

**CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE**

Financial Statements and  
*Government Auditing Standards* Report

For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

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## Independent Auditor's Report

**To the Board of Directors  
Cascade Water Alliance  
Bellevue, Washington**

### REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cascade Water Alliance (Cascade), which comprise the statements of net position as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### 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

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

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

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



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## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cascade as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matter**

### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and modified approach for Infrastructure Capital Assets on pages 3 through 12 and on pages 36 through 41, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

## **OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 15, 2021 on our consideration of Cascade's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on effectiveness of Cascade'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 Cascade's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Certified Public Accountants  
June 15, 2021

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#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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

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

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Certified Public Accountants  
June 15, 2021



## CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE

### Management's Discussion and Analysis

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Management's Discussion and Analysis presents our review of Cascade Water Alliance's (Cascade) net position as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and Cascade's financial performance for the years then ended. These comments should be read in conjunction with Cascade's financial statements, which follow this section.

#### Overview of the Financial Statements

The financial statements include the Statements of Net Position, Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, Statements of Cash Flows and Notes to Financial Statements.

The Statements of Net Position provide a record, or snapshot, of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position of Cascade at the close of the year. It provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and obligations to creditors (liabilities). It provides a basis for evaluating the capital structure of Cascade and for assessing its liquidity and financial flexibility.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position present the results of the business activities over the course of the year. This information can be used to determine whether Cascade has successfully recovered all its costs through its user fees and other charges, and to evaluate its financial viability and credit worthiness.

The Statements of Cash Flows report cash receipts, cash payments and net changes in cash resulting from operating, capital and related financing and investing activities over the course of the year. The statements present information on where cash came from and what it was used for.

The Notes to Financial Statements provide useful information regarding Cascade's significant account balances and activities, certain material risks, estimates, obligations, commitments, contingencies, and subsequent events, if any.

Cascade's overall financial position is strong, with sufficient liquidity to finance operations and sufficient debt capacity to finance future capital asset acquisitions. Cascade is financed by equity and long-term debt.

Depreciable capital assets have increased due to Cascade obtaining sources of water supply and related water systems needed to deliver the supply. Cascade primarily serves a suburban area east of Lake Washington in King County.

Major debt financing to date includes:

- \$10,000,000 borrowed in 2004 from member Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District for acquisition of water supply sources and water systems (repaid from bond proceeds in 2006);
- \$25,904,442 owed to the City of Tacoma for acquisition of water supply sources and water systems (repaid from bond proceeds in 2006);
- Twenty-five year \$55,230,000 revenue bond proceeds (2006 revenue bonds) to pay the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District and City of Tacoma and to finance system development (refunded by 2014 revenue bonds);
- Twenty-five year \$80,095,000 revenue bond proceeds (2009 revenue bonds) to acquire the Lake Tapps system from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and to fund property acquisitions and pipeline construction along a potential water transmission corridor. These bonds were refunded during the year ended December 31, 2019;

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### Management's Discussion and Analysis

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#### Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)

- Twenty-five year \$42,695,000 revenue bond proceeds (2012 revenue bonds) to acquire independent supply production capacity, to restructure the Tacoma Water Contract, to extend the Seattle Water Contract, and to fund Lake Tapps capital improvements;
- Fifteen year \$29,220,000 refunding revenue bonds (2014 revenue bonds) to pay a portion of the cost of refunding the callable portion of the outstanding 2006 Bonds. The net proceeds were placed in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide funds for the future debt service payment on the refunded bonds. As a result, a portion of the 2006 bonds are considered defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the statement of net position. The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$2,692,477. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunding debt. The government advance refunded the 2006 revenue bonds to reduce its total debt service payments over fourteen years by \$6,270,530 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$5,462,625. At December 31, 2016, none of the defeased bonds remain outstanding; and
- Seventeen year \$49,430,000 refunding revenue bond (2019 revenue bonds) to refund the outstanding 2009 revenue bonds to achieve a debt service savings, In addition to the debt service savings it freed up the 2009 bond reserve of \$4,924,951. However, due to limitations on the uses of the bond reserve, the reserve was used to pay down the issuance and Cascade borrowed an additional \$5 million for construction projects.
- Seventeen year \$30,005,000 refunding revenue bonds (2020 revenue bonds) to pay the cost of refunding the callable portion of the outstanding 2012 Bonds. The net proceeds were placed in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide funds for the future debt service payment on the refunded bonds. As a result, a portion of the 2012 bonds are considered defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the statement of net position. The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$798,695. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunding debt. The government advance refunded the 2012 revenue bonds to reduce its total debt service payments over 17 years by \$8,645,088 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$6,313,985.

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#### Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)

##### Condensed Financial Statements

##### Statements of Net Position as of December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018

|                                       | <u>2020</u>                  | <u>2019</u>                 | <u>2018</u>                 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Current assets                        | \$ 24,384,221                | \$ 22,321,130               | \$ 20,121,215               |
| Net capital assets                    | 249,412,616                  | 254,170,546                 | 259,646,356                 |
| Other assets                          | <u>26,816,579</u>            | <u>28,954,842</u>           | <u>30,015,639</u>           |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                   | <b><u>300,613,416</u></b>    | <b><u>305,446,518</u></b>   | <b><u>309,783,210</u></b>   |
| <b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b> | <b>2,032,711</b>             | <b>1,441,330</b>            | <b>1,627,312</b>            |
| Current liabilities                   | 16,559,207                   | 16,835,945                  | 15,263,039                  |
| Long-term liabilities                 | <u>178,261,809</u>           | <u>192,606,691</u>          | <u>204,932,728</u>          |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>              | <b>194,821,016</b>           | <b>209,442,636</b>          | <b>220,195,767</b>          |
| Net investment in capital assets      | 66,614,167                   | 62,145,537                  | 55,687,234                  |
| Restricted for-                       |                              |                             |                             |
| Debt service                          | 13,381,158                   | 15,514,470                  | 20,721,482                  |
| Unrestricted                          | <u>27,829,786</u>            | <u>19,785,205</u>           | <u>14,806,039</u>           |
| <b>Total Net Position</b>             | <b><u>\$ 107,825,111</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 97,445,212</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 91,214,755</u></b> |

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#### Financial Analysis

Current assets increased in 2020 by over \$2.1 million compared to 2019 with the majority attributed to an increase in accounts receivable. Net capital assets decreased by \$4.8 million or 1.9% with the increases in capital projects offset by the amortization of the water contracts. Other assets decreased by \$2.1 million primarily because of a decrease in bond reserves and Pool Plus investments. Deferred outflows of resources increased by 41.0% with the advance refunding of the 2012 bonds in 2020. Current liabilities decreased slightly in 2020 by \$0.3 million. Long-term liabilities decreased by \$14.3 million due to payments to Tacoma and bond principal and a bond refunding that reduced long-term liabilities. Invested in capital assets net of related debt increased by \$3.5 million as capital projects increased and related debt decreased. Restricted for debt service decreased by \$2.1 million in 2020 as the bond refunding in 2020 resulted in a release of the bond reserves that were associated with the 2012 bond issuance. Unrestricted net assets which consist of accumulated assets that do not meet the definition of invested in capital assets, net of related debt or restricted increased by 40.1% as overall net position increased by 10.7%.

#### Condensed Financial Statements

##### Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Years Ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018

|                                  | <u>2020</u>                  | <u>2019</u>                 | <u>2018</u>                 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Water sales                      | \$ 37,567,001                | \$ 36,412,424               | \$ 34,595,643               |
| Administrative dues              | 3,339,859                    | 3,286,899                   | 3,378,267                   |
| Conservation program and other   | <u>829,230</u>               | <u>821,152</u>              | <u>911,993</u>              |
| <b>Total Operating Revenue</b>   | <b>41,736,090</b>            | <b>40,520,475</b>           | <b>38,885,903</b>           |
| Cost of water sold               | 22,920,840                   | 24,087,405                  | 23,763,609                  |
| Other operating costs            | <u>12,756,852</u>            | <u>12,605,692</u>           | <u>12,275,214</u>           |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>  | <b><u>35,677,692</u></b>     | <b><u>36,693,097</u></b>    | <b><u>36,038,823</u></b>    |
| <b>Operating Income</b>          | <b>6,058,398</b>             | <b>3,827,378</b>            | <b>2,847,080</b>            |
| Nonoperating expenses            | (2,292,108)                  | (3,467,561)                 | (4,269,739)                 |
| Capital contributions            | <u>6,613,609</u>             | <u>5,870,640</u>            | <u>10,478,726</u>           |
| <b>Changes in Net Position</b>   | <b>10,379,899</b>            | <b>6,230,457</b>            | <b>9,056,067</b>            |
| Net position, beginning of year  | <u>97,445,212</u>            | <u>91,214,755</u>           | <u>82,158,688</u>           |
| <b>Net Position, End of Year</b> | <b><u>\$ 107,825,111</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 97,445,212</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 91,214,755</u></b> |

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### Management's Discussion and Analysis

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#### Results of Operations

Operating revenues are received principally from water sales, administrative dues and conservation charges. Cascade commenced water sales in 2004 upon acquisition of the Seattle Water Contract from Seattle Public Utilities. Cascade collects capital contributions from its members. These contributions consist of Regional Capital Facilities Charges (RCFC's) and donated systems. RCFC's are due from members for new residential equivalent customers connecting to the members' systems. Donated systems consisted of a donation of a portion of the Bellevue Issaquah pipeline in 2004 valued at \$9,208,077.

Conservation charges increased slightly in 2020 at \$829,230 from \$821,152 in 2019 and the corresponding conservation budget increased slightly as well. Total operating revenues for 2020 were \$41,736,090 compared to \$40,520,475 for 2019, an increase of 3.0%, attributable to higher demand share charges. The cost of water sold decreased by 4.8% in 2020 due to a favorable true-up. Total operating expenses decreased by 2.8% and operating income increased by \$2.2 million in 2020. Nonoperating income/expenses decreased 33.9% due to a reduction in interest expense in 2020. Capital contributions increased slightly by \$0.7 million in 2020 over 2019. Overall net assets increased by 6.8% in 2020.

#### Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt

The capital assets of Cascade decreased \$4.8 million in 2020 with the amortization of the water contracts greater than expenditures related to ongoing capital projects. Capital asset expenditures have been funded from capital contributions and the 2006, 2009 and 2012 revenue bonds.

In 2012, Cascade issued revenue bonds in the amount of \$42,695,000. The proceeds of this obligation were used in 2012 and 2013 to acquire independent supply production capacity (by purchasing RCFC credits from Cascade members), to restructure the Tacoma Water Contract, to extend the Seattle Water Contract, and to fund Lake Tapps capital improvements.

In 2019, Cascade issued revenue bonds in the amount of \$49,430,000. The proceeds of this obligation were used to refund the 2009 bonds.

In 2020, Cascade issued revenue bonds in the amount of \$30,005,000. The proceeds of this obligation were used to advance refund the 2012 bonds.

Seattle Water Contract - The Seattle water contract entitles Cascade to a specified amount of water each year for a fifty-year period ending December 31, 2053. The amount of the block can be amended based on new members joining Cascade or existing members withdrawing from Cascade prior to December 31, 2011, or a reduction in water yield available to Seattle due to an order of an appropriate federal or state regulatory agency. At the end of the contract term, Cascade may continue to purchase up to 5.3 million gallons per day (mgd) for members that cannot be economically served by any other means. In December 2008, this agreement was amended to entitle Cascade to a supplemental block of additional water through December 31, 2023.

In 2013, the negotiations were finalized that extend the contract with Seattle by 10 years, to 2063. The new contract extends current capacity of 30.3 mgd through 2039 and then ramps down throughout the remaining years. Under the contract extension, Cascade makes three scheduled capacity reservation payments to Seattle; the first payment was \$5 million in 2013 using bond proceeds, the second payment of \$12 million was made in 2018 and a final payment is due 2024. Ratification of the contract occurred in July 2013.

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#### Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Amortization of the Seattle water contract cost is based on the ratio of water to be supplied in that calendar year to total water to be supplied during the contract. Amortization expense for this contract was \$561,775 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Tacoma Water Contract - In December 2012, a new contract was signed with Tacoma. The new contract restructures the prior Tacoma supply contract, and it clarifies Cascade's rights and responsibilities for the previously purchased capacity to enable and transfer to specific third parties through a joint offering. Under the new contract, minimum water purchase volumes have been replaced by a structured capacity reservation schedule and a new capacity commitment of 8.0 mgd provided to Cascade through 2042. The 2012 bond proceeds are funding initial payments to Tacoma of \$20 million, which started with a payment of \$10 million in January 2013.

Prior costs incurred to obtain the 2005 Tacoma water contract consist of system development charges of \$16,484,000 and capacity reservation fees of \$9,420,442. The system development charges relate to the base amount of water, and capacity reservation fees relate to the additional water to be supplied. As part of the agreement with Tacoma, Cascade and Tacoma jointly offered the 2005 contract water supply to four cities (City of Bonney Lake, City of Auburn, City of Buckley, and City of Sumner) in 2013. In 2013, the City of Auburn agreed to purchase 2.5 mgd of the system development charges for \$7,893,300 and have an option to purchase all the capacity reservation fee portion of the 2005 Tacoma contract for \$1,427,864 with the option extending through June 2017. In 2017, the City of Auburn decided not to exercise their option and Cascade wrote off the remaining 2005 contract and the corresponding amortization.

In 2011, the City of Bonney Lake agreed to purchase \$2,747,334 as a base amount of 2005 Tacoma water contract from Cascade for the system development charge that Cascade had paid to Tacoma. In 2013, the City of Bonney Lake agreed to purchase an additional portion of the 2005 Tacoma water contract for \$391,222.

Interest Capitalization - Interest costs incurred for the acquisition and/or construction of assets are subject to capitalization based on the guidelines established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 34 and 62. Interest paid was \$4,481,934 and \$6,008,673 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Total interest incurred on bonds for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, was \$4,388,047 and \$5,469,250, respectively. No interest was capitalized in 2020 and 2019.

System Infrastructure - In February 2012, a pipe leak at a delivery point of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) water to a Cascade member utility (City of Tukwila) has prompted a review by attorneys and engineers of SPU and Cascade to determine which agency is financially responsible for pipe leaks and other unforeseeable incidents at water points of delivery, and to determine exactly at which physical system points each agency bears responsibility. The review did not lead to an increased annual operational financial obligation for Cascade.

Barrier Apron Improvement - In 2015, in coordination with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and other interested parties, (Tribes, State and Federal fishery agencies) Cascade replaced the severely damaged downstream apron on the Barrier Structure with a newly designed and improved apron. The USACE Mud Mountain Dam Fish Passage Barrier Structure Apron Repair project (the Apron Repair Project) was a requirement of Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (RPA) action item under the Mud Mountain Biological Opinion and Conference Opinion issued to the USACE by the National Marine Fisheries Service in October 2014 (Bi-Op). Cascade performed the apron replacement on behalf of the USACE under the 2010 Cooperative Agreement. As with other Barrier Structure activities, the USACE was responsible for environmental and regulatory coordination, and obtaining all applicable environmental authorizations necessary to carry out the work.

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#### Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt (Continued)

In 2018, the Board authorized conveyance of Project property and facilities (primarily the Barrier Structure) considered surplus (not required for providing public utility services) to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), conditioned upon obtaining acceptable construction and operations agreements from the USACE (Board Resolution 2018-04).

Cascade received "full value" in the following manner: Cascade entered into construction and operating agreements with the USACE that will ensure that facilities will be built and operated in a manner that preserves Cascade's Water Rights and the means for Cascade to exercise those rights. In addition, the replacement of the existing deteriorating Barrier Structure dating from 1911 and the USACE assumption of the operations and maintenance of the replacement facility will provide economic benefits to Cascade that exceed the appraised value of the property to be conveyed. In addition, as part of the USACE construction project, improvements will be made to Cascade's intake facilities that will improve operational efficiency and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

Pipeline Routing: Tacoma Cascade Pipeline - The Tacoma Cascade Pipeline (TCP) is an eighteen-mile pipeline extending from the Tacoma Second Supply Pipeline to the Bellevue Issaquah pipeline. The TCP will deliver Tacoma water supply to Cascade members. Cascade has acquired property and easements for the entire eighteen-mile route, with the exception of portions along King County (County) roads for which a franchise with the County will be sought.

#### Projects in Process

The TCP project consists of three segments: 1) the 1.1-mile segment at the north end of the route along SR-900; 2) the northern segment between Segment 1 and Lake Youngs; and 3) the central segment between Lake Youngs to the Tacoma Second Supply Pipeline.

Construction of Segment 1 has been completed and the asset began depreciation in 2012. The pipeline's useful life is dependent on soil conditions, environment and other factors. Cascade will use a 50-year useful life for depreciation, which is consistent with other utilities' practices (like Seattle Public Utilities). Although construction is complete, the project will not be finalized until the Washington State Department of Transportation signs a final acceptance letter.

Prior to 2012, all three segments were considered as a single combined TCP project for the work and expenditures that occurred along the entire project. Starting in 2012, however, Segments 1, 2 and 3 are being accounted for separately, since separate decisions have been made for the future of each segment.

Previously capitalized expenditures related to Segment 2 were expensed in 2012 since it had become less probable that this segment would ultimately be put into service due to its complicated property and routing configuration.

Minor work and expenditures will continue on Segment 3, however, as it is far more likely than Segment 2 to ultimately be put into service. Segment 3 will not be operational until 2024 at the earliest. Starting in 2012, Segment 3 has been placed into "on hold" status until the project is more fully resumed. All or portions of the TCP are being evaluated for eventual integration into a region-wide water delivery resiliency system, and will be held as an asset by Cascade until the evaluation is completed.

White River System Operator - Veolia Water started working on January 1, 2012, under contract by Cascade, to operate and maintain the White River - Lake Tapps Reservoir Project. For 2018, the fixed fee budget was \$1.9 million and a variable budget of \$.2 million. A Project Operations and Maintenance Manual was completed in 2012.

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#### Projects in Process (Continued)

Security Improvements - After a security strategic plan was performed by Carollo Engineers in 2015, a study was conducted to look at each Cascade asset and evaluate them to determine the potential range of threats, liability, and impacts on operation in the event of a loss. Each asset was prioritized using a pairwise comparison, then prioritizations were refined based on operational importance, public safety, and economic value. Each asset was prioritized high, medium, or low. The majority of the construction for the security improvements project occurred in 2017 but the project was completed in 2018.

Powerhouse Valve #3 Replacement - An options analysis has been completed for powerhouse valve #3, with the recommended option being a configuration utilizing a new "plunger" valve and installing it in a cast in place of the concrete vault on the south side of the tailrace just outside the powerhouse. If successful, the new valve will dissipate energy, provide more flow capacity, be able to control flow and have a longer service life. Construction of the Valve #3 replacement was nearly complete at the end of 2016, with testing and calibration being performed in 2017.

Bellevue Issaquah Pipeline (BIP) - A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in 2013 between Cascade and the City of Bellevue to operate and maintain the BIP. A project to install meters along the BIP began in 2014 and was completed in 2018.

2012 Transmission and Supply Plan Update - The Cascade Water Alliance Board of Directors adopted the 2012 Transmission and Supply Plan (the 2012 TSP) in July 2012. This 2012 TSP fulfills Cascade's responsibility to submit a water system plan to the Washington State Department of Health. In addition, it supplements information on regional supply provided by each of its members in their respective individual water system plans. Cascade updates its TSP every six years. The TSP update includes analysis of regional growth and water demand. These have demonstrated that Cascade members will need less water than was anticipated in the 2004 TSP. The outcome of the TSP update determines Cascade's capital investment program for the next several years, including the extent of contracting with Seattle and Tacoma for water and the development schedule for Lake Tapps and water transmission systems. In 2010, Cascade determined that expenditure for TSP updates do not meet the criteria for being a capitalizable intangible asset, so expenditures for TSP update expenditures have been expensed accordingly. In 2018, the 2012 TSP was extended through 2022.

Eastside Reservoir - The Eastside Reservoir project was evaluated for eventual integration into a region-wide water delivery resiliency system in 2018 and previously capitalized expenditures were expensed since it had become less probable that the Reservoir would ultimately be put into service.

Electronic Document Management System - Cascade began implementing an electronic document management system (EDMS) at its main office in Bellevue and at the White River Lake Tapps facilities in 2013. Implementation continued through 2017 in a phased-in approach. The EDMS improved document storage, access, security, and retrieval.

Barrier Dam Intake Design Modifications - Cascade, working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to replace the 100 plus year old barrier dam with a more effective dam, hired an engineer to initially review the USACE's plans and then later to design the appropriate modifications. In 2017 the design of the modifications were completed and went out to bid as part of the USACE bid package. Subsequent to yearend Cascade and the USACE finalized four easements and a number of agreements moving the work forward. Additionally, USACE has awarded a bid for the construction of the project. Additional legal and design work was performed in 2018 and 2019. The overall project is scheduled to be completed in 2022.



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#### Projects in Process (Continued)

Other White River Lake Tapps Projects - Several repair and upgrade projects, as described more fully in Cascade's Capital Improvement Program, were advanced in 2019 and 2020 and will continue in 2021, including:

- Network and IT architecture upgrades
- SCADA upgrades, the design was finalized in early 2021 with construction anticipated in the summer of 2021.
- Valve house controls upgrade

#### Invested Funds

In accordance with state investment laws, Cascade's governing body has entered into a formal interlocal agreement with Cascade's *ex officio* treasurer, King County, to have all its funds not required for immediate expenditure to be invested in the King County Investment Pool (Pool).

As of December 31, 2020, Cascade had the following investments:

Impaired Investments - As of December 31, 2020, all impaired commercial paper investments have completed enforcement events. The King County impaired investment pool (Impaired Pool) held one commercial paper asset where the Impaired Pool accepted an exchange offer and is receiving the cash flows from the investment's underlying securities. The Impaired Pool also held the residual investments in one commercial paper assets that were part of completed enforcement events, where the Impaired Pool accepted the cash-out option. Cascade's share of the impaired investment pool principal is \$34,016.62 and Cascade's fair value of these investments is \$21,214.37.

Interest Rate Risk - As of December 31, 2020, the Pool's average duration was 1.2 years. As a means of limiting its exposure to rising interest rates, securities purchased in the Pool must have a final maturity or weighted average life of no longer than five years. While the Pool's market value is calculated on a monthly basis, unrealized gains and losses are not distributed to participants. The Pool distributes earnings monthly using an amortized cost methodology.

Credit Risk - As of December 31, 2020, Cascade's investment in the Pool was not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). In compliance with state statutes, Pool policies authorize investments in U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. agency securities and mortgage-backed securities, corporate note (rated at least "A"), municipal securities (rated at least "A" by two NRSROs), commercial paper (rated at least the equivalent of "A-1" by two NRSROs), certificates of deposit issued by qualified public depositories, repurchase agreements, and the Local Government Investment Pool managed by the Washington State Treasurer's Office.

#### Budget Variances

Capital expenditures in 2020 related to the White River Lake Tapps project improvements, the Tacoma contract, and other major capital expenditures, were held within budget.

RCFC revenue was budgeted to be \$9.2 million in 2020, but actual RCFC revenue was \$6.6 million as construction growth was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. RCFC revenue is budgeted at \$6.8 million in 2021 as Cascade anticipates in may take a few years for construction growth to return to normal. As part of the 2021-2022 budget process, Cascade's Board directed that going forward RCFC revenue will no longer contribute to debt service and will exclusively fund capital expenditures. The change greatly minimizes the rate impact of future RCFC revenue variances.

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#### **Budget Variances (Continued)**

Interest revenue in 2020 was \$0.12 million greater than budgeted as Cascade's participation in King County's Pool Plus option. This is a pool of longer-term maturities that Cascade invested in using Bond reserves, in order to improve interest revenue in 2020.

The administrative and conservation dues were within budget in 2020.

Professional fees (technical) were \$0.71 million higher in 2020 compared to 2019 mainly due to expenditures related to assisting member agencies in complying with the Safe Drinking Water Act standards as required by the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (AWIA), preparing risk and resiliency assessments and emergency response plans.

Salaries and benefit costs in 2020 were roughly the same as they were in 2019.

Operation costs, \$2.2 million in 2020, were roughly the same as 2019. They are expected to increase in 2021 when Cascade is anticipated to perform a routine flowline outage project.

Maintenance costs were \$37,343 higher in 2020 than 2019 due to additional water quality monitoring costs in 2020.

Total fund expenditures were held within budgeted amounts in 2020. In the Operating Fund, conservation program rebate expenditures were \$101,043 less than budgeted due to the lower than anticipated interest in the commercial rebate program. Unexpended funds are carried forward in fund balances and are incorporated into Cascade's rate model for future year budgeting and planning.

#### **Requests for Information**

This financial report has been prepared to provide readers with a general overview of the Cascade Water Alliance's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or requests for additional information, should be addressed to the Manager of Finance and Administration's Office, 520 112<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Suite 400, Bellevue, WA 98004.

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**Statements of Net Position  
December 31, 2020 and 2019**

|   | <u>2020</u>                  | <u>2019</u>                  |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>   |                              |                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 13,648,941                | \$ 13,546,108                |
| Regional capital facility charges receivable                                  | 3,990,066                    | 2,183,288                    |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents, current portion                         | 5,858,297                    | 5,743,428                    |
| Water rights receivable, current portion                                      | 704,050                      | 682,219                      |
| Prepaid expenses  | 182,867                      | 166,087                      |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>   | <b>24,384,221</b>            | <b>22,321,130</b>            |
| <b>Capital Assets:</b>  |                              |                              |
| Equipment and furniture   | 2,018,476                    | 1,984,332                    |
| Seattle water contract  | 22,267,611                   | 22,267,611                   |
| Tacoma water contract   | 119,740,687                  | 119,740,687                  |
| SR900 pipeline  | 10,021,201                   | 10,021,201                   |
| Bellevue Issaquah pipeline  | 22,276,944                   | 22,276,944                   |
| Lake Tapps buildings  | 2,644,405                    | 2,644,405                    |
|   | 178,969,324                  | 178,935,180                  |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization                                | <u>(46,477,524)</u>          | <u>(41,026,143)</u>          |
|   | 132,491,800                  | 137,909,037                  |
| <b>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:</b>                                  |                              |                              |
| Lake Tapps - infrastructure   | 100,402,632                  | 99,743,325                   |
| Projects in process and assets not yet in service-<br>Tacoma Cascade Pipeline | <u>16,518,184</u>            | <u>16,518,184</u>            |
| <b>Total Capital Assets</b>   | <b>249,412,616</b>           | <b>254,170,546</b>           |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents, net of current portion                  | 20,309,548                   | 21,743,761                   |
| Water rights receivable, net of current portion                               | <u>6,507,031</u>             | <u>7,211,081</u>             |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b><u>\$ 300,613,416</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 305,446,518</u></b> |
| <b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>  |                              |                              |
| Advanced refunding of debt  | <u>\$ 2,032,711</u>          | <u>\$ 1,441,330</u>          |
| <b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>                                   | <b><u>\$ 2,032,711</u></b>   | <b><u>\$ 1,441,330</u></b>   |

See accompanying notes.

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Statements of Net Position (Continued)  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

|   | <u>2020</u>                  | <u>2019</u>                  |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Liabilities and Net Position</b>                                       |                              |                              |
| Payables and accrued liabilities  | \$ 2,971,825                 | \$ 3,766,505                 |
| Payables related to Tacoma water contract, current portion                | 5,858,297                    | 5,743,428                    |
| Long-term debt payable from unrestricted assets, current portion          | <u>39,474</u>                | <u>39,474</u>                |
|   | 8,869,596                    | 9,549,407                    |
| <b>Payables From Restricted Assets:</b>                                   |                              |                              |
| Accrued interest  | 1,234,611                    | 1,961,538                    |
| Long-term debt payable from restricted assets, current portion            | <u>6,455,000</u>             | <u>5,325,000</u>             |
|   | <u>7,689,611</u>             | <u>7,286,538</u>             |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>  | <b>16,559,207</b>            | <b>16,835,945</b>            |
| <b>Long-Term Debt, Net of Current Portion:</b>                            |                              |                              |
| Long-term debt payable from unrestricted assets                           | 157,895                      | 197,369                      |
| Long-term debt payable from restricted assets, net of bond issuance costs | <u>98,690,000</u>            | <u>104,320,000</u>           |
|   | 98,847,895                   | 104,517,369                  |
| <b>Other Long-Term Liabilities:</b>                                       |                              |                              |
| Payable related to Seattle water contract, net of current portion         | 5,000,000                    | 5,000,000                    |
| Payable related to Tacoma water contract, net of current portion          | 65,967,545                   | 71,825,842                   |
| Bond premium, net of amortization   | <u>8,446,369</u>             | <u>11,263,480</u>            |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>  | <b><u>\$ 194,821,016</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 209,442,636</u></b> |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                                      |                              |                              |
| <b>Net Position:</b>  |                              |                              |
| Net investment in capital assets  | \$ 66,614,167                | \$ 62,145,537                |
| Restricted for-   |                              |                              |
| Debt service  | 13,381,158                   | 15,514,470                   |
| Unrestricted  | <u>27,829,786</u>            | <u>19,785,205</u>            |
| <b>Total Net Position</b>   | <b><u>\$ 107,825,111</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 97,445,212</u></b>  |

See accompanying notes.

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Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

|   | 2020                  | 2019                 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Operating Revenue:</b>               |                       |                      |
| Water sales                             | \$ 37,567,001         | \$ 36,412,424        |
| Administrative dues                     | 3,339,859             | 3,286,899            |
| Conservation program and other          | 829,230               | 821,152              |
| <b>Total Operating Revenue</b>          | <b>41,736,090</b>     | <b>40,520,475</b>    |
| <b>Operating Expenses:</b>              |                       |                      |
| Cost of water sold                      | 22,920,840            | 24,087,405           |
| Depreciation and amortization           | 3,936,403             | 4,304,661            |
| Operations                              | 2,551,934             | 2,677,606            |
| Salaries and benefits                   | 2,160,222             | 2,192,918            |
| Professional services                   | 2,671,560             | 1,805,214            |
| Communication and public information    | 424,337               | 476,885              |
| Maintenance                             | 354,711               | 320,226              |
| Rent                                    | 225,469               | 225,469              |
| Miscellaneous                           | 132,882               | 290,686              |
| Conservation rebate program             | 27,269                | 49,216               |
| Insurance                               | 120,283               | 108,396              |
| Office expenses                         | 102,110               | 96,025               |
| Dues and subscriptions                  | 49,672                | 58,390               |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>         | <b>35,677,692</b>     | <b>36,693,097</b>    |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                 | <b>6,058,398</b>      | <b>3,827,378</b>     |
| <b>Nonoperating (Expenses) Revenue:</b> |                       |                      |
| BAB rebate                              |                       | 712,502              |
| Interest income                         | 1,681,763             | 1,521,058            |
| Interest expense                        | (3,973,871)           | (5,701,919)          |
| Gain on impairment of water rights      |                       | 798                  |
| <b>Total Nonoperating Expenses</b>      | <b>(2,292,108)</b>    | <b>(3,467,561)</b>   |
| <b>Capital Contributions:</b>           |                       |                      |
| Regional capital facilities charges     | 6,613,609             | 5,870,640            |
| <b>Total Capital Contributions</b>      | <b>6,613,609</b>      | <b>5,870,640</b>     |
| <b>Total Change in Net Position</b>     | <b>10,379,899</b>     | <b>6,230,457</b>     |
| Net position, beginning of year         | 97,445,212            | 91,214,755           |
| <b>Net Position, End of Year</b>        | <b>\$ 107,825,111</b> | <b>\$ 97,445,212</b> |

See accompanying notes.

**CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE**

**Statements of Cash Flows  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**

|   | <u>2020</u>          | <u>2019</u>          |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>  |                      |                      |
| Cash received from members  | \$ 41,736,090        | \$ 40,520,475        |
| Cash paid to suppliers  | (29,236,985)         | (26,259,299)         |
| Cash paid to and for employees  | (3,943,434)          | (4,299,479)          |
|   | <u>8,555,671</u>     | <u>9,961,697</u>     |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>                                      | <b>8,555,671</b>     | <b>9,961,697</b>     |
| <b>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:</b>                      |                      |                      |
| Regional capital facilities charges   | 3,936,650            | 6,235,131            |
| Water rights receivable   | 682,219              | 391,224              |
| Tacoma water contract payable   | (5,743,428)          | (5,630,812)          |
| Proceeds from issuing long-term debt  | 30,982,800           | 49,430,000           |
| Payments on long-term debt  | (36,617,093)         | (55,370,908)         |
| Acquisition of capital assets   | (792,708)            | (265,014)            |
| Loss on impairment of water rights  |                      | 798                  |
| Proceeds from disposition of land   |                      | 417,745              |
| BAB rebate proceeds   |                      | 712,502              |
| Interest rebate receivable  |                      | 356,251              |
| Interest paid on bonds and other long-term debt                                       | (3,902,103)          | (6,240,076)          |
|   | <u>(11,453,663)</u>  | <u>(9,963,159)</u>   |
| <b>Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>                      | <b>(11,453,663)</b>  | <b>(9,963,159)</b>   |
| <b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>  |                      |                      |
| Interest received   | 1,681,763            | 1,521,058            |
|   | <u>1,681,763</u>     | <u>1,521,058</u>     |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities</b>                                      | <b>1,681,763</b>     | <b>1,521,058</b>     |
| <b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>  | <b>(1,216,229)</b>   | <b>1,519,596</b>     |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year  | 41,033,297           | 39,513,701           |
|   | <u>41,033,297</u>    | <u>39,513,701</u>    |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>   | <b>\$ 39,817,068</b> | <b>\$ 41,033,297</b> |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents Balance is Composed of the Following at December 31:</b> |                      |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 13,648,941        | \$ 13,546,108        |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents  | 26,167,845           | 27,487,189           |
|   | <u>26,167,845</u>    | <u>27,487,189</u>    |
|   | <u>\$ 39,816,786</u> | <u>\$ 41,033,297</u> |

See accompanying notes.

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Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

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|   | <u>2020</u>                | <u>2019</u>                |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash From Operating Activities:</b>            |                            |                            |
| Net operating income  | \$ 6,058,398               | \$ 3,827,378               |
| Adjustments to reconcile net operating income to net cash provided by operating activities- |                            |                            |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 3,936,403                  | 4,304,661                  |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities-  |                            |                            |
| Prepaid expenses  | (16,780)                   | (6,551)                    |
| Payables and accrued liabilities  | <u>(1,422,350)</u>         | <u>1,836,209</u>           |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>  | <b><u>\$ 8,555,671</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 9,961,697</u></b> |
| <b>Supplementary Cash Flow Disclosure:</b>  |                            |                            |
| Noncash purchases of fixed assets through accounts payable                                  | \$ 99,257                  | \$ 129,081                 |
| Noncash change in advanced refunding of debt  | \$ 207,314                 | \$ 185,982                 |

See accompanying notes.

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### Notes to Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

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#### Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Cascade Water Alliance (Cascade), established on April 1, 1999, converted from a Washington State nonprofit corporation to a Washington State joint municipal utility service corporation on July 12, 2012, in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act (Chapter 39.34) and the Non-Profit Miscellaneous and Mutual Corporations Act (Chapter 24.06) as a public governmental body and an instrumentality of its members. Cascade exercises essential governmental functions by providing wholesale water to meet the current and future water supply needs of its members in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner.

Cascade members include the cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond and Tukwila, along with the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District and the Skyway Water and Sewer District.

**Basis of Accounting** - Cascade uses the accrual basis of accounting and the total economic resources measurement focus. Expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, and revenues are recorded when earned.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** - For purposes of the statements of cash flows, Cascade considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less and investments in the King County Treasurer's Investment Pool to be cash equivalents.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the King County Investment Pool (the Pool) which holds Cascade investments was not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). In compliance with state statutes, Pool policies authorize investments in U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. agency securities and mortgage-backed securities, municipal securities (rated at least "A" by two NRSROs), commercial paper (rated at least the equivalent of "A-1" by two NRSROs), certificates of deposit issued by qualified public depositories, repurchase agreements, and the Local Government Investment Pool managed by the Washington State Treasurer's office.

**Concentrations** - Of the total operating revenue balance as of December 31, 2020, 80% is from three members. As of December 31, 2019, 78% of the balance was from three members.

**Concentration of Credit Risk** - Cascade maintains cash balances at financial institutions that at times exceed federally insured limits.

**Capital Assets** - Capital assets purchased at more than \$5,000, are recorded at cost. Water systems conveyed to Cascade by bill of sale are recorded at the contributing party's cost, contract price or appraised value. Major expenses for capital assets, including capital leases and major repairs that increase useful lives, are capitalized. Maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are expensed when incurred. Estimated useful lives for capital assets are as follows:

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Computer equipment           | 5 years       |
| Furniture and equipment      | 3 - 7 years   |
| Tractors and heavy machinery | 10 - 20 years |
| Pipelines                    | 50 years      |

Cascade has elected to use the modified approach of accounting for the infrastructure capital assets. The modified approach allows Cascade to report as expenses in lieu of depreciation, infrastructure expenditures which maintain the asset but do not add to or improve the asset. Additions and improvements to the infrastructure capital assets are capitalized.



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#### Note 1 - Continued

**Regional Capital Facility Charges (RCFC) Receivable** - RCFC receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Balances still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to change in net position and a credit to accounts receivable.

**Deferred Outflow of Resources** - Deferred outflow of resources is the consumption of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period. A deferred outflow of resources involves no consumption of resources that results in either a net decrease in assets or a net increase in liabilities. Deferred outflows of resources presented in this manner on the accompanying financial statements are related to the advanced refunding of bonds.

**Long-Term Debt** - Long-term debt is reported net of discounts, premiums and issuance costs. Discounts, premiums and issuance costs incurred on issuance of long-term debt are amortized by the interest method over the period the related debt is outstanding.

**Net Position** - Net position is classified in the following three components: 1) Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of invested in capital assets, net of related debt. Rather, that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds. 2) Restricted - This component of net position consists of restrictions placed on net asset use by external creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors or contributors. 3) Unrestricted net position - This component of net position consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

**Revenues and Expenses** - Revenues and expenses are distinguished between operating and nonoperating items. Operating revenues result from providing products in connection with the water system and services to members. Operating expenses include the costs associated with providing the products and services, general and administrative expenses and depreciation and amortization on capital assets. Nonoperating includes interest income rebates and expense, bond issuance costs, and losses on disposition of assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are classified as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

**Regional Capital Facilities Charges (RCFC)** - RCFCs are paid to Cascade by each member for each new equivalent residential unit connected to its water distribution system, and are intended to allocate growth costs to those members that require capacity increases due to growth in customer demand. The RCFC for 2020 and 2019 is \$6,607 and \$6,416, respectively per new Cascade Equivalent Residential Unit (CERU).

**Federal Tax Status** - Cascade Water Alliance is an authority and instrumentality of its governmental members, organized as a joint municipal utility service corporation pursuant to Washington State's Interlocal Cooperation Act (Chapter 39.34 RCW). As a governmental entity formed by political subdivisions of the State of Washington, it is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). As an instrumentality of its members, Cascade may issue obligations, the interest of which is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 103 of the Code.

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### Notes to Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

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#### Note 1 - Continued

**Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate, during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Compensated Absences** - At termination of employment, employees may receive cash payments for accumulated vacation leave, based on current wages at termination for which an accrual has been provided.

#### Note 2 - Capitalizable Contracts

**Seattle Water Contract** - The Seattle Water Contract entitles Cascade to a specified amount (block) of water each year for a fifty year period ending December 31, 2053. The amount of the block can be amended based on new members joining Cascade prior to December 31, 2011, or a reduction in water yield available to Seattle due to an order of an appropriate federal or state regulatory agency. At the end of the contract term, Cascade may continue to purchase up to 5.3 million gallons per day (mgd) for members that cannot be economically served by any other means. In December 2008, this agreement was amended to entitle Cascade to a supplemental block of additional water through December 31, 2023.

In July 2013, a new contract was signed between the City of Seattle and Cascade which extends the contract by ten years, to 2063. The contract extends the current capacity of 30.3 mgd through 2039 and then ramps down through the remaining years. Under the contract extension, Cascade would make three scheduled capacity reservation payments to Seattle; the first payment of \$5 million was made in July 2013, with subsequent payments of \$12 million and \$5 million due in December 2018 and December 2024, respectively.

Amortization of the Seattle Water Contract cost is based on the ratio of water to be supplied in that calendar year to total water to be supplied during the contract. Amortization expense for this contract was \$561,775 for both years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

**The Tacoma Water Contract** - In December 2012, a water contract was signed between City of Tacoma and Cascade which superseded the Tacoma Water Contract signed in 2005. Under the water contract, minimum water purchase volumes have been replaced by a structured capacity reservation schedule, and a capacity commitment of 8.0 mgd is provided to Cascade through 2042. Cascade is required to make an annual installment payment in a range of \$1 million to \$6.8 million through 2042. The 2012 Tacoma Water Contract cost is amortized over the life of the contract which is 30 years. Amortization expense for this contract was \$3,991,356 for both years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The system development charges relate to the base amount of water and the capacity reservation fees relate to the additional water to be supplied under the 2005 Tacoma Water Contract. The additional water supply will be amortized based on the ratio of the additional water to be supplied in that calendar year to total additional water to be supplied during the contract.

During 2011, the City of Bonney Lake entered into an agreement with Cascade for water rights purchase of the 2005 Tacoma Water Contract for a total of \$2,747,334. In 2013, City of Bonney Lake purchased an additional portion of water rights that extended the contract to 2019, with an annual payment of \$391,222 through maturity. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no water rights receivable.

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#### Note 2 - Continued

During 2013, the City of Auburn entered into an agreement with Cascade for water rights purchase of the 2005 Tacoma Water Contract for a total of \$6,507,031 plus an annual interest at 3.20% starting in 2016 that expires 2029, with annual interest payments of \$252,586 from 2016 to 2019 and with annual principal and interest payments of \$934,805 thereafter. City of Auburn had an option to purchase all of the capacity reservation fees of the 2015 Tacoma Water Contract for a total price of \$1,427,864 with the option expiring June 2017. In 2017, Cascade was informed by the City of Auburn that they would not exercise their option to purchase 2.763 mgd worth of system development charge credits of the 6 mgd capacity reservation fee in Cascade's 2005 contract with Tacoma. With Auburn electing not to purchase the credits the remaining \$1,427,864 of the 2005 Tacoma Contract was written down in 2017, resulting in a loss on impairment of water rights of \$354,649. At both December 31, 2020 and 2019, the water rights receivable was \$7,211,081 and \$7,893,300, respectively, is included in the statements of net position.

**Interest Capitalization** - Interest costs incurred for the acquisition and/or construction of assets are subject to capitalization based on the guidelines established by U.S. GAAP.

Total interest incurred on bonds for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, was \$3,653,828 and \$5,742,857, respectively. The interest rebate related to the Build America Bonds was \$0 and \$712,502, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. No interest was capitalized in 2020 and 2019.

#### Project in Process -

Tacoma Cascade Pipeline - A pipeline extending from the Tacoma Water supply pipelines is under development to connect to the Bellevue Issaquah pipeline and deliver the Tacoma water supply to Cascade members. During the year ended December 31, 2009, management opted to defer completion of this project. The Transmission and Supply Plan was adopted by Cascade in July 2012 (and approved by King County in February 2013 and by the State Department of Health in March 2013) and projects 2034 as the estimated in-service date for this pipeline.

Eastside Reservoir - The Eastside Reservoir is a concrete reservoir and booster pump station constructed and owned by the City of Seattle to serve Cascade's members. The purchase of the Eastside Reservoir by Cascade was considered probable when the Tacoma Cascade Pipeline was moving forward and the project designs were capitalized. When the completion of the Tacoma Cascade Pipeline was deferred on December 31, 2009, plans to purchase the reservoir were deferred as well. In addition to its use as a potential storage facility for Tacoma water, Cascade is currently evaluating the purchase of the Eastside Reservoir as a method of providing earthquake resiliency to its members.

#### Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

In accordance with state investment laws, Cascade's governing body has entered into a formal interlocal agreement with Cascade's *ex officio* treasurer, King County, to have all its funds not required for immediate expenditure to be invested in the King County Investment Pool (Pool). Investments in the King County Investment Pool are measured at the net asset value per share of the pool shares held by Cascade. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the net asset value at fair value price per share was \$1.0080 and \$1.0043, respectively.

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#### Note 3 - Continued

As of December 31, Cascade had the following on deposit in the pool:

|  | <u>2020</u>                 | <u>2019</u>                 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Unrestricted cash and equivalents      | \$ 13,899,160               | \$ 13,491,407               |
| Restricted cash and equivalents        | <u>25,373,505</u>           | <u>27,408,022</u>           |
|  | 39,272,665                  | 40,899,429                  |
| Add fair value adjustment              | 902,939                     | 137,319                     |
| Less checks in excess of cash          | <u>(358,818)</u>            | <u>(3,451)</u>              |
| <b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b> | <b><u>\$ 39,816,786</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 41,033,297</u></b> |

**Impaired Investments** - As of both December 31, 2020 and 2019, all impaired commercial paper investments had completed enforcement events. The King County impaired investment pool (Impaired Pool) held one commercial paper asset where the Impaired Pool accepted an exchange offer and is receiving the cash flows from the investment's underlying securities. Additionally, the Impaired Pool accepted the cash out option for the residual investments in four commercial paper assets that were part of completed enforcement events. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, Cascade's share of the impaired investment pool principal was \$34,017 and \$42,033, respectively, and Cascade's fair value of these investments was \$21,214 and \$28,287, respectively.

**Interest Rate Risk** - As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Pool's average duration was 1.20 and 0.94 years, respectively. As a means of limiting its exposure to rising interest rates, securities purchased in the Pool must have a final maturity or weighted average life of no longer than five years. While the Pool's market value is calculated on a monthly basis, unrealized gains and losses are not distributed to participants. The Pool distributes earnings monthly using an amortized cost methodology.

**Credit Risk** - As of both December 31, 2020 and 2019, Cascade's investment in the Pool was not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). In compliance with state statutes, Pool policies authorize investments in U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. agency securities and mortgage-backed securities, municipal securities (rated at least "A" by two NRSROs), commercial paper (rated at least the equivalent of "A-1" by two NRSROs), certificates of deposit issued by qualified public depositories, repurchase agreements, and the Local Government Investment Pool managed by the Washington State Treasurer's Office.

#### Note 4 - Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents

In accordance with the bond agreements, separate restricted accounts are required to be established. The assets held in these accounts are restricted for specific uses, including construction, debt service and other special reserve requirements. Current year disbursements from the restricted asset accounts are included in total expenditures in the financial statements.

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Note 4 - Continued

Restricted cash and cash equivalents are presented in the statements of net position as of December 31 as follows:

|   | <u>2020</u>                 | <u>2019</u>                 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents, current portion | \$ 5,858,297                | \$ 5,743,428                |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents, long-term       | <u>20,309,548</u>           | <u>21,743,761</u>           |
|   | <u><b>\$ 26,167,845</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 27,487,189</b></u> |

Changes in restricted assets for the year ended December 31, 2020, are as follows:

|                    | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2019</u> | <u>Additions</u>            | <u>Disbursements</u>          | <u>Net<br/>Return</u>      | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2020</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Revenue bond funds | \$ 15,487,153                 | \$ 9,073,454                | \$ (12,126,831)               | \$ 937,675                 | \$ 13,371,451                 |
| Construction funds | <u>12,000,036</u>             | <u>7,155,765</u>            | <u>(6,551,205)</u>            | <u>191,798</u>             | <u>12,796,394</u>             |
|                    | <u><b>\$ 27,487,189</b></u>   | <u><b>\$ 16,229,219</b></u> | <u><b>\$ (18,678,036)</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 1,129,473</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 26,167,845</b></u>   |

For the year ended December 31, 2020, changes in restricted assets included interest earnings of \$90,387 and unrealized gains of \$101,411 for the revenue bond funds and interest earnings of \$244,746 and unrealized gains of \$692,929 for the construction funds.

Changes in restricted assets for the year ended are as follows:

|                    | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2018</u> | <u>Additions</u>            | <u>Disbursements</u>          | <u>Net<br/>Return</u>    | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2019</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Revenue bond funds | \$ 20,682,977                 | \$ 16,894,900               | \$ (22,485,708)               | \$ 394,984               | \$ 15,487,153                 |
| Construction funds | <u>7,070,174</u>              | <u>14,080,483</u>           | <u>(9,279,495)</u>            | <u>128,874</u>           | <u>12,000,036</u>             |
|                    | <u><b>\$ 27,753,151</b></u>   | <u><b>\$ 30,975,383</b></u> | <u><b>\$ (31,765,203)</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 523,858</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 27,487,189</b></u>   |

For the year ended December 31, 2019, changes in restricted assets included interest earnings of \$367,196 and unrealized losses of \$27,788 for the revenue bond funds and interest earnings of \$77,494 and unrealized losses of \$51,379 for the construction funds.

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**Note 5 - Capital Assets**

The following summarizes the changes in capital assets of Cascade:

|   | Balance<br>12/31/2019 | Additions             | Transfers   | Deletions   | Balance<br>12/31/2020 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Capital Assets</b>                             |                       |                       |             |             |                       |
| <b>Being Depreciated:</b>                         |                       |                       |             |             |                       |
| Equipment and furniture                           | \$ 1,984,332          | \$ 34,144             | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ 2,018,476          |
| Seattle water contract                            | 22,267,611            |                       |             |             | 22,267,611            |
| Tacoma water 2012 contract                        | 119,740,687           |                       |             |             | 119,740,687           |
| SR900 pipeline                                    | 10,021,201            |                       |             |             | 10,021,201            |
| Bellevue Issaquah pipeline                        | 22,276,944            |                       |             |             | 22,276,944            |
| Lake Tapps buildings                              | 2,644,405             |                       |             |             | 2,644,405             |
| <b>Total Capital Assets</b>                       |                       |                       |             |             |                       |
| <b>Being Depreciated</b>                          | <b>178,935,180</b>    | <b>34,144</b>         |             |             | <b>178,969,324</b>    |
| Less accumulated depreciation<br>and amortization | (41,026,143)          | (5,451,381)           |             |             | (46,477,524)          |
| <b>Depreciable Capital Assets, Net</b>            | <b>137,909,037</b>    | <b>(5,417,237)</b>    |             |             | <b>132,491,800</b>    |
| <b>Capital Assets Not</b>                         |                       |                       |             |             |                       |
| <b>Being Depreciated:</b>                         |                       |                       |             |             |                       |
| Lake Tapps - infrastructure                       | 99,743,325            | 659,307               |             |             | 100,402,632           |
| Tacoma Cascade Pipeline                           | 16,518,184            |                       |             |             | 16,518,184            |
| <b>Total Capital Assets Not</b>                   |                       |                       |             |             |                       |
| <b>Being Depreciated</b>                          | <b>116,261,509</b>    | <b>659,307</b>        |             |             | <b>116,920,816</b>    |
| <b>Total Capital Assets</b>                       | <b>\$ 254,170,546</b> | <b>\$ (4,757,930)</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 249,412,616</b> |

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Note 5 - Continued

|   | Balance<br>12/31/2018 | Additions             | Transfers   | Deletions           | Balance<br>12/31/2019 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Capital Assets</b>                             |                       |                       |             |                     |                       |
| <b>Being Depreciated:</b>                         |                       |                       |             |                     |                       |
| Equipment and furniture                           | \$ 1,758,641          | \$ 255,171            | \$ -        | \$ (29,480)         | \$ 1,984,332          |
| Seattle water contract                            | 22,267,611            |                       |             |                     | 22,267,611            |
| Tacoma water 2012 contract                        | 119,740,687           |                       |             |                     | 119,740,687           |
| SR900 pipeline                                    | 10,021,201            |                       |             |                     | 10,021,201            |
| Bellevue Issaquah pipeline                        | 22,276,944            |                       |             |                     | 22,276,944            |
| Lake Tapps buildings                              | 2,644,405             |                       |             |                     | 2,644,405             |
| <b>Total Capital Assets</b>                       |                       |                       |             |                     |                       |
| <b>Being Depreciated</b>                          | <b>178,709,489</b>    | <b>255,171</b>        |             | <b>(29,480)</b>     | <b>178,935,180</b>    |
| Less accumulated depreciation<br>and amortization | (35,598,669)          | (5,451,362)           |             | 23,888              | (41,026,143)          |
| <b>Depreciable Capital Assets, Net</b>            | <b>143,110,820</b>    | <b>(5,196,191)</b>    |             | <b>(5,592)</b>      | <b>137,909,037</b>    |
| <b>Capital Assets Not</b>                         |                       |                       |             |                     |                       |
| <b>Being Depreciated:</b>                         |                       |                       |             |                     |                       |
| Lake Tapps - infrastructure                       | 99,599,607            | 143,718               |             |                     | 99,743,325            |
| Tacoma Cascade Pipeline                           | 16,935,929            |                       |             | (417,745)           | 16,518,184            |
| <b>Total Capital Assets Not</b>                   |                       |                       |             |                     |                       |
| <b>Being Depreciated</b>                          | <b>116,535,536</b>    | <b>143,718</b>        |             | <b>(417,745)</b>    | <b>116,261,509</b>    |
| <b>Total Capital Assets</b>                       | <b>\$ 259,646,356</b> | <b>\$ (5,052,473)</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ (423,337)</b> | <b>\$ 254,170,546</b> |

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**Note 6 - Long-Term Debt - Unrestricted**

Long-term debt payable from unrestricted assets consisted of the following at December 31:

|  | <u>2020</u>              | <u>2019</u>              |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Public Works Trust Fund Loans (PWTF)</u>  |                          |                          |
| \$1,000,000 loan authorized, payable in equal annual principal payments based on the amount of the loan drawn to the payment due date with the first payment due July 2006 and the last payment due July 2025, plus interest at .50%, secured by net revenues. | \$ 197,369               | \$ 236,843               |
| Less current portion   | <u>(39,474)</u>          | <u>(39,474)</u>          |
| <b>Long-Term Portion</b>   | <b><u>\$ 157,895</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 197,369</u></b> |

The estimated annual debt service requirements on long-term debt, payable from unrestricted assets are as follows:

| For the Year Ending December 31, | <u>Principal</u>         | <u>Interest</u>        |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 2021                             | \$ 39,474                | \$ 987                 |
| 2022                             | 39,474                   | 789                    |
| 2023                             | 39,474                   | 592                    |
| 2024                             | 39,474                   | 395                    |
| 2025                             | <u>39,473</u>            | <u>197</u>             |
|                                  | <b><u>\$ 197,369</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 2,960</u></b> |

Long-term debt, payable from unrestricted assets, activity was as follows:

|                         | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2019</u> | <u>Proceeds</u>    | <u>Repayments</u>         | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2020</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Loan #PW-05-691-PRE-142 | \$ 236,843                    | \$ -               | \$ (39,474)               | \$ 197,369                    |
|                         | <b><u>\$ 236,843</u></b>      | <b><u>\$ -</u></b> | <b><u>\$ (39,474)</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 197,369</u></b>      |
|                         |                               |                    |                           |                               |
|                         | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2018</u> | <u>Proceeds</u>    | <u>Repayments</u>         | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2019</u> |
| Loan #PW-05-691-PRE-142 | \$ 276,317                    | \$ -               | \$ (39,474)               | \$ 236,843                    |
|                         | <b><u>\$ 276,317</u></b>      | <b><u>\$ -</u></b> | <b><u>\$ (39,474)</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 236,843</u></b>      |



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**Note 7 - Long-Term Debt - Restricted**

Long-term debt outstanding payable from restricted assets consisted of the following at December 31:

|  | <u>2020</u>                 | <u>2019</u>                  |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Revenue Bonds</u>   |                             |                              |
| \$29,220,000 issued on August 5, 2014 for advanced refunding of the 2006 bonds and to pay the costs of issuing and selling the bonds. The bond is payable from and secured by a pledge of net revenues and assets held in the bond fund and construction fund; principal due serially through the year 2029, interest payable semi-annually at 4.00 annual percentage rate.                | \$ 22,115,000               | \$ 24,025,000                |
| \$30,005,000 issued on December 23, 2020 for advance refunding of the 2012 bonds and to pay the costs of issuing and selling the bonds. The bond is payable from and secured by a pledge of net revenues and investments held in the bond fund and construction fund; principal due serially through the year 2037, interest payable semi-annually at 1.30 to 2.00 annual percentage rate. | 30,005,000                  |                              |
| \$49,430,000 issued on September 1, 2019 for refunding of the 2009 bonds and to pay for capital projects related to the Transmission and Supple Plan. The bond is payable from and secured by a pledge of net revenues and investments held in the bond fund and construction fund; September 1, 2036, interest payable semi-annually 5.0 annual percentage rate.                          | 47,285,000                  | 49,430,000                   |
| \$80,095,000 issued October 15, 2009 for supporting capital program, providing for a debt service reserve and cost of issuing the bonds. The bonds are payable from and secured by a pledge of net revenues and investments held in the bond fund and construction fund.   |                             |                              |
| - \$4,940,000 term bonds due September 1, 2017, interest payable semi-annually 3.61 annual percentage rate.  |                             |                              |
| - \$75,155,000 due serially through September 1, 2034, with interest payable semi-annually 3.61 annual percentage rate.  | <u>5,740,000</u>            | <u>36,190,000</u>            |
|  | 105,145,000                 | 109,645,000                  |
| Less current portion   | <u>(6,455,000)</u>          | <u>(5,325,000)</u>           |
| <b>Total Long-Term Portion</b>   | <b><u>\$ 98,690,000</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 104,320,000</u></b> |

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#### Note 7 - Continued

The 2020 bonds were issued at a premium of \$2,279,932 which is being amortized over the life of the bonds. Amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$2,832.

The 2019 bonds were issued at a premium of \$6,248,566 which is being amortized over the life of the bonds. Amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$827,353 and \$410,114, respectively.

The 2014 bonds were issued at a premium of \$4,396,430 which is being amortized over the life of the bonds. Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$406,572 and \$445,138, respectively.

The 2012 bonds were issued at a premium of \$5,764,037 which is being amortized over the life of the bonds. Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$278,222 and \$291,449, respectively.

The 2009 bonds were issued at a premium of \$761,955 which is being amortized over the life of the bonds. Amortization expense for both the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$0.

On September 4, 2019, Cascade issued \$49,430,000 of System Improvement and Water System Refunding Revenue Bonds. The net proceeds of \$50,133,836 (after issuance costs of \$181,692 and bond reserves applied of \$5,324,459) were used to advance refund a portion of the 2009 Series Revenue Bonds and fund 5,181,693 in future Capital Improvement Plan projects. These bonds were not advance refunded.

On September 3, 2014, Cascade issued \$29,220,000 of Water System Refunding Revenue Bonds. The net proceeds of \$44,363,880 (after issuance costs of \$130,224) were used to advance refund a portion of the 2006 Series Revenue Bonds. The net proceeds were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for future debt service payments on the refunded bonds. As a result, the refundable bonds are considered to be defeased, and the related liability for the bonds has been removed from Cascade's liabilities. This advanced refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments over the next 15 years by \$17,630,530 and resulted in an economic gain of \$5,462,625. The net deferred amount of the advanced refunding was \$1,256,452 and \$1,441,330 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

On December 23, 2020, Cascade issued \$30,005,000 of Water System Refunding Revenue Bonds. The net proceeds of \$32,744,917 (after issuance costs of \$486,290) were used to advance refund a portion of the 2012 Series Revenue Bonds. The net proceeds were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for future debt service payments on the refunded bonds. As a result, the refundable bonds are considered to be defeased, and the related liability for the bonds has been removed from Cascade's liabilities. This advanced refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments over the next 17 years by \$8,645,088 and resulted in an economic gain of \$6,613,985. The net deferred amount of the advanced refunding was \$776,258 as of December 31, 2020.

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**Note 7 - Continued**

The estimated annual debt service requirements on long-term debt payable from restricted assets are as follows:

| For the Year Ending December 31, | <u>Principal</u>             | <u>Interest</u>             |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2021                             | \$ 6,455,000                 | \$ 3,327,718                |
| 2022                             | 6,580,000                    | 3,194,591                   |
| 2023                             | 6,315,000                    | 2,883,441                   |
| 2024                             | 8,210,000                    | 2,584,166                   |
| 2025                             | 6,945,000                    | 2,278,091                   |
| 2026 - 2028                      | 22,600,000                   | 5,058,924                   |
| 2029 - 2031                      | 19,085,000                   | 2,628,249                   |
| 2032 - 2034                      | 17,300,000                   | 1,415,309                   |
| 2035 - 2037                      | 11,655,000                   | 424,085                     |
|                                  | <u><b>\$ 105,145,000</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 23,794,574</b></u> |

Debt payable from restricted assets, activity was as follows:

|               | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2019</u> | <u>Proceeds</u> | <u>Repayments</u> | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2020</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Revenue bonds | \$ 104,320,000                | \$ 30,005,000   | \$ (35,635,000)   | \$ 98,690,000                 |

  

|               | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2018</u> | <u>Proceeds</u> | <u>Repayments</u> | <u>Balance<br/>12/31/2019</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Revenue bonds | \$ 115,965,000                | \$ 49,430,000   | \$ (61,075,000)   | \$ 104,320,000                |

**Note 8 - Commitments**

**Lease Commitments** - Cascade leases office space under a noncancelable lease agreement expiring in July 2023. The lease calls for payments of \$17,768 per month through July 2018, increasing to \$18,306 per month in August 2018, with additional annual stepped increases after the first year.

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#### Note 7 - Continued

Future minimum rentals as of December 31 under noncancelable operating leases are as follows:

For the Year Ending December 31,

|                                      |           |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 2021                                 | \$        | 235,288               |
| 2022                                 |           | 241,749               |
| 2023                                 |           | <u>143,219</u>        |
| <b>Total Minimum Rental Payments</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b><u>620,256</u></b> |

Rent expense for operating leases totaled \$225,469 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

**Contracts** - Cascade has entered into contracts with various vendors in relation to ongoing consulting services, construction services and financial services that extend beyond December 31, 2020.

Contracted services agreed to and expected to be expended in 2021 include the following:

|                                  |           |                         |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Construction and design services | \$        | 647,587                 |
| Consulting contracted services   |           | <u>5,003,814</u>        |
|                                  | <b>\$</b> | <b><u>5,651,401</u></b> |

#### Note 9 - Retirement Benefits

Cascade provides a Section 401(a) defined contribution retirement plan (the Plan) to all full-time and certain part-time employees. Employees contribute 4% of their annual salary. Cascade contributes 7% of an employee's salary. In addition, as a replacement of the contribution to Social Security, employees contribute an additional 6.2% of their annual salary. Cascade contributes an additional 6.2% up to the limit (\$8,240 in 2020 and 2019) established by the Internal Revenue Service. Employees are immediately vested upon enrollment and, therefore, have no forfeitures.

Employee and employer contributions were \$187,556 and \$210,522, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 and \$227,626 and \$159,514, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, accrued expenses under the Plan totaled \$0 and \$8,161, respectively.

Cascade also provides a Section 457 retirement plan available to certain employees who make salary deferral contributions up to the maximum allowed by law. No employer contributions were made to the Section 457 retirement plan. Employee salary deferrals were \$262,131 and \$211,999 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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**Note 10 - Concentrations**

All water purchases by Cascade were from the City of Seattle as further described in Note 2. Water sales, conservation revenues, administrative dues, regional capital facilities charges and contributions for member cities for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

**2020 Member Charges-**

| <u>Members</u> | <u>Water Sales</u>   | <u>Conservation Revenues</u> | <u>Administrative Dues</u> | <u>Regional Capital Facilities Charges</u> | <u>Total</u>         |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Bellevue       | \$ 19,751,277        | \$ 322,734                   | \$ 1,299,865               | \$ 2,289,326                               | \$ 23,663,202        |
| Issaquah       | 1,860,105            | 73,151                       | 294,627                    | 987,746                                    | 3,215,629            |
| Kirkland       | 5,291,538            | 95,300                       | 383,836                    | 1,060,424                                  | 6,831,098            |
| Redmond        | 6,579,129            | 160,695                      | 647,226                    | 845,696                                    | 8,232,746            |
| Sammamish      | 1,137,858            | 117,840                      | 474,619                    | 1,232,205                                  | 2,962,522            |
| Skyway         | 398,709              | 18,802                       | 75,729                     | 6,609                                      | 499,849              |
| Tukwila        | 2,548,385            | 40,708                       | 163,957                    | 191,603                                    | 2,944,653            |
|                | <u>\$ 37,567,001</u> | <u>\$ 829,230</u>            | <u>\$ 3,339,859</u>        | <u>\$ 6,613,609</u>                        | <u>\$ 48,349,699</u> |

**2019 Member Charges-**

| <u>Members</u> | <u>Water Sales</u>   | <u>Conservation Revenues</u> | <u>Administrative Dues</u> | <u>Regional Capital Facilities Charges</u> | <u>Total</u>         |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Bellevue       | \$ 19,039,956        | \$ 320,761                   | \$ 1,283,940               | \$ 2,457,328                               | \$ 23,101,985        |
| Issaquah       | 1,737,818            | 71,792                       | 287,370                    | 1,055,432                                  | 3,152,412            |
| Kirkland       | 5,153,278            | 94,535                       | 378,404                    | 1,260,744                                  | 6,886,961            |
| Redmond        | 6,493,173            | 158,696                      | 635,226                    | (978,440)                                  | 6,308,655            |
| Sammamish      | 1,096,443            | 115,980                      | 464,243                    | 1,623,248                                  | 3,299,914            |
| Skyway         | 388,227              | 18,770                       | 75,132                     | 25,664                                     | 507,793              |
| Tukwila        | 2,503,529            | 40,618                       | 162,584                    | 426,664                                    | 3,133,395            |
|                | <u>\$ 36,412,424</u> | <u>\$ 821,152</u>            | <u>\$ 3,286,899</u>        | <u>\$ 5,870,640</u>                        | <u>\$ 46,391,115</u> |

**Note 11 - Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability**

There have been no material violations of finance-related legal or contractual provisions, and there have been no expenditures exceeding legal appropriations.

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**Note 12 - Risk Management**

Cascade Water Alliance is a member of the Water and Sewer Risk Management Pool (the Risk 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-insure, 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 Risk Pool was formed on 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 Risk Pool currently has 61 members and a fiscal year of November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Risk Pool allows members to jointly purchase insurance coverage, establish a plan of self-insurance coverage, and provide related services, such as risk management and loss prevention. The Risk Pool provides the following forms of group purchased insurance coverage for its members: Property (including Building, Electronic Data Processing, Boiler and Machinery, and Mobile Equipment); General Liability; Automotive Liability; Excess Liability, Crime; Public Officials Liability; Identity Fraud Reimbursement Program; and bonds of various types. All coverages are on an “occurrence” basis.

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   |
|------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Property Loss:</b>  |  |   |   |
| Buildings and Contents | \$1,000 - \$25,000 and<br>See (C) below    | \$25,000                                    | \$1,000,000,000   |
| Flood                  | See (A) below                              | See (A) below                               | \$50,000,000  |
| Earthquake             | See (B) below                              | See (B) below                               | \$110,000,000<br>(\$75,000,000 shared by all members, \$25,000,000 dedicated to Alderwood, \$5,000,000 dedicated to Sammamish Plateau, and \$5,000,000 dedicated to Cascade Water Alliance) |
| Terrorism              | \$1,000 - \$25,000                         | \$25,000<br>Primary layer                   | \$100,000,000<br>Primary layer  |
| Boiler and Machinery   | \$1,000 - \$350,000<br>depending on object | \$25,000 - \$350,000<br>depending on object | \$100,000,000   |
| Auto - Physical Damage | \$1,000 - \$25,000                         | \$25,000                                    | \$10,000,000  |

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| Type of Coverage  | Member Deductible  | Self-Insured Retention/Group | Excess limits |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Liability:</b>   |                    |                              |               |
| Commercial General Liability  | \$1,000 - \$25,000 | \$200,000                    | \$10,000,000  |
| Auto Liability  | \$1,000 - \$25,000 | \$200,000                    | \$10,000,000  |
| Public Officials Errors and Omissions   | \$1,000 - \$25,000 | \$200,000                    | \$10,000,000  |
| Employment Practices  | \$1,000 - \$25,000 | \$200,000                    | \$10,000,000  |
| <b>Other:</b>   |                    |                              |               |
| Public Officials Bonds  | Various            | N/A                          | Various       |
| Crime   | \$1,000 - \$25,000 | \$25,000                     | \$2,000,000   |
| Identity Fraud  | \$0                | \$0                          | \$25,000      |
| A. \$100,000 member deductibles, per occurrence, in Flood zones except Zones A&V; \$250,000 member deductible per occurrence, in Flood Zones A&V.   |                    |                              |               |
| B. Member deductible for earthquakes is 5% subject to \$100,000 minimum Earthquake Shock. The deductible will apply per occurrence on a per unit basis, as defined in the policy form, subject to the stated minimum. |                    |                              |               |
| C. Member deductible for Cyber liability is \$100,000 and where applicable the dollar amount of the business interruption loss during the policy's required 8 hour waiting period                                     |                    |                              |               |

Pool members are responsible for a deductible on each coverage and the Pool is responsible for the remainder of the self-insured retention listed in the table above except where noted as follows. The insurance carriers then cover the loss to the maximum limit of the policy. Each member is responsible for the full deductible applicable to the perils of earthquake and flood (the Pool is not responsible for any deductible or self-insured retention for earthquake and flood claims). Each member is also responsible for the full deductible applicable to the Cyber Liability, and that part of a Boiler & Machinery deductible, which exceeds \$25,000.

Upon joining, the members contract to remain in the Pool for one full policy period. Following completion of one full policy period, members must give six months notice before terminating participation (e.g. to withdraw from the Pool on November 1, 2018, written notice must be in possession of the Pool by April 30, 2018). The Interlocal Governmental Agreement is renewed automatically each year. Even after termination of relationship with the Pool, a member is still responsible for contributions to the Pool for any unresolved, unreported, and in process claims, for the period that the District was a signatory to the Interlocal Governmental Agreement.

The Pool is fully funded by its member participants. Claims are filed by members with the Pool who determines coverage and performs claims adjustment in consultation with Arcadia Claims Services and Adjusters Northwest.

The Pool is governed by a Board of Directors, which is comprised of one designated representative from each participating member. An Executive Committee is elected at the annual meeting, and is responsible for overseeing the business affairs of the Pool and providing policy direction to the Pool's Executive Director.

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**Note 12 - Continued**

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

| Type of Coverage                      | Member<br>Deductible  | Self-Insured<br>Retention | Excess Limits                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Property Loss:</b>                 |                       |                           |                               |
| Buildings and contents                | \$ 1,000              | \$ 25,000                 | \$ 1,000,000,000              |
| Flood                                 | See (a) below         | See (a) below             | \$ 50,000,000                 |
| Earthquake                            | See (b) and (c) below | See (b) and (c) below     | \$ 75,000,000                 |
| Terrorism                             | \$ 1,000              | \$ 25,000                 | \$ 700,000,000                |
| Boiler and machinery                  | \$ 1,000              | \$ 25,000 - \$350,000     | \$ 100,000,000                |
| Auto - physical damage                | \$ 1,000              | \$ 25,000                 | Replacement value<br>coverage |
| <b>Liability:</b>                     |                       |                           |                               |
| Comprehensive general liability       | \$1,000               | \$ 300,000                | \$ 15,000,000                 |
| Auto liability                        | \$ 1,000              | \$ 300,000                | \$ 15,000,000                 |
| Public officials errors and omissions | \$ 1,000              | \$ 300,000                | \$ 15,000,000                 |
| Employment practices                  | \$ 1,000              | \$ 300,000                | \$ 15,000,000                 |
| <b>Other:</b>                         |                       |                           |                               |
| Cyber liability                       | \$ 50,000             | N/A                       | \$ 2,000,000                  |
| Deadly weapon/active shooter          | \$ 10,000             | N/A                       | \$ 500,000                    |
| Public officials bonds                | Various               | N/A                       | Various                       |
| Crime                                 | \$ 1,000              | \$ 25,000                 | \$ 2,000,000                  |
| Identity fraud                        | \$ -                  | \$ -                      | \$ 25,000                     |

- a. \$100,000 member deductibles, per occurrence, in Flood zones except Zones A&V; \$250,000 member deductible per occurrence, in Flood Zones A&V.
- b. Member deductible for earthquakes is 5% subject to \$100,000 minimum Earthquake Shock. If the stated deductible is on a percentage basis, the deductible will apply per occurrence on a per unit basis, as defined in the policy form, subject to the stated minimum.
- c. In addition to the \$75,000,000 of shared earthquake coverage amongst pool members Cascade shares a \$10,000,000 policy with Sammamish Plateau Water that in the event that the earthquake did less than \$5,000,000 in damage to one of the parties then the other party would be able to collect the remaining available funds.
- d. Member deductible for Cyber liability is \$100,000 and where applicable the dollar amount of the business interruption loss during the policy's required 8 hour waiting period.



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#### Note 12 - Continued

Risk Pool members are responsible for a deductible on each coverage and the Risk Pool is responsible for the remainder of the self-insured retention listed in the table above except where noted as follows. The insurance carriers then cover the loss to the maximum limit of the policy. Each member is responsible for the full deductible applicable to the perils of earthquake and flood (the Pool is not responsible for any deductible or self-insured retention for earthquake and flood claims). Each member is also responsible for the full deductible applicable to the Cyber Liability, and that part of a Boiler & Machinery deductible which exceeds \$25,000.

Upon joining, the members contract to remain in the Pool for one full policy period. Following completion of one full policy period, members must give six months' notice before terminating participation (e.g. to withdraw from the Pool on November 1, 2019, written notice must be in possession of the Risk Pool by April 30, 2019). The Interlocal Governmental Agreement is renewed automatically each year. Even after termination of relationship with the Risk Pool, a member is still responsible for contributions to the Risk Pool for any unresolved, unreported, and in process claims, for the period that the District was a signatory to the Interlocal Governmental Agreement.

The Risk Pool is fully funded by its member participants. Claims are filed by members with the Pool who determines coverage and performs claims adjustment in consultation with Arcadia Claims Services.

The Risk Pool is governed by a Board of Directors, which is comprised of one designated representative from each participating member. An Executive Committee is elected at the annual meeting, and is responsible for overseeing the business affairs of the Risk Pool and providing policy direction to the Risk Pool's Executive Director.

In the past three years (2020, 2019, and 2018), there have been no claim settlements, per occurrence or in aggregate, that have exceeded the coverage provided by excess/reinsurance contracts.

#### Note 13 - Subsequent Events

Cascade evaluated its December 31, 2020 financial statements for subsequent events through June 15, 2021, which is the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

## CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE

### Required Supplementary Information For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

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#### Modified Approach for Infrastructure Capital Assets

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, Cascade is required to account for and report infrastructure capital assets. Cascade defines infrastructure as the basic physical assets used by Cascade in the conduct of its business. Each major infrastructure system can be divided into subsystems. For example, the White River/Lake Tapps Reservoir Project (the Lake Tapps Project) can be divided into several distinct facilities: White River divergence; conveyance and sediment control systems; Lake Tapps Reservoir and embankments; outlet structure to forebay; penstocks; hydroelectric station; and tailrace and return to White River. For ease of defining the Lake Tapps Project, these facilities have been consolidated into three main subsystems: Upper Conveyance System (the White River divergence and conveyance and sediment control facilities); Reservoir and Embankments (or the Storage System consisting of the Lake Tapps Reservoir and dike facilities); and Lower Conveyance System (all facilities from the Lake Tapps outlet structure to the tailrace return to the White River). Subsystem detail is not presented in the basic financial statements; however, Cascade maintains detailed information on these subsystems.

Cascade has elected to use the “Modified Approach” as defined by GASB Statement No. 34 for infrastructure reporting for its Lake Tapps Project. Under GASB Statement No. 34, eligible infrastructure capital assets are not required to be depreciated under the following requirements:

- Cascade manages the eligible infrastructure capital assets using an asset management system with characteristics including: (1) an up-to-date inventory; (2) performance of condition assessments and summarization of the results using a measurement scale; and (3) an estimate of the annual amount required to maintain and preserve at the established condition assessment level.
- Cascade documents that the eligible infrastructure capital assets are being preserved approximately at or above the established and disclosed condition assessment level.

Capital Assets Assessment Prior to Cascade Ownership - In September 2006, prior to entering into the Asset Purchase Agreement with Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE), Cascade received an Engineering Report (prepared by CH2MHill for Buck and Gordon, LLP and Cascade) which, among other things, included a Facility Condition Assessment and Capital Improvement Plan for the Lake Tapps Project. The condition assessment was based on a review of available documents (such as design documents, condition inspections conducted by or for PSE and operation and maintenance evaluations), cursory field inspections and observation and interviewing site (PSE) personnel. The report described the condition of major facilities constituting the Upper and Lower Conveyance Systems and recommended improvements. The following categories of improvements were used:

- Initial Capital Upgrade (ICU): Projects need to be completed immediately to allow proper operation, to reduce the rate of deterioration or to protect health and safety (by 2010).
- Short-Term Improvement (STI): Projects recommended, but not necessary to maintain the current conditions of facilities (between 2011 and 2018).
- Long-Term Improvement (LTI): Projects that should be replaced at the end of their projected useful life (between 2019 and 2050).
- Maintenance (M): Projects typically included in annual maintenance programs.

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#### Modified Approach for Infrastructure Capital Assets (Continued)

The following is a listing of the major Lake Tapps Project facilities in the Upper Conveyance and Lower Conveyance Systems, with the category of facility improvement recommended by CH2MHill in 2006:

##### Upper Conveyance System:

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Headworks Area Buildings        | M; ICU; STI |
| Headgates                       | ICU; LTI    |
| Rock Chutes                     | STI         |
| Concrete Lined Canal            | M           |
| Timber Flume                    | LTI         |
| 6-Foot Outlet (Wolslegal Basin) | None        |
| Fish Screen                     | STI         |
| Twin Pipelines                  | M; STI; LTI |

##### Lower Conveyance System:

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Tunnel Inlet/Lake Outlet            | ICU           |
| 12-Foot Concrete Tunnel             | LTI           |
| "Bear Pit" Overflow Shaft           | LTI           |
| Forebay Caisson and Building        | M; LTI        |
| Penstocks/Standpipes/Surge Chambers | ICU; STI; LTI |
| Powerhouse                          | ICU           |

In 2008, the Washington Department of Ecology's Dam Safety Office (DSO) published the First Periodic Dam Safety Inspection Report for the Lake Tapps Project (Dikes 1 through 15). DSO inspected the Lake Tapps dikes in August 2007 and the report included an evaluation and analysis of the condition of the dikes and Printz Basin Backflow Prevention Structure.

The DSO report concluded that the dikes and the Backflow Prevention Structure "...appeared to be in good condition and the project meets current engineering standards for dam design and construction with regard to floods and earthquakes". A few deficiencies were found and are summarized below:

- Refinements are necessary to the monitoring routines for Dikes 9,10 and 12;
- Dike 3 requires improvement to address potential for internal soil erosion, in conjunction with a proposed roadway improvement by Pierce County;
- Discharge capacity of the project may need to be increased to accommodate both the Local and General Storm Probable Maximum Flood;
- Relocating or adding weirs and adding seepage monitoring to Dike 8; and
- Completion of maintenance items, such as vegetation removal.

In 2012, DSO conducted the Second Periodic Dam Safety Inspection. Cascade addressed the issues raised by DSO.

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#### Modified Approach for Infrastructure Capital Assets (Continued)

DSO conducted a Dam Safety Inspection in February and July 2017. Overall, the condition of the dikes was considered Satisfactory, with no existing or potential safety deficiencies identified. Minor issues to be corrected to improve the maintenance and operation of the dikes were identified. Cascade addressed these issues in 2018.

Capital Assets Assessment Since Cascade Ownership - The Lake Tapps Project was been operated by PSE, under contract to Cascade, from when Cascade acquired the Project from PSE in 2009. Cascade selected Veolia Water North America (Veolia) as its long-term contract operator for the project in January 2011. Veolia entered into the Transition Phase of the contract in January 2012 (observing PSE operation and training staff) and assumed all operation and maintenance responsibilities on April 16, 2012. During the Transition Phase (April through December 2012), Veolia, in addition to performing all necessary operation and maintenance activities:

- Developed Operation and Maintenance Manuals for all Project facilities;
- Selected and implemented a Maintenance Management System (MMS) for the Project; and
- Developed the 2013 Operations and Maintenance Budget for Cascade's approval.

The Manuals and 2013 budget were approved by Cascade and were the basis for Veolia's performance during 2013. The initial contract term was through 2016. Cascade extended the contract term for one additional five year period (through 2021) and may extend for one more additional period of up to five years. Annual revisions to the Manuals and Budget for 2014 through 2020 were negotiated and agreed upon and are the basis for Veolia's performance during these years.

Since 2009, Cascade has conducted additional work including:

#### Facility Conditions Assessments:

- Contracted with AECOM to perform a condition assessment of certain Project facilities;
- Contracted with GeoEngineers to assess the condition of the dikes;
- Contracted with Carollo to develop security master plan; and
- Contracted with Carollo Engineers to perform condition assessment on Lower Conveyance System.

#### Repair/Maintenance/Upgrade Activities:

- Contracted with NAES to repair and upgrade the Fish Screen Facility;
- Performed inspections and effected repairs to the Timber Flume and Twin Pipelines;
- Performed removal of sediment from settling basins during the 2010/2011, 2014/2015 outages and 2017 outages;
- Implemented DSO recommended monitoring routines on Dikes 9,10 and 12;
- Implemented DSO recommendations on Dike 8 and Dike 10;
- Implemented seismic remediation project on Dike 3 in 2014/2015;
- Installed and upgraded piezometers in all Dikes and installed remote read capability on Dike 11;
- Installed test wells for movement along Dike 17;
- Demonstrated available discharge capacity;

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#### Modified Approach for Infrastructure Capital Assets (Continued)

- Completed PMP/PMF study;
- Performed repairs and inspection of the Barrier Structure in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018;
- Repaired the ecology block wall on Dike 13 in 2013;
- Repaired Tailrace “wingwall” adjacent to railroad crossing in 2011;
- Performed repairs on Dikes 2B, 3 and 11 in 2012;
- Performed repairs on Dikes 1, 3, 4 and 12 in 2013;
- Improved and upgraded Project security (fences, gates, locks, cameras, lighting, etc.);
- Inspected and repaired fencing, gates, alarms and cameras;
- Improved and upgraded gaging stations;
- Repaired pipeline and valve leaks;
- Implemented plan for Powerhouse roof replacement;
- Replaced roofs on Headworks area buildings;
- Removed Gatekeeper residence and related outbuildings;
- Repaired pipeline and valve leaks;
- Implemented plan for Powerhouse roof replacement;
- Replaced roofs on Headworks area buildings;
- Removed Gatekeeper residence and related outbuildings;
- Upgraded SCADA system;
- Developed plan to comply with L&I/DOSH recommendations; implementation is ongoing;
- Removed hazardous wastes from Powerhouse;
- Removed lead paint in Powerhouse;
- Installed electric meters and disconnected power to non-essential equipment;
- Removed and salvaged unnecessary or retired/obsolete equipment;
- Purchased new forklift;
- Upgraded and replaced culverts at headworks and valve house;
- Stockpiled sand for emergencies at strategic locations;
- Replaced telephone system;
- Performed HPA required plantings along Tailrace and on Dike 11;
- Conducted inspections of all cranes and performed necessary maintenance and repairs;
- Headworks trolley removed as part of Mud Mountain Dam Fish Passage Project;
- Implemented Lower Conveyance System repairs/improvements recommended by Carollo, including replacement of Tunnel Intake Trash Racks and Stop Logs, concrete repairs, maintenance of Tunnel Intake slide gate and replacement of fill gate; maintenance of Forebay slide gates, relief valve repairs and flow tube repairs;
- Contracted with HDR Engineering to design Timber Flume replacement and Headgate improvements;
- Completed replacement of the Timber Flume, including repairs to an existing section of concrete flume;

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#### Modified Approach for Infrastructure Capital Assets (Continued)

- Completed implemented Headgate Improvement Project;
- Repaired floor of concrete flume at Headgates;
- Performed repairs to slide gates at 6 foot valve in Dingle Basin;
- Inspected and performed repairs to ten 10 foot tunnels;
- Performed maintenance on Fish Screens;
- Installed new LED lighting in Powerhouse;
- Performed lead abatement measures, painting and repairs at Headworks structures;
- Installed new Valve No.3;
- Repaired Relief Valve No. 1;
- Repaired leak in Penstock No. 1 and 3;
- Replace barrier boom at Tunnel Intake Cove;
- Performed routine maintenance and repairs on vehicles, pumps, valves and generators;
- Performed routine maintenance and repairs on roads;
- Performed routine vegetation removal;
- Completed SCADA Master Plan;
- Contracted with RH2 for design of SCADA and Phase 2 of Security Improvements;
- Designed and advertised a construction project to raise Dike 12 by 2 feet;
- Repaired 66" cone valve at the Valve House;
- Contracted with Parametrix for On-Call Civil, Mechanical and Structural Engineering Services;
- Utilized new chemical treatment for milfoil control of Lake Tapps Reservoir;
- Performed minor repair on Dike 13 to minimize;
- Replaced roof and gutters on Relief House;
- Replaced Gate House windows;
- Removed trees in settling basins;
- Removed trees in twin 10' tunnel corridors;
- Identified and fixed leak in twin 10' tunnels;
- Conducted condition assessment and repaired valves in Valve House;
- Cleared storm drains in Tailrace;
- Replaced two debris booms in Dingle basin east and west and installed two new anchors;
- Repaired soffit on the powerhouse;
- Replaced cables on the backflow preventer;
- Replaced Penstock 3 vault steel shield;
- Purchased new right-of-way gates in various locations;
- Cascade transferred ownership of the Barrier Structure to Army Corp of Engineers;

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**Modified Approach for Infrastructure Capital Assets (Continued)**

- Performed cone valve assessment on the Valve House;
- Performed pothole replacement in the parking lot at the Powerhouse;
- Performed electrical and SCADA equipment upgrade at the communication room at headworks; and
- Performed major inspections on the gantry crane.

These activities expanded upon the CH2MHill assessment and implemented some of the recommendations from Carollo, CH2MHill, AECOM, GeoEngineers and DSO.

Capital Assets Funding - Based on the condition assessment work completed to date, Cascade has included funding for ongoing maintenance and repair of Lake Tapps Project Capital Assets in its annual operating budget as well as funding for upgrading and replacement of Lake Tapps Project Capital Assets in its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Operation and Maintenance Budget and CIP for Cascade's 2021 - 2022 Biennium are summarized below:

**Lake Tapps Project Operation and Maintenance Budget:**

|      |              |
|------|--------------|
| 2021 | \$ 4,904,399 |
| 2022 | 4,484,420    |

**Lake Tapps Project CIP Budget:**

|      |              |
|------|--------------|
| 2021 | \$ 2,594,000 |
| 2022 | 2,475,000    |
| 2023 | 2,525,000    |
| 2023 | 8,070,000    |

The Operation and Maintenance Budget and CIP for Cascade's 2021 - 2022 Biennium were adopted by the Board in September 2020.

The estimated and actual annual amount to maintain the infrastructure assets is summarized below:

| For the Year Ending December 31, | Estimate     | Actual       |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2014                             | \$ 2,553,450 | \$ 3,071,494 |
| 2015                             | 3,006,460    | 4,083,528    |
| 2016                             | 2,076,415    | 2,461,900    |
| 2017                             | 3,144,200    | 2,787,424    |
| 2018                             | 3,245,700    | 3,523,118    |
| 2019                             | 3,535,650    | 3,671,895    |
| 2020                             | 3,615,764    | 3,783,178    |

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**ADDITIONAL AUDITOR'S REPORT  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
*GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

**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***

**Independent Auditor's Report**

**To the Board of Directors  
Cascade Water Alliance  
Bellevue, Washington**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of Cascade Water Alliance (Cascade) which comprise the statement of net position as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Cascade's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2021.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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



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## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cascade's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of This Report**

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



Certified Public Accountants  
June 15, 2021

**CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE**

**Schedule of Findings and Responses  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

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No matters are reported.