2021-001				
Finding Caption:									
The District's int	The District's internal controls over preparing its financial statements were inadequate for								
ensuring accurate	reporting.								
Background:									
Our audit found of	deficiencies in the Dis	strict's	internal control	s over 1	financial reporting that,				
when taken toge	ther, represent a mate	erial v	weakness. As a	result,	we found the District				
incorrectly report	ed outstanding debt a	and pe	ensions on the s	schedule	e of liabilities, did not				
properly reconcil	e cash, revenues and	expe	nditures to the	general	ledger and incorrectly				
classified revenue	es and expenses on the	financ	cial statements.						
Status of Correct	tive Action: (check or	ne)							
☐ Fully	□ Partially	$\square$ No	at Corrected	☐ Fii	nding is considered no				
Corrected Corrected longer valid									
Corrective Actio	Corrective Action Taken:								
The District is continuing to improve our education and understanding of our reporting									

requirements and the BARS system.

Through the support and training provided by WSAO, MRSC, DRS and WFOA we have increased our knowledge of reporting requirements.

- The District hired additional support staff to assist in the review of financial reporting.
- Staff attended continuing education to review the BARS system as well as individual topics such as SBITAS, Utility Billing, & Bond/EMMA Reporting.
- The District is in the process of upgrading our software to assist with proper classification and reconciliation of the general ledger.
- We have requested that our Board of Commissioners allow us to stay on a 2-year audit schedule to make sure our changes are consistently improving.

We are committed to continuing this improvement process and look forward to working with the auditor's office to fine tune our reporting and understanding.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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* 

### Terrace Heights Sewer District January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

Board of Commissioners Terrace Heights Sewer District Yakima, Washington

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Terrace Heights Sewer District, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2024.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District's financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. We issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because the financial statements are prepared by the District using accounting practices prescribed by state law and the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual described in Note 1, which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

### REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District'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 above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We noted certain other matters that we have reported to the management of the District in a separate letter dated December 17, 2024.

### REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However,

this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

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Olympia, WA

December 17, 2024

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### Terrace Heights Sewer District January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

Board of Commissioners Terrace Heights Sewer District Yakima, Washington

### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### **Unmodified and Adverse Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of the Terrace Heights Sewer District, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the financial section of our report.

### Unmodified Opinion on the Regulatory Basis of Accounting (BARS Manual)

As described in Note 1, the District has prepared these financial statements to meet the financial reporting requirements of state law and accounting practices prescribed by the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) Manual. Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The differences in these accounting practices are also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash and investments of the Terrace Heights Sewer District, and its changes in cash and investments, for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

The financial statements referred to above were not intended to, and in our opinion, they do not, present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Terrace Heights Sewer District, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, or the changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the years then ended, because of the significance of the matter discussed below.

### Basis for Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and *Government Auditing Standards*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit unmodified and adverse opinions.

### Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

Auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) require auditors to formally acknowledge when governments do not prepare their financial statements, intended for general use, in accordance with GAAP. As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the District in accordance with state law using accounting practices prescribed by the BARS Manual, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of state law and the BARS Manual described in Note 1. This includes determining that the basis of accounting is acceptable for the presentation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* includes the following responsibilities:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit;
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing
  an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such
  opinion is expressed;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements;
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time; and
- We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's financial statements. The Schedules of Liabilities are presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the prescribed BARS manual. These schedules are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and 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 our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

### OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on the 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 effectiveness of the District's 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

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Olympia, WA

December 17, 2024

### FINANCIAL SECTION

### Terrace Heights Sewer District January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# Terrace Heights Sewer District Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

308	Beginning Cash and Investments	3,709,942
388 / 588	Net Adjustments	-
Revenues		
310	Taxes	-
320	Licenses and Permits	-
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	7,000
340	Charges for Goods and Services	2,582,551
350	Fines and Penalties	-
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	59,194
Total Revenue	es:	2,648,745
Expenditures		
510	General Government	-
520	Public Safety	-
530	Utilities	1,594,339
540	Transportation	-
550	Natural/Economic Environment	-
560	Social Services	-
570	Culture and Recreation	-
Total Expendit	tures:	1,594,339
Excess (Defici	ency) Revenues over Expenditures:	1,054,406
Other Increases	in Fund Resources	
391-393, 596	Debt Proceeds	1,392,705
397	Transfers-In	-
385	Special or Extraordinary Items	-
381, 382, 389, 395, 398	Other Resources	2,797
Total Other Inc	creases in Fund Resources:	1,395,502
Other Decreases	in Fund Resources	
594-595	Capital Expenditures	1,801,718
591-593, 599	Debt Service	660,180
597	Transfers-Out	-
585	Special or Extraordinary Items	-
581, 582, 589	Other Uses	-
Total Other De	ecreases in Fund Resources:	2,461,898
Increase (Dec	crease) in Cash and Investments:	(11,990)
Ending Cash and	d Investments	
50821	Nonspendable	-
50831	Restricted	1,064,125
50841	Committed	-
50851	Assigned	2,633,826
50891	Unassigned	
Total Ending	Cash and Investments	3,697,951

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# Terrace Heights Sewer District Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

308	Beginning Cash and Investments	2,844,208
388 / 588	Net Adjustments	-
Revenues		
310	Taxes	-
320	Licenses and Permits	-
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	148,786
340	Charges for Goods and Services	2,534,460
350	Fines and Penalties	-
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	27,813
Total Revenue	es:	2,711,059
Expenditures		
510	General Government	-
520	Public Safety	-
530	Utilities	1,549,098
540	Transportation	-
550	Natural/Economic Environment	-
560	Social Services	-
570	Culture and Recreation	-
Total Expendit	ures:	1,549,098
Excess (Defici	ency) Revenues over Expenditures:	1,161,961
Other Increases	in Fund Resources	
391-393, 596	Debt Proceeds	542,250
397	Transfers-In	-
385	Special or Extraordinary Items	-
381, 382, 389, 395, 398	Other Resources	10,098
Total Other Inc	creases in Fund Resources:	552,348
Other Decreases	in Fund Resources	
594-595	Capital Expenditures	256,972
591-593, 599	Debt Service	591,603
597	Transfers-Out	-
585	Special or Extraordinary Items	-
581, 582, 589	Other Uses	_
Total Other De	ecreases in Fund Resources:	848,575
Increase (Dec	crease) in Cash and Investments:	865,734
Ending Cash and	I Investments	
50821	Nonspendable	-
50831	Restricted	1,050,822
50841	Committed	-
50851	Assigned	2,659,120
50891	Unassigned	
Total Ending	Cash and Investments	3,709,942

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

#### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Terrace Heights Sewer District is a special purpose district incorporated March 1954 in Yakima County, WA and provides sanitary sewer services to the residents of Terrace Heights as well as transporting the city of Moxee's wastewater through our sewer system infrastructure. The district has three elected Commissioners who serve six-year terms and administer to the district. The district is supported primarily through user fees, which pay for the cost of operations and payment of debt service, associated with construction. Terrace Heights Sewer District operates under Title 57 RCW and other laws of the State of Washington applicable to sewer districts.

Terrace Heights Sewer District reports financial activity in accordance with the Cash Basis Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System (BARS) Manual prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Washington State law, Chapter 43.09 RCW. This manual prescribes a financial reporting framework that differs from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the following manner:

- Financial transactions are recognized on a cash basis of accounting as described below.
- Component units are required to be disclosed but are not included in the financial statements.
- Government-wide statements, as defined in GAAP, are not presented.
- All funds are presented, rather than a focus on major funds.
- The *Schedule of Liabilities* is required to be presented with the financial statements as supplementary information.
- Supplementary information required by GAAP is not presented.
- Ending balances for proprietary and fiduciary funds are presented using classifications that are different from the ending net position classifications in GAAP.

### A. Fund Accounting

Financial transactions of the government are reported in individual funds. Each fund uses a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its cash and investments, revenues, and expenditures. The government's resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds depending on their intended purpose. Each fund is reported as a separate column in the financial statements, except for fiduciary funds, which are presented by fund types. The total column is presented as "memo only" because interfund activities are not eliminated. The following fund types are used:

### PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE:

### Enterprise Funds-

These funds account for operations that provide goods or services to the public and are supported primarily through user charges.

### B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting and measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when cash is received, and expenditures are recognized when paid. In accordance with state law Terrace Heights Sewer District also recognizes expenditures paid during twenty days after the close of the fiscal year for claims incurred during the previous period.

#### C. Cash and Investments

Terrace Heights Sewer District's deposits with Banner Bank are insured by FDIC. The district's investments are held by Yakima County, who acts as our Treasurer. Total investments and deposits at the end of December 31, 2023, were \$3,689,498.35. This includes \$2,796.81 received from our participation in the WASWD retro rating program with the Department of Labor & Industries. It is the district's policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. For more details see Note 3, Investments.

### D. Capital Assets

Capital assets are assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5000.00 and an estimated useful life of more than one year. Capital assets and inventory are recorded as capital expenditures when purchased.

### E. Compensated Absences

A maximum of 40 hours of vacation hours and 192 sick hours may be carried over from one year to the next. Any accrued but unused time in excess of those hours is automatically forfeited at the end of the calendar year. Accumulated vacation and sick hours are not routinely paid out at termination of employment and any expense derived from the payment of accrued vacation or sick time is recognized as an expenditure when it is paid, therefore the district does not tabulate compensated absences from year to year.

#### F. Long Term Debt

Long-term debt is reported in net of premiums and discounts. Premiums and discounts on long-term debts are amortized by the interest method over the period the related debt is outstanding. See Note 4 for more information.

### G. Reserved portion of Ending Cash and Investments

In accordance with bond resolutions (and related agreements), separate restricted funds are required to be established by Terrace Heights Sewer District Board of Commissioners. The assets held in these funds are restricted or have been reserved for debt service. Restricted funds totaled \$1,064,125.00 as of December 31, 2023.

### **Note 2. Budget Compliance**

There have been no material violations of finance related or contractual provisions.

The district is not legally required to adopt a budget, however, does so as a measure of monitoring revenues and controlling expenses. The Board of Commissioners adopts an annual budget and uses it as a financial plan for the district. The district has not reported budgetary comparison schedules herein.

### Note 3. Deposits and Investments

As required by state law, all investments of the district's funds are obligations of the U.S. Government or deposits with Washington State banks and savings and loan institutions, or other investments allowed by Chapter 39.59 RCW.

The District's cash and certificates of deposit are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission. At times, these balances may temporarily exceed insured limits. The District has not experienced any losses related to such accounts.

It is the Districts policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses, which are included in the fund balances shown on the Statement of Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions. The interest earned on these investments is posted to the Enterprise Fund.

The District is a voluntary participant in a Local Government Investment Pool, an external investment pool operated by Yakima County Treasurer Investment Pool (TIP) as a locally managed diversified investment option that takes advantage of economies of scale, simplify administration, and achieve a potentially higher yield than other investment options. Oversight of TIP is provided by the County Finance Committee and is in accordance with all State statutes governing the investment of public funds. The participants' shares in the Pool are purchased and redeemed at face value. All participants manage their own cash flow needs and direct the Treasurer by written request to deposit or withdraw monies from its funds for investment purposes.

The Yakima County Treasurer prepares a stand-alone financial report for the pool. A copy of the report is available from the Yakima County Treasurer, 128 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yakima, Washington 98901, or online at <a href="https://www.yakimacounty.us/1468/Annual-Reports">https://www.yakimacounty.us/1468/Annual-Reports</a>.

Type of Deposit or	Terrace Heights Sewer	Investments held by	Total
Investment	District's	Yakima County Treasurer	
	own Deposits/Investments	for the district	
Construction-		\$48,746.37	\$48,746.37
605011			
Maintenance-		\$96,998.41	\$96,998.41
605012			
Debt Service Reserve-		\$31,183.33	\$31,183.33
605013			
THSD Capital		\$140,999.97	\$140,999.97
Improvement 6050135			

Bond Redemption 605014		\$295,149.62	\$295,149.62
THSD Rate Stabilization 6050145		\$102,131.81	\$102,131.81
CIP- 605017		\$657,501.47	\$657,501.47
Bond Construction- 6050190		\$290.13	\$290.13
(TIP) Local Government Investment Pool		\$2,229,421.00	\$2,229,421.00
Banner Bank	\$87,076.24	ĺ	\$87,076.24
Total Ending Balance	,	,	\$3,689,498.35

### Note 4. Long-Term Debt

The accompanying Schedule of Liabilities provides more details of the outstanding debt and liabilities of the district and summarizes the district's debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The debt service requirements for revenue bonds and public work loans are as follows:

Year	PC22-961	103-050	PE18-96103-20	0 6/1/2020-	BOND Thro	ugh 2033 Last	PW-06-962-045		PW-05-691-PRE-102		Total Long-				
	06/01/2022	-6/1/2041	6/1/2039 Inte	rest Rate	Pmnt to be	paid DEC 2032	07/01/2018-6/1/2026		07/01/2018-6/1/2026 07/01/		07/01/2006-		1/2018-6/1/2026 07/01/2006-		Term Debt and
	Interest Rate	e 0.94% up	1.6900% 22	5,581.84	7,915	,038.06	Interest Rate 0.50%		Interest Rate 0.50% 7/1/2025 Int		Interest				
	to 7,000,	.000.00				3,655,000		3,655,000		% 280,500					
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest					
2024	95,476.00	15,846.83	11,925.36	3,224.62	210,000.00	159,412.50	192,902.78	2,893.54	14,763.16	147.63	706,592.42				
2025	95,476.00	15,257.07	11,925.36	3,023.07	230,000.00	151,212.50	192,902.77	1,929.03	14,763.15	73.82	716,562.77				
2026	95,475.99	14,359.59	11,925.35	2,821.54	435,000.00	142,012.50	192,902.78	964.51			895,462.26				
2027	95,476.00	13,462.11	11,925.36	2,620.00	460,000.00	124,612.50					708,095.97				
2028	95,475.99	12,564.64	11,925.35	2,418.47	475,000.00	106,212.50					703,596.95				
2029-2033	477,379.98	49,361.09	59,626.81	9,069.24	2,105,000.00	224,827.50					2,925,264.62				
2034-2038	477,379.97	26,924.23	59,626.81	4,030.78							567,961.79				
2039-2042	286,428.02	5,384.84	11,925.36	201.54							303,939.76				
Total	1,718,567.95	153,160.40	190,805.76	27,409.26	3,915,000.00	908,290.00	578,708.33	5,787.08	29,526.31	221.45	7,527,476.54				

<sup>\*\*</sup> The amortization table for PC22-96103-050 was printed 7/2023 and reflects additional \$141,898.90 in drawdowns received after 7/2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The Bond payment of \$195,000.00 is due annually on January 1st. The principal balance shown reflects this payment.

#### Note 5. Pension Plans

Substantially all of Terrace Heights Sewer district's full-time employees participate in the following statewide retirement systems administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), under cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans.

The State Legislature establishes, and amends, laws pertaining to the creation and administration of all public retirement systems.

The Department of Retirement Systems, a department within the primary government of the State of Washington, issues a publicly available Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for each plan.

The DRS CAFR may be downloaded from the DRS website at www.drs.wa.gov.

On June 30, 2023 (the measurement date of the plans), the district's proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities (assets), was as follows:

	Employer Contributions	Allocation %	Liability (Asset)		
PERS 1	\$14,515.00	0.002130%	\$48,622.00		
PERS 2/3	PERS 2/3 \$24,181.00 .002750%				
Total Net Pension	\$48,622.00				

#### Note 6. Risk Management

Terrace Heights Sewer District is a member of the Water and Sewer Risk Management Pool (Pool). Chapter 48.62 RCW authorizes the governing body of any one or more governmental entities to form together into or join a pool or organization for the joint purchasing of insurance, and/or joint self-insuring, and/or joint hiring or contracting for risk management services to the same extent that they may individually purchase insurance, self-insurance, or hire or contract for risk management services. An agreement to form a pooling arrangement was made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The Pool was formed in November 1987 when water and sewer districts in the State of Washington joined together by signing an Interlocal Governmental Agreement to pool their self-insured losses and jointly purchase insurance and administrative services. The Pool currently has 72 members. The Pool's fiscal year is November 1st through

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Members make an annual contribution to fund the Pool. The Pool purchases insurance policies from unrelated underwriters as follows:

TYPE OF COVERAGE	MEMBER DEDUCTIBLE	SELF-INSURED RETENTION/GROUP	EXCESS LIMITS
Property Loss:			
Buildings and Contents	\$1,000 - \$25,000 and See (C) below	\$25,000	\$275,000,000
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Earthquake	See (B) below	See (B) below	\$100,000,000
			(\$75,000,000 shared by all members, \$25,000,000 dedicated to Alderwood)
Terrorism	\$1,000 - \$25,000	\$25,000	\$700,000,000
		Primary layer	Primary layer
Boiler & Machinery	\$1,000 - \$350,000	\$25,000 - \$350,000	\$100,000,000
	depending on object	depending on object	
Auto - Physical Damage	\$1,000-\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000,000
Liability:			
Commercial General Liability	\$1,000 - \$25,000	\$500,000	\$10,000,000
Auto Liability	\$1,000 - \$25,000	Same as above	\$10,000,000
Public Officials Errors			
and Omissions	\$1,000 - \$25,000	Same as above	\$10,000,000
Employment Practices	\$1,000 - \$25,000	Same as above	\$10,000,000
Other:			
Cyber Liability	\$50,000	N/A	\$2,000,000
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### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Terrace Heights Sewer District is in Yakima County, WA and provides sanitary sewer services to local residents of Terrace Heights as well as receiving Moxee City's sewage through our sewer system infrastructure. The district has three elected Commissioners who serve six-year terms and administer the district. The district is supported primarily through user fees, which pay for the cost of operations and payment of debt service, associated with construction. Terrace Heights Sewer District was incorporated in March 1954 and operates under the laws of the state of Washington applicable to a sewer district. Terrace Heights Sewer District is a special purpose local government and operates under Title 57 RCW and other laws of the State of Washington applicable to sewer districts.

Terrace Heights Sewer District reports financial activity in accordance with the Cash Basis Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System (BARS) Manual prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Washington State law, Chapter 43.09 RCW. This manual prescribes a financial reporting framework that differs from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the following manner:

- Financial transactions are recognized on a cash basis of accounting as described below.
- Component units are required to be disclosed but are not included in the financial statements.
- Government-wide statements, as defined in GAAP, are not presented.
- All funds are presented, rather than a focus on major funds.
- The *Schedule of Liabilities* is required to be presented with the financial statements as supplementary information.
- Supplementary information required by GAAP is not presented.
- Ending balances for proprietary and fiduciary funds are presented using classifications that are different from the ending net position classifications in GAAP.

### A. Fund Accounting

Financial transactions of the District are reported as proprietary type funds. The primary fund type is enterprise funds derived from the revenues collected for sewer services. This fund uses a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its cash and investments, revenues and expenditures. The total column is presented as "memo only" because any interfund activities are not eliminated. The following fund types are used:

#### PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE:

#### Enterprise Funds-

These funds account for operations that provide goods or services to the public and are supported primarily through user charges. The District breaks these funds into several accounts for budgeting purposes.

### B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting and measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when cash is received, and expenditures are recognized when paid. In accordance with state law Terrace Heights Sewer District also recognizes expenditures paid during twenty days after the close of the fiscal year for claims incurred during the previous period.

#### C. Cash and Investments

Terrace Heights Sewer District's deposits with Banner Bank are insured by FDIC. The district's investments are held by Yakima County, who acts as our Treasurer. Total investments and deposits at the end of December 31, 2022, were \$3,709,941.70. This includes \$10,097.72 received from our participation in the WASWD retro rating program with the Department of Labor & Industries. It is the district's policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. For more details see Note 3, Investments.

### D. Capital Assets

Capital assets are assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5000.00 and an estimated useful life of more than one year. Capital assets and inventory are recorded as capital expenditures when purchased.

### E. Compensated Absences

A maximum of 40 hours of vacation hours and 192 sick hours may be carried over from one year to the next. Any accrued but unused time in excess of those hours is automatically forfeited at the end of the calendar year. Accumulated vacation and sick hours are not routinely paid out at termination of employment and any expense derived from the payment of accrued vacation or sick time is recognized as an expenditure when it is paid, therefore the district does not tabulate compensated absences from year to year.

#### F. Long Term Debt

Long-term debt is reported net of premiums and discounts. Premiums and discounts on long-term debts are amortized by the interest method over the period the related debt is outstanding. See Note 4 for more information.

### G. Reserved portion of Ending Cash and Investments

In accordance with bond resolutions (and related agreements), separate restricted funds are required to be established by Terrace Heights Sewer District Board of Commissioners. The assets held in these funds are restricted or have been reserved for debt service. Restricted funds totaled \$1,050,822.00 as of December 31, 2022.

### **Note 2. Budget Compliance**

There have been no material violations of finance related or contractual provisions.

The district is not legally required to adopt a budget, however, does so as a measure of monitoring revenues and controlling expenses. The Board of Commissioners adopts an annual budget and uses it as a financial plan for the district. The district has not reported budgetary comparison schedules herein.

### Note 3. Deposits and Investments

As required by state law, all investments of the district's funds are obligations of the U.S. Government or deposits with Washington State banks and savings and loan institutions, or other investments allowed by Chapter 39.59 RCW.

The District's cash and certificates of deposit are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission. At times, these balances may temporarily exceed insured limits. The District has not experienced any losses related to such accounts.

It is the Districts policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses, which are included in the fund balances shown on the Statement of Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions. The interest earned on these investments is posted to the Enterprise Fund.

The District is a voluntary participant in a Local Government Investment Pool, an external investment pool operated by Yakima County Treasurer Investment Pool (TIP) as a locally managed diversified investment option that takes advantage of economies of scale, simplify administration, and achieve a potentially higher yield than other investment options. Oversight of TIP is provided by the County Finance Committee and is in accordance with all State statutes governing the investment of public funds. The participants' shares in the Pool are purchased and redeemed at face value. All participants manage their own cash flow needs and direct the Treasurer by written request to deposit or withdraw monies from its funds for investment purposes.

The Yakima County Treasurer prepares a stand-alone financial report for the pool. A copy of the report is available from the Yakima County Treasurer, 128 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yakima, Washington 98901, or online at <a href="https://www.yakimacounty.us/1468/Annual-Reports">https://www.yakimacounty.us/1468/Annual-Reports</a>.

Type of Deposit or	Terrace Heights Sewer	Investments held by	Total
Investment	District's	Yakima County Treasurer	
	own Deposits/Investments	for the district	
Construction-		\$62,692.21	\$62,692.21
605011			
Maintenance-		\$84,800.02	\$84,800.02
605012			
Debt Service Reserve-		\$15,926.83	\$15,926.83
605013			
Bond Redemption		\$295,887.12	\$295,887.12
605014		,,	,,
Building Construction-		\$52,500.00	\$52,500.00
6050160			
CIP-		\$379,811.42	\$379,811.42
605017			
Rate Stabilization-		\$160,110.69	\$160,110.69
605019			
(TIP) Local Government		\$2,479,420.00	\$2,479,420.00
Investment Pool			
Banner Bank	\$178,793.41		\$178,793.41
T. 15 !! D.			42 700 624 72
Total Ending Balance			\$3,709,941.70

### Note 4. Long-Term Debt

The accompanying Schedule of Liabilities provides more details of the outstanding debt and liabilities of the district and summarizes the district's debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The debt service requirements for revenue bonds and public work loans are as follows:

Year	PC22-961	03-050	PE18-96	103-200	BOND Thro	ugh 2033 Last	PW-06-9	62-045	PW-05-691-PRE-102		EL200425 11/16/2022-		Total Long-
	06/01/2022-	6/1/2041	6/1/2020-	-6/1/2039	Pmnt to be	paid DEC 2032	07/01/2018-	07/01/2018-6/1/2026		/1/2025	1/23/2023 Interest Rate		Term Debt and
	Interest Rate (	0.94% up to	Interest Ra	te 1.6900%	7,915	,038.06	Interest Ra	te 0.50%	Interest Rate	e 0.50%	2.000% 147	,572.81	Interest
	7,000,00	00.00	226,581.84				3,655,	000	280,50	0			
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2023	66,814.61	5,531.25	11,925.36	3,426.16	195,000.00	167,412.50	192,902.77	3,858.06	14,763.15	221.45	138,650.00	11,878.41	812,383.72
2024	95,476.00	15,846.83	11,925.36	3,224.62	210,000.00	159,412.50	192,902.78	2,893.54	14,763.16	147.63			706,592.42
2025	95,476.00	15,257.07	11,925.36	3,023.07	230,000.00	151,212.50	192,902.77	1,929.03	14,763.15	73.82			716,562.77
2026	95,475.99	14,359.59	11,925.36	2,821.54	435,000.00	142,012.50	192,902.78	964.51					895,462.27
2027	95,476.00	13,462.11	11,925.35	2,620.00	460,000.00	124,612.50							708,095.96
2028-2032	477,379.97	53,848.46	59,626.80	10,076.94	2,580,000.00	331,040.00							3,511,972.17
2033-2037	477,379.98	31,411.60	59,626.80	8,061.55									576,479.93
2038-2042	381,904.01	8,974.74	23,850.73	604.62									415,334.10
Total	1,785,382.56	158,691.65	202,731.12	33,858.50	4,110,000.00	1,075,702.50	771,611.10	9,645.14	44,289.46	442.90	138,650.00	11,878.41	8,342,883.34

<sup>\*\*</sup>The amortization table for PC22-96103-050 was printed 7/2023 and reflects additional \$1,250,806.56 in drawdowns received by7/2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The Bond payment of \$190,000.00 is due annually on January 1st. The principal balance shown reflects this payment.

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#### **Note 5. Pension Plans**

Substantially all of Terrace Heights Sewer district's full-time employees participate in the following statewide retirement systems administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), under cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans.

The State Legislature establishes, and amends, laws pertaining to the creation and administration of all public retirement systems.

The Department of Retirement Systems, a department within the primary government of the State of Washington, issues a publicly available Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for each plan.

The DRS CAFR may be downloaded from the DRS website at www.drs.wa.gov.

On June 30, 2022 (the measurement date of the plans), the district's proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities (assets), was as follows:

	Employer Contributions	Allocation %	Liability (Asset)
PERS 1	\$12,245.00	0.001998%	\$55,632.00
PERS 2/3	\$20,876.00	.002592%	(\$96,391.00)
Total Net Pens	\$55,632.00		

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General	Obligation Debt/Liabilities	·						
251.11	G.O BONDS	1/1/2033	4,300,000	-	190,000	4,110,000		
263.81	General Obligation Debt/Liabilities	6/1/2026	771,611	-	192,903	578,708		
263.81	General Obiligation Debt/Liabilities	12/31/2041	138,650	-	138,650	-		
263.81		6/1/2025	44,290	-	14,763	29,527		
263.81		6/1/2039	202,732	-	11,925	190,807		
263.81		6/1/2041	534,576	1,392,705	66,815	1,860,466		
Total General Obligation Debt/Liabilities:		5,991,859	1,392,705	615,056	6,769,508			
Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities								
264.30	Net Pension Liability	12/31/2021	55,632	-	7,010	48,622		
	Total Revenue and Ot D	her (non G.O.) ebt/Liabilities:	55,632	-	7,010	48,622		
	To	otal Liabilities:	6,047,491	1,392,705	622,066	6,818,130		

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263.81	General Obiligation Debt/Liabilities	6/1/2026	964,514	-	192,903	771,611			
263.81	General Obiligation Debt/Liabilities	6/1/2025	59,053	-	14,763	44,290			
263.81	General Obiligation Debt/Liabilities	6/1/2039	214,657	-	11,925	202,732			
263.81	General Obiligation Debt/Liabilities	12/31/2041	135,532	7,674	4,556	138,650			
263.81	General Obligation Debt/Liabilities	6/1/2041	-	534,576	-	534,576			
	Total General Obligation Debt/Liabilities:		5,858,756	542,250	409,147	5,991,859			
Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities									
264.30	Net Pension Liability	12/31/2021	24,608	31,024	-	55,632			
	Total Revenue and Ot Do	her (non G.O.) ebt/Liabilities:	24,608	31,024	-	55,632			
	To	tal Liabilities:	5,883,364	573,274	409,147	6,047,491			

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