

**DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL
WATER QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority
Chester, Pennsylvania

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority ("DELCORA"), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise DELCORA's financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and the changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the DELCORA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud



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may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the DELCORA's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the DELCORA's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and net pension liability historical information on pages 4 to 12 and 35 to 37 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority's basic financial statements. The schedules of operating revenues budget comparison, operating expenses budget comparison, debt service and cash receipts and disbursements-trust funds established under an indenture dated July 15, 2001 and total cash and investments are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and certain



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additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedules of operating revenues budget comparison, operating expenses budget comparison, debt service and cash receipts and disbursement-trust funds established under an indenture dated July 15, 2001 and total cash and investments is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 6, 2024, on our consideration of DELCORA'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 testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of DELCORA'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 DELCORA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Other Matters

As reported and detailed in Note 11 of the financial statements, DELCORA has entered into an asset purchase agreement with Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., through which Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, inc. will acquire all DELCORA assets and liabilities as specified in the agreements. Various litigation regarding the agreement is still pending at this date.

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May 6, 2024

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DELCORA Mission Statement

“Provide Environmentally Responsible and Cost Effective Waste Water Management Services to the Citizens, Businesses and Industries of Southeastern Pennsylvania”

Executive Summary

DELCORA's performance for the year ended December 31, 2023 includes the following key highlights:

- The effects of the pandemic were significantly reduced in 2023 compared to the prior 3 years, particularly in regards to DELCORA's ability to collect delinquent accounts from customers. DELCORA continues to maintain a steady level of service throughout the Authority. We continue to treat wastewater, service the conveyance and collection systems, pay our employees and vendors, proceed with our capital projects and perform other functions that were in place pre-pandemic. Payments improved significantly in 2023 compared to 2022, as collections efforts, including shutting off water service, resumed in 2023 after being stopped since early in 2020. Collections from residential customers improved to over \$12,620,000 from approximately \$9,450,000 in 2022, an improvement of \$3,170,000. This allowed us to reduce our allowance for doubtful accounts by approximately \$350,000 in 2023.
- DELCORA is facing significant infrastructure improvements and increased expenses as a result of more stringent and costly environmental regulations. These significant additional costs will lead to rate increases for all customers in the coming years.
- On September 17, 2019, DELCORA entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) with Aqua. Pursuant to the APA, DELCORA agreed to sell all of its assets to Aqua. Following the execution of the APA, Aqua filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) seeking approval of the purchase of DELCORA's assets and for a certificate to serve DELCORA's customers.
- In January 2021, the Administrative Law Judges for the Pennsylvania PUC recommended that AQUA's application be denied. AQUA provided exceptions to the recommended decision to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PA PUC). On March 25, 2021, the PA PUC reopened the record and remanded the application back to the Administrative Law Judges for such further proceedings that may be appropriate. Delaware County, Pennsylvania appealed that decision to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court.
- In May 2020, Delaware County, Pennsylvania filed a lawsuit alleging that DELCORA does not have the legal authority to establish and fund a customer trust with the proceeds of the sale of assets by DELCORA to Aqua. In December 2020, the judge in the Delaware County court lawsuit issued an order that (1) The County cannot interfere with the Asset Purchase Agreement between DELCORA and AQUA, (2) the County cannot terminate DELCORA prior to the closing of the transaction, and (3) that the establishment of the Customer Trust was valid. In 2021, the County appealed the decision to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court. In March 2022, the Commonwealth Court held that although the County can ultimately terminate DELCORA, in doing so it must adhere to the terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement between DELCORA and AQUA.
- In July of 2022, the Secretary of the Pennsylvania PUC issued an Order lifting the Stay of Proceedings and directing the Office of Administrative Law Judge to promptly schedule hearings, briefing, and address other pending matters in the remanded proceeding.

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- On January 18, 2023, DELCORA filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment with the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, naming both Delaware County and Aqua as Defendants. The Declaratory Judgment Action raised two claims: (1) Whether the County Ordinance is a final action prohibiting DELCORA from carrying out the material transactions of the APA; and (2) In the event that DELCORA retains the ability to close on the transaction, whether DELCORA is permitted under the MAA to solely exist as a trust and maintain the protections of a municipal entity while serving as a trust.
- On February 3, 2023, the Receiver for the City of Chester filed with the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania a Motion of Debtor Pursuant to Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code for Entry of an Order Enforcing the Automatic Stay of Proceeding Before the Pennsylvania Public Utilities [sic] Commission. DELCORA's 1973 Sales Agreement contains a reversionary clause that DELCORA would return certain assets to Chester should DELCORA no longer service the system. The identification and valuation of those assets is ongoing. Prior to the filing of their Bankruptcy, the Receiver for the City of Chester filed a Complaint in Delaware County Common Pleas seeking a Declaratory Judgment that the Revisionary Clause is in full force and effect and seeking damages related to DELCORA's inclusion of those assets in the APA with Aqua. This Complaint was withdrawn without prejudice on August 31, 2023. On May 23, 2023, United States Bankruptcy Judge Chan entered an Order granting the Debtor's Motion. Aqua has appealed the Order and their appeal is currently pending in the District Court.
- On February 6, 2023, Administrative Law Judge Brady issued an Interim Order Granting a Joint Motion for Stay in response to a motion filed by Delaware County, I&E, the OCA, and the OSBA requesting a stay of the PUC matter while the Chester Bankruptcy and DELCORA Declaratory Judgment actions are resolved. At this time, the PUC matter is stayed pending a final unappealable decision of the Chester Bankruptcy Motion to Enforce Stay and also DELCORA's Complaint for Declaratory Judgment. The Parties provide Judge Brady an update every 90 days on the status of the Bankruptcy and the Declaratory Judgment.
- In addition, Univest Bank and Trust Co. (Univest) has filed a Petition in the Delaware County Orphan's Court seeking to have a successor Trustee appointed for the DELCORA Rate Stabilization Trust. The parties have reached an amicable resolution which will allow the Court to have a successor appointed.
- DELCORA pumps wastewater from eastern Delaware County to Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) for treatment. In 2023, PWD dramatically changed its methodology for allocating its LTCP costs. In August 2023, PWD forwarded an amendment to the service agreement with DELCORA. This amendment changed the rate model used to calculate DELCORA's share of the LTCP costs for Philadelphia. The new rate model reduces DELCORA's share from 9.44%(\$605,000,000) to 0.21% (\$13,458,000), a reduction of almost 98%. DELCORA approved the amendment and the new rates became effective on November 1, 2023. The following illustrates the cost impact of the amendment. For the period November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023, DELCORA was charged approximately \$2,429,000 for its share of the PWD LTCP. For the period November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, that amount was reduced to approximately \$109,000. The current contract expires in 2028.
- Previous audits discussed the construction of very costly infrastructure (i.e.: a tunnel) to redirect DELCORA's wastewater from PWD to the DELCORA treatment plant in Chester. The dramatic PWD cost reduction discussed above prompted the DELCORA Board to reevaluate the construction of the tunnel to redirect wastewater to Chester. The DELCORA Board adopted a resolution on November 21, 2023 which functionally placed the tunnel on the back burner. In accordance with the Board's resolution, land acquisition for a possible future tunnel continues.

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- The Combined Sewer Overflow Long-Term Control Plan (CSO LTCP) Update Report and the Nine Minimum Controls (NMC) Plan were submitted on February 17, 2019. On January 25, 2021 and February 5, 2021, an updated version of the LTCP Update and Nine Minimum Controls were submitted. The NMC Plan was approved. The LTCP Update was resubmitted on March 1, 2022. This 2022 version of the LTCP Update assumed that the tunnel discussed above would be constructed. PWD's rate change and subsequent Board action resulted in needing to change the LTCP. The revised LTCP will be submitted in May 2024.
- DELCORA sent an average of 21.60 million gallons per day (MGD) in 2023 to the Philadelphia Water Department's (PWD) Treatment Plant vs. 21.36 MGD in 2022. Flow in 2023 at DELCORA's Western Regional Treatment Plant (WRTP) was 34.84 MGD vs. 35.84 MGD in 2022. Flow was fairly consistent from 2022 to 2023 as rainfall in 2023 at 42.19 inches was similar to 2022 rainfall of 41.90 inches. Rainfall is as measured by the National Weather Service at Philadelphia International Airport.
- In 2023, revenue from the trucked waste receiving business was \$6,507,209, an increase of \$757,209 (13.2%) over the 2023 budget and an increase of \$316,250 (2.1%) from the prior year.

Major Capital Projects Completed in 2023 Include:

T-28 Clarifier	\$26,448,000
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Major Projects in Progress in 2023:

SWDCA I&I Removal	\$1,255,000
Townsend Street CSO Elimination Project	\$3,515,555
Piping & Hydraulic Mains Replacement	\$1,741,063
Beech St Pump Station - Ridge Rd. Force Main	\$4,487,943
B-3 UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply)	\$3,130,882

Significant projects have slowed after the completion of the T-28 Clarifier project. A significant portion of the capital expenditures in 2023 was for engineering and support work for the Eastern Service Area project to redirect flow from Philadelphia to the DELCORA WRTP. As mentioned above, given PWD's significant reduction in DELCORA's share of its LTCP costs, these plans have been put on hold.

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Summary of Organization and Business

The Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority (DELCORA) is a body, politic and corporate, created October 20, 1971, by a resolution of the Council of the County of Delaware, Pennsylvania, the County, under an Act of General Assembly of the State, approved May 2, 1945, P.L. 382, as amended and supplemented, known as the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended (the "Act").

The governing body of DELCORA is a Board of Directors consisting of nine members appointed by the Delaware County Council. The Board is authorized to exercise any and all powers conferred by the aforementioned Act necessary for the acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, maintenance and operation of the system facilities. A Board Member's term is for 5 years. The terms of the Board members are staggered.

DELCORA does not have taxing power. Ongoing operations are funded from customer revenues. The acquisition and construction of capital assets are funded by capital borrowing, contributions from developers, Federal and State grants and loans, and customer revenues.

The system is divided into two regions: the Eastern Service Area and the Western Service Area. Each is served by a regional wastewater treatment plant. DELCORA is responsible for building and operating interceptors, force mains and pump stations in both regions, building the regional treatment plant in the Western Service Area and acquiring capacity at the Philadelphia Water Department's Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant (SW WPCP) for wastewater treatment for the Eastern Service Area. DELCORA currently owns and operates sewer collection systems serving eight municipalities: the City of Chester, parts of the Township of Chester, and the Boroughs of Parkside, Upland, Trainer, Marcus Hook, Rose Valley, and Edgmont. In addition, DELCORA owns and operates 2 treatment plants in housing developments in Pocopson Township, Chester County.

DELCORA History & Background

- Late 1960's—Delaware County recognized the need for a regional wastewater management plan
- All 49 Municipalities designated the Delaware County Planning Commission to develop the plan
 - First phase (1971)—Identified problems, future needs, alternate solutions
 - Second Phase (1972)—Regional plan divided the county into Eastern and Western services areas
 - Eastern Flows (about 50MGD) conveyed to PWD's Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant
 - Western Flows consisting of mixed Municipal/Industrial Waste (Sun Oil, Scott Paper, FMC) conveyed to a new 44MGD, \$50MM plant in Chester
 - Federal construction grants (~\$100MM) utilized in Delaware County and the City of Philadelphia
- DELCORA was created by the County to implement the plan

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Overview of Annual Financial Report

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) serves as an introduction to the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The MD&A represents management's analysis of DELCORA's financial condition and performance. Summary financial statement data, key financial and operational indicators, the current year budget, bond resolutions, and other management tools were used for this analysis.

The financial statements report information about DELCORA using full accrual accounting methods as utilized by similar business activities in the private sector.

The financial statements include a statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; a statement of cash flows; and notes to the financial statements. The statement of net position presents the financial position of DELCORA on a full accrual historical cost basis. While the statement of net position provides information about the nature and amount of resources and obligations at year-end, the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents the results of the business activities over the course of the fiscal year and the amounts by which the net position changed during the year. All changes in net position are reported concurrently with the occurrence of the underlying event giving rise to the change, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. This statement also provides certain information about DELCORA's recovery of its costs.

The statement of cash flows reports changes in cash and cash equivalents resulting from operations, financing, and investing activities. This statement presents cash receipts and cash disbursement information, without consideration of the earnings event, the timing of any arising obligations, or depreciation of capital assets.

The notes to the financial statements provide required disclosures and other information that is essential to a full understanding of the financial data provided in the statements. The notes also present information about DELCORA's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, commitments, contingencies and subsequent events, if any. Supplementary information comparing the budget to actual expenses, as well as statements of operating expenses, is also provided.

The financial statements were prepared by DELCORA's staff from the detailed books and records of DELCORA. The financial statements were audited and adjusted, if the adjustments were material, during the independent external audit process.

DELCORA uses the rate model developed by Municipal & Financial Services Group. Rate setting policies employ different methods of cost recovery not fully provided for by generally accepted accounting principles. The primary objective of a rate model is to improve upon the equitable allocation of costs among customer classes and to ensure that capital costs are allocated on the basis of long-term capacity needs, following the axiom that growth pays for growth.

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Financial Analysis

The following comparative general information and condensed financial statements serve as the key financial data and indicators for management, monitoring and planning. Comments regarding budget-to-actual variances and actual year-to-year variances are included in each section by the name of the statement or account.

	2022	2023	Difference	%
<i>Revenues per thousand gallons billed:</i>				
Residential	\$4.03	\$4.13	.10	2.5
Commercial	\$3.82	\$3.87	.05	1.3
<i>Ratio of Operating Revenue to:</i>				
-Operating Expenses	1.37	1.36	(.01)	(.07)
-Operating Expenses, net of depreciation	1.65	1.65	.00	0.0
-Total assets (asset turnover)	0.19	0.18	(.01)	(5.3)
<i>Ratio of Operating Income to:</i>				
-Operating Revenue	0.27	0.26	(.01)	(3.7)
<i>Debt-related ratios:</i>				
Total debt to total assets	0.34	0.34	0.0	-0.0

Financial Results of System-wide Operations

- Total Liabilities	\$ 166,828,244
Long Term	\$ 145,045,318
Other	\$ 21,782,926
- Total Net Assets	\$ 273,751,166
Invested in capital assets (net of related debt)	\$ 180,237,083
Restricted for Debt Service	\$ 14,148,555
Unrestricted	\$ 79,365,529
- Revenues (By source)	
Commercial Industries	\$ 18,106,424
Residential	\$ 63,646,193
Total Operating Revenue	<u>\$ 81,752,617</u>

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2023 Actual Compared to 2023 Budget Results:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
Total Revenues	\$ 85,658,763	\$ 88,345,956	\$ 2,687,193	Unfavorable
Operating Expenses (Net of Depreciation and Debt Service)	\$ 49,434,616	\$ 57,733,029	\$ 8,298,413	Favorable

Total revenue is \$85,658,763 – 3.0% lower than the budget of \$88,345,956. This shortfall in revenue was due to lower than budgeted flows in both the East and West Regions. The shortfall in revenue as a result of the lower flow was partially offset by a favorable variance of \$756,984 in hauled waste revenue and a favorable variance of \$2,417,325 in interest income. The favorable variance in interest income was due to quickly rising interest rates on invested cash balances in 2023, well above what was budgeted. The overall shortfall in revenue was offset by the favorable variance of \$8,298,412 in operating expenses so that net operating income exceeded budget by \$5,905,701. All excess revenue over expenses is used to fund current and future capital expenditures.

Significant variances to budget in operating expenses are as follows:

PWD Treatment Costs – actual treatment costs were less than budget by \$4,148,352. This was due to lower than budgeted flow, along with lower than budgeted BOD and TSS readings.

Solicitor and Consulting – These expenses were a combined \$920,819 under budget, as amounts budgeted for the Aqua purchase were not spent.

Pension Expense – This was under budget by \$775,503. DELCORA made its Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) payment of \$2,100,676 for the year. The favorable expense variance was the result of accounting entries made after actuarial calculations at year end that take into account changes in the plan's investment balance and future pension liabilities. As of December 31, 2023, DELCORA's pension fund was 104.97% funded. DELCORA is on plan to make its MMO contribution in 2024 of \$2,125,001.

Employee Benefits – This was under budget by \$411,565 due to lower than budgeted employee health insurance expense. Due to positive experience in prior years, DELCORA received a 2 month premium holiday in 2023, that was the cause for most of the favorable budget position.

Minor Equipment and Supplies, Including Chemicals – This was over budget by \$1,259,675, as this includes expenses for chemicals used in the treatment process. The price of chemicals, particularly chlorine, increased significantly in 2022 above budgeted levels.

Utilities – This was over budget by \$497,674 due to higher than budgeted natural gas usage for the incinerator.

Provision for Doubtful Accounts – This was under budget by \$481,003 as collections on delinquent accounts improved in 2023. During the pandemic, collection efforts stopped. Delinquent account collection procedures began again in 2023, resulting in a reduction in delinquent accounts and a corresponding reduction in the bad debt reserve needed.

Outside Engineering and Contracted Services – These were under budget by \$944,560 as needs for outside engineering services were lower than budgeted.

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2023 Actual Compared to 2022 Actual Results:

Operating Revenues and Expenses: DELCORA has various classes of wastewater customers depending on assets used in conveying flow to both the Philadelphia and Chester plants. Retail residential sewer rates increased from \$7.11 to \$7.47 per 1,000 gallons (a 5.06% increase) from calendar year 2022 to 2023. Retail Residential customers are Chester City, Chester and Edgmont Townships, and the Boroughs of Parkside, Upland, Marcus Hook, Trainer, and Rose Valley. They also include housing developments in Pocopson Township and Springhill Farms Condominium complex, and adjacent businesses. Total operating revenues increased \$2,288,734 in 2023 from 2022, a 2.9% increase. This was a result of the overall 5.0% rate increase, offset by lower flows in 2023 compared to 2022.

The following table shows the composition of wastewater operating expenses by major classification of expense for the last two fiscal years.

	2022	% of Total	2023	% of Total	Variance	% Change
PWD Plant Treatment	\$ 10,850,602	18.7%	\$ 11,151,648	18.5%	\$ 301,046	2.8%
Salary & Wages	14,180,527	24.5%	15,592,259	25.8%	\$ 1,411,732	10.0%
Depreciation & Amortization	9,792,367	16.9%	10,891,213	18.1%	\$ 1,098,846	11.2%
Utilities	3,266,337	5.6%	4,028,549	6.7%	\$ 762,212	23.3%
Pension	3,334,576	5.8%	1,325,173	2.2%	\$ (2,009,403)	-60.3%
Employee Benefits	4,208,994	7.3%	4,465,499	7.4%	\$ 256,505	6.1%
Solids Disposal	1,483,194	2.6%	1,554,281	2.6%	\$ 71,087	4.8%
Repairs & Maintenance	3,484,722	6.0%	3,619,974	6.0%	\$ 135,252	3.9%
Engineering & Tech Services	1,394,426	2.4%	1,399,752	2.3%	\$ 5,326	0.4%
Legal Fees	448,586	0.8%	457,591	0.8%	\$ 9,005	2.0%
Minor Equipment and Supplies	3,006,594	5.2%	3,936,825	6.5%	\$ 930,231	30.9%
Other Operating Expenses	2,460,619	4.2%	1,903,067	3.2%	\$ (557,552)	-22.7%
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 57,911,544	100.0%	\$ 60,325,831	100.0%	\$ 2,414,287	4.2%

PWD Treatment Costs – 2023 treatment costs were higher than 2022 by 2.8% (\$301,046) despite lower flow due to a rate increase, as flow was relatively stable in 2023 compared to 2022.

Depreciation – Increased by \$1,098,846 or 11.2% from 2022 to 2023 due to a number of significant projects that have been completed and placed in service in 2023.

Utilities – Increased by \$762,212 or 23.3% due to higher rates for electric and natural gas and higher natural gas usage for the incinerator.

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Supplies – This increased by \$930,231 or 30.9% as the price for all chemicals used in the treatment process, particularly chlorine, increased significantly in 2023 from 2022.

Cash Flow Activity

The following table shows DELCORA's ability to generate net operating cash. Net cash provided by operating activities is shown both in total dollars and as a percentage of operating revenues.

Net cash flow from operations increased by \$1,255,655 to \$31,777,482 in 2023 from 2022.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total operating revenues	\$79,463,883	\$81,752,617	\$2,288,734	2.9 %
Net cash provided by operations	\$30,521,827	\$31,777,482	\$1,255,655	4.1%
Net operating cash as a % of operating revenue	38.4%	38.8%		

Rate Covenant

In the Bond Resolution, DELCORA covenants and agrees that it will, at all times, prescribe and maintain, and thereafter collect rates and charges for the services and facilities furnished by DELCORA, together with other income, that will yield annual income from operations before depreciation in the calendar year equal to at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the sum of the annual debt service payments. The rate covenant in the Bond Resolution obligates DELCORA to review rates not less than once a year and to revise such rates and charges as necessary to meet the coverage test.

2023 Operations

WRTP—Water Quality Performance

- Average Suspended Solids - 13 mg/L for the year
- Average cBOD5 - 8 mg/L for the year
- Average cBOD20 % Removal – 96.25% for the year

WRTP—Solids Handling Performance

- Average Dry Tons/Day - 64.31 tons for the year
- Average Cake Solids – 22.38 % for the year
- Average Fuel Oil Usage – 4.23 MCF/Dry Ton for the year

Waste Water Conveyed and Treated

- Western Delaware County To WRTP, including 8.47 MGD from CDCA — ~ 35.84 MGD
- Eastern Delaware County To Philadelphia Southwest Treatment Plant — ~21.36 MGD

TO CONTACT MANAGEMENT AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our clients, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Organization's finances and to demonstrate DELCORA's accountability of its funds. If you have questions regarding this report or would like additional information, contact the Chief Financial Officer at 100 East 5th Street, Chester, Pennsylvania 19013.

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	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 80,027,579	\$ 70,487,931
Investments	5,428,897	485,673
Receivables:		
Western Region		
Residential, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	1,768,423	2,401,935
of \$827,905 and \$1,172,935 in 2023 and 2022, respectively		
Municipal	3,587,623	2,338,630
Major industries	333,719	476,208
Permit industries	166,554	203,853
Other receivables	1,764,514	1,869,725
Prepaid expenses	201,488	268,067
Total current assets	<u>93,278,797</u>	<u>78,532,022</u>
Non current:		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	331,304,329	322,299,993
Right to use asset	89,212	110,812
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	14,148,555	11,740,850
Pension funding	1,193,299	-
Total non current assets	<u>346,735,395</u>	<u>334,151,655</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred expense on refunding	2,706,419	2,978,193
Pension plan related deferred outflows	7,364,785	10,610,065
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 450,085,396</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 426,271,935</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,732,388	\$ 6,772,098
Payable to the City of Philadelphia	1,922,141	1,948,014
Current portion of long-term debt	6,704,762	6,453,914
Accrued bond interest payable	1,076,358	994,978
Current portion of operating lease liability	27,175	43,532
Advances on services		
Eastern Region		
Residential	183,190	158,048
Central Delaware County Authority	1,530,298	1,280,721
Muckinipates Authority	811,418	554,152
Darby Creek Joint Authority	2,601,579	2,202,771
Major industries	193,617	31,796
Total current liabilities	<u>21,782,926</u>	<u>20,440,024</u>
Noncurrent		
Operating lease liability - net of current portion	62,037	67,280
Long term debt, net of current portion	144,364,378	138,964,327
Net pension liability	-	2,366,661
Deferred compensation plan	618,903	485,673
Total non current liabilities	<u>145,045,318</u>	<u>141,883,941</u>
Total liabilities	<u>166,828,244</u>	<u>162,323,965</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension plan related deferred inflows	9,505,985	10,138,949
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>176,334,229</u>	<u>172,462,914</u>
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	180,237,083	176,881,753
Restricted for debt service	14,148,555	11,740,850
Unrestricted	79,365,529	65,186,418
Total net position	<u>273,751,167</u>	<u>253,809,021</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 450,085,396</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 426,271,935</u></u>

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

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	2023	2022
Operating revenues		
Western Region:		
Major Industries	\$ 9,253,941	\$ 9,711,481
Residential	11,753,876	10,927,364
Municipal	12,253,797	11,550,992
Contract operation fees	625,939	551,853
Permit Industries	1,719,335	1,780,740
Total Western Region	<u>35,606,888</u>	<u>34,522,430</u>
Eastern Region:		
Darby Creek Joint Authority	23,166,612	22,547,367
Central Delaware County Authority	11,460,816	11,237,212
Muckinipates Authority	5,011,092	4,965,915
Total Eastern Region	<u>39,638,520</u>	<u>38,750,494</u>
Sludge disposal and processing	<u>6,507,209</u>	<u>6,190,959</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>81,752,617</u>	<u>79,463,883</u>
Operating expenses, including depreciation of \$10,891,213 in 2023 and \$9,792,367 in 2022	<u>60,325,829</u>	<u>57,911,544</u>
Operating income	<u>21,426,788</u>	<u>21,552,339</u>
Non-operating revenues (expense)		
Interest income	3,742,325	1,294,078
Interest expense	(6,414,305)	(6,118,633)
Bond premium amortization	1,322,851	1,322,851
Bond issuance costs	(344,000)	-
Deferred cost on refunding amortization	(271,774)	(271,774)
Other income	163,821	138,573
Total non-operating revenues (expense)	<u>(1,801,082)</u>	<u>(3,634,905)</u>
Net income before capital contributions	19,625,706	17,917,434
Capital contributions	<u>316,440</u>	<u>580,700</u>
Net income	<u>19,942,146</u>	<u>18,498,134</u>
Net position - beginning	<u>253,809,021</u>	<u>235,310,887</u>
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 273,751,167</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 253,809,021</u></u>

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

DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
CONTROL AUTHORITY
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	\$ 82,859,779	\$ 78,588,514
Payments to suppliers	(29,102,329)	(28,148,859)
Payments to employees	(21,979,968)	(19,917,828)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>31,777,482</u>	<u>30,521,827</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(19,895,549)	(37,850,897)
Capital contributions	316,440	580,700
Proceeds of debt	12,105,261	-
Bond issuance costs	(344,000)	-
Other income	163,821	138,573
Interest paid	(6,332,925)	(6,152,498)
Repayment of long-term debt	(5,131,511)	(4,911,167)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(19,118,463)</u>	<u>(48,195,289)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investments redeemed / (purchased), net	(6,677,625)	473,023
Investment interest received	3,558,254	997,760
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(3,119,371)</u>	<u>1,470,783</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	9,539,648	(16,202,679)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	70,487,931	86,690,610
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	<u>\$ 80,027,579</u>	<u>\$ 70,487,931</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 21,426,788	\$ 21,552,339
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	10,891,213	9,792,367
Provision for doubtful accounts	(356,003)	261,576
Decrease (increase) in:		
Receivables:		
Residential	633,512	(980,185)
Municipal	(1,248,993)	(231,356)
Major Industries	142,489	16,857
Permit industries	37,299	19,663
Other receivables	105,211	(569,680)
Prepaid expenses	66,579	277,462
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(39,710)	(763,477)
Pension expense adjustment	(947,644)	953,989
Payable to the City of Philadelphia	(25,873)	193,306
Advances on services	1,092,614	(1,034)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 31,777,482</u>	<u>\$ 30,521,827</u>

**DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER
QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations - Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority ("DELCORA") was created by the County Council of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, on October 20, 1971, pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945. DELCORA has the power to construct, finance, operate and maintain sewer systems throughout Delaware County and adjacent areas included in its drainage basin.

Reporting Entity - The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with the criteria established in Statement 14 issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and as amended by GASB Statement 61. The specific criteria used in determining whether DELCORA should be included in another organization's financial reporting entity are financial accountability, fiscal dependency and legal separation.

As defined above, DELCORA should not be included in another organization's financial statements.

Basis of Presentation - DELCORA's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

DELCORA's accounts are organized as a governmental enterprise fund, and are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

DELCORA distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with DELCORA's principal ongoing operations. Operating revenues are charges to customers for services provided. Operating expenses include the cost of services, administrative expenses and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

**DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER
QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY
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NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - DELCORA considers all highly liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Statements of Cash Flows - For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are defined to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less from the date of purchase (as noted above). For financial statement presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents are shown accordingly. Investments include certificates of deposit with a maturity of over three months from the date of purchase.

Capital Assets - Capital assets have been financed primarily through proceeds from various bond issues, grants from the Environmental Protection Agency and funds generated from ongoing operations. Capital assets are recorded at cost. If actual cost could not be determined from available records, estimated historical cost was used.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Western Region Treatment	5 - 40	Years
Plant service lines	10 - 60	Years
Force mains pumping	10 - 40	Years
Stations	5 - 10	Years
Machinery and equipment	40	Years

Investments - Investments represent funds established under various trust indentures and secured sewer revenue bonds outstanding. Restricted investments are reserved for liquidation of specific obligations. Investments are stated at fair value.

Advances on Services - Advances on services represents user charges collected in excess of the user's respective share of operating expenses.

**DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER
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NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Vacation, Sick Leave and Other Compensated Absences - DELCORA employees are entitled to certain compensated absences based on their length of employment. Compensated absences are accrued when earned.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Provisions for doubtful accounts are provided for on the reserve method based on historical experience and management's evaluation of outstanding residential receivables.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources - DELCORA reports decreases in net assets that relate to future periods as deferred outflows of resources in the statements of net position. DELCORA reports deferred outflows of resources for contributions made to the defined benefit pension plan between the measurement date of the net pension liability and DELCORA's year end. The statement of financial position also reports a section for deferred inflows of resources that represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. DELCORA reports deferred inflows of resources related to the pension.

NOTE 2 - Deposits and Investments

Under Section 7.1 of the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act and the Trust Indenture, DELCORA is permitted to invest funds consistent with sound business practices in the following types of investments:

- Obligations of the United States government or its agencies or instrumentalities;
- Obligations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its political subdivisions;
- Deposits in savings accounts or time deposits must be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). For amounts above the insured limit, collateral must be pledged by the depository.
- Other investments as described in the Trust Indenture Agreement between DELCORA and TD Bank, N.A. dated July 15, 2001.

Deposits - As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the book carrying amount of the entity's deposits (inclusive of deposits with maturities in excess of three months in the amount of \$4,809,993) was \$98,985,577 and \$82,228,781, respectively.

All funds in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust ("PLGIT") are invested in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act. Each entity owns a prorate share of each investment or deposit which is held in the name of the fund. Other fixed-term investments purchased by the entity through the fund's administrator are purchased in the name of the entity. The balance of the funds as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$54,149,131 and \$74,302,499 respectively, included in the deposits noted above.

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NOTE 2 - Deposits and Investments (continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the entity's deposits may not be returned to it. The entity's policy limits the exposure to custodial credit risk by requiring all deposits in excess of federal depository insurance limits to be secured with collateralization pledged by the applicable financial institution. Of the deposits, \$1,001,063 was covered by federal depository insurance, inclusive. The remaining balance was uninsured and covered by collateral in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1972. Should the entity hold certificates of deposit that were to be in excess of three months maturity they would be held in a Certificate of Deposit Account Registry program and would be covered in their entirety by federal depository insurance. During 2022 or 2023 the entity did not hold any certificates of deposit.

Investments - Should the entity hold investments, such investments would be categorized as either (1) insured and registered, or securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity's name, (2) uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the entity's name, or (3) uninsured and unregistered with securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the entity's name. Investments maturing in less than one year from original purchase are recorded at unamortized cost. Investments maturing beyond one year from original purchase are recorded at fair value. Investments in the amount of \$618,903 are held with TD Ameritrade for the benefit of the entity's 409A deferred compensation program. Deposits maturing after three months held in PLGIT Term accounts are shown as investments in these financial statements totaling \$4,809,994 as noted above.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments - For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the entity will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral security that are in the possession of an outside party. The entity has no investments subject to custodial credit risk.

Trust Indenture funds - The funds held in accordance with the Trust Indenture for the Sewer Revenue Bonds (see page 46) are deposited in accordance with the Trust Indenture Agreement between DELCORA and TD Bank, N.A. dated July 15, 2001. The balance as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$92,605,892 (deposits in PLGIT Class \$8,545,116; PLGIT Prime of \$3,687,240; PLGIT Term of \$36,515,100; \$2,625,190 with TD Wealth; First National Bank in the amount of \$35,833,246; and transit deposit in the amount of \$5,400,000) and \$76,435,523 (including deposits in PLGIT Class of \$10,369,365; PLGIT Prime of \$23,691,741; PLGIT Term of \$40,240,850; and \$2,133,567 with TD Wealth) respectively. These funds are included as part of the overall cash and cash equivalent and investments as shown in the chart on page 20.

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NOTE 2 - Deposits and Investments (continued)

Fair Value Measurement

The Authority's investments are measured and reported at fair value and are classified according to the following hierarchy:

Level 1—Investments reflect prices quoted in active markets

Level 2—Investments reflect prices that are based on a similar observable asset either directly or indirectly, which may include inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.

Level 3—Investments which reflect prices based on unobservable resources

The categorization of investments within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and should not be perceived as the particular investment's risk.

The Authority considers all investments to be Level 1.

	2023	2022
Unrestricted cash and investments:		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and money market	\$ 44,836,997	\$ 7,926,282
PLGIT Term	19,500,000	28,500,000
PLGIT CLASS	13,946,789	10,369,908
PLGIT PRIME	1,743,793	23,691,741
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 80,027,579</u>	<u>\$ 70,487,931</u>
Investments		
PLGIT Term	\$ 4,809,994	\$ -
Charles Schwab	618,903	485,673
Total investments	<u>\$ 5,428,897</u>	<u>\$ 485,673</u>
Restricted cash and investments:		
Cash and cash equivalents		
PLGIT Term	\$ 12,205,107	\$ -
PLGIT PRIME	1,943,448	11,740,850
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 14,148,555</u>	<u>\$ 11,740,850</u>

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NOTE 3 - Capital Assets

DELCORA in 2018 adopted GASB Statement 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*. Capital assets at December 31, 2023 and 2022 included previously capitalized interest of \$2,595,820 included in the historical costs of the assets. These costs are depreciated over the lives of the projects. Interest incurred is expensed accordingly. During the year ended December 31, 2023, interest expense totaled \$6,414,305.

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, is as follows:

	Balance 01/01/23	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/23
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and right of way	\$ 5,829,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,829,304
Construction in progress	51,625,821	17,639,320	(31,263,029)	38,002,112
Total capital assets not being depreciated	57,455,125	17,639,320	(31,263,029)	43,831,416
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Western Region Treatment Plant	227,578,917	29,108,984	-	256,687,901
Service lines and force mains	121,706,700	318,751	-	122,025,451
Pumping stations	47,277,911	127,317	-	47,405,228
Building and improvements	8,476,944	-	-	8,476,944
Machinery and equipment	7,367,719	2,350,408	(452,876)	9,265,250
Eastern Service Area Improvements	735,839	230,281	-	966,120
Western Region Treatment Plant Long Term Control Plan	6,682,823	1,383,518	-	8,066,341
Total capital assets being depreciated	419,826,853	33,519,258	(452,876)	452,893,234
Total capital assets	477,281,978	51,158,578	(31,715,905)	496,724,650
Accumulated depreciation				
Western Region Treatment Plant	86,442,240	5,844,289	-	92,286,529
Service lines and force mains	37,246,907	2,456,544	-	39,703,451
Pumping stations	23,150,454	1,403,883	-	24,554,337
Building and improvements	3,939,354	245,316	-	4,184,670
Machinery and equipment	3,900,903	749,803	(452,876)	4,197,830
Eastern Service Area Improvements	37,150	18,876	-	56,026
Western Region Treatment Plant Long Term Control Plan	264,977	172,503	-	437,480
Total accumulated depreciation	154,981,985	10,891,213	(452,876)	165,420,322
Capital assets, net of depreciation	\$ 322,299,993	\$40,267,365	\$(31,263,029)	\$331,304,329

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NOTE 4- User Agreements

In accordance with a County-Wide Sewerage Facilities Plan (the "Plan") developed in 1972 and by orders of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, various municipal authorities and industries in Delaware County were ordered to negotiate with DELCORA for future treatment of sewage in its regional facilities.

The Plan divided the County into two sections: Eastern Service Region and Western Service Region. Eastern Service Region wastewater is treated in the upgraded and expanded Philadelphia Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant ("City Plant"). Western Service Region wastewater is treated at a regional plant constructed on the site of the former City of Chester Plant. The Central Delaware County Authority has the ability to flow to either plant.

In order to execute the Plan, DELCORA entered into service agreements with municipalities and major industries in DELCORA's service area. The agreements are for various terms up to 50 years.

However, pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement with Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. as indicated in Note 11, such service agreements were amended to accept and reflect certain changes in rates and other matters that are applicable to a regulated utility, but not to DELCORA. The amendments do not become effective until the closing of the Asset Purchase Agreement.

NOTE 5 - Long-Term Debt

DELCORA's long-term debt consists of sewer revenue bonds, a note payable consisting of a Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority "Pennvest" note payable and deferred issuance premiums.

The long-term indebtedness is as follows:

	Original Indebtedness	Interest rate	Maturity Date	1/1/2023	New indebtedness	Principal/ Amortization	12/31/2023	Due in one year
Revenue Bond 2007	\$ 36,235,000	5.25%	05/01/25	\$ 4,760,000	\$ -	\$ 1,505,000	\$ 3,255,000	\$ 1,585,000
Revenue Bond 2015	36,205,000	3.375-5.00%	5/1/2045	35,370,000	-	870,000	34,500,000	915,000
Revenue Bond 2016	52,855,000	5.00%	5/1/2046	51,670,000	-	1,245,000	50,425,000	1,305,000
Pennvest Note	10,038,785	1.06%	9/1/2031	4,573,484	-	506,511	4,066,973	511,911
Revenue Bond 2017	32,275,000	5.00%	5/1/2033	31,310,000	-	1,005,000	30,305,000	1,065,000
		Floating/5.34%						
Construction loan	30,000,000	until 2026	5/1/2043	-	12,105,261	-	12,105,261	-
	\$ 197,608,785			127,683,484	12,105,261	5,131,511	134,657,234	5,381,911
Deferred Issuance Premiums				17,734,757	-	1,322,851	16,411,906	1,322,851
				<u>\$ 145,418,241</u>	<u>\$12,105,261</u>	<u>\$ 6,454,362</u>	<u>\$ 151,069,140</u>	<u>\$ 6,704,762</u>

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NOTE 5 - Long-Term Debt (continued)

Sewer Revenue Bond interest is payable on May 1st and November 1st.

During this period, DELCORA issued a construction loan, 2023 revenue bond, in the amount of \$30,000,000 at varying rates commencing at 5.17% and increasing in 2026 to 5.42% through maturity in 2043. The bond revenues are drawdown as required. At the date of this report DELCORA has drawn down some \$12,105,261 of the \$30,000,000. Assuming the full drawdown of the funds, following is a schedule of aggregate maturities and sinking fund payments of long term debt subsequent to December 31, 2023:

Year ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Principal and Interest	Deferred Issuance premiums	Total
2024	\$ 5,381,459	\$ 7,235,868	\$ 12,617,327	\$ 1,322,851	\$ 13,940,178
2025	6,643,912	6,952,200	13,596,112	1,197,976	14,794,088
2026	6,884,423	6,703,734	13,588,157	1,108,780	14,696,937
2027	7,214,993	6,369,595	13,584,588	1,108,780	14,693,368
2028	7,562,622	6,018,362	13,580,984	1,108,780	14,689,764
2029-2033	42,326,564	24,309,043	66,635,607	4,716,714	71,352,321
2034-2038	27,628,000	15,710,123	43,338,123	2,164,725	45,502,848
2039-2043	34,540,000	8,067,278	42,607,278	2,164,725	44,772,003
2044-2046	14,370,000	1,170,550	15,540,550	1,518,576	17,059,126
	<u>\$ 152,551,973</u>	<u>\$ 82,536,753</u>	<u>\$ 235,088,726</u>	<u>\$ 16,411,906</u>	<u>\$ 251,500,632</u>

The Sewer Revenue Bonds were issued pursuant to the Trust Indenture Agreement between DELCORA and TD Bank, NA, ("Trustee") dated July 15, 2001. TD Bank replaced Chase Manhattan Trust Company, NA., now known as JP Morgan Chase, who was the trustee under the previous indenture. Under the July 15, 2001 Indenture, DELCORA has pledged certain assets and agreed to covenants and conditions, the most significant of which are:

- Fix rates and rentals sufficient to cover the costs of operating the system;
- Pledge revenues to secure the outstanding bonds;
- Net Revenues at least equal to 100% of annual debt service requirements of all outstanding bonds exclusive of funds deposited into the revenue fund from the renewal and replacement fund;
- Net Revenues at least equal to 1.1 times the annual debt service requirements of all outstanding bonds;
- Establish certain funds to account for DELCORA activity; and,
- Maintain and operate the system in a sound and economical manner.

Management believes it has complied, in all material respects, with all covenants and requirements of the Indenture.

Bond refunding

During 2007, DELCORA issued the Sewer Revenue Bonds, 2007 Series.

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NOTE 5 - Long-Term Debt (continued)

The 2007 Series bonds were issued to provide funds to advance refund certain maturities of DELCORA's Series 2001 and Series 2004 bonds. Proceeds from the issuance of the 2007 Series bonds were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for the debt service required for advance refunding of the bonds.

During 2017, DELCORA issued the Sewer Revenue Bonds, 2017 series. The proceeds of the 2017 Bonds, along with other available funds, were utilized to advance refund all of the outstanding 2013 Bonds as well as to pay for the costs and expenses of issuing the 2017 Bonds. The proceeds were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for the debt service required for the advance refunding of the bonds.

NOTE 6 - Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments - DELCORA had construction commitments outstanding of \$21,339,799 and \$22,273,090 at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

DELCORA also has the following leases:

- A 60-month lease agreement for copiers in the amount of \$1,750 per month expiring October 31, 2027
- Several cell tower leases that our GPS equipment is placed onto at various locations for periods ending from December 31, 2020 through February 3, 2025.
- Carbon Absorber Trailer in the amount of \$1,800 per month for a period ending in 2024.

Future operating lease payments as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

2024	\$	27,990
2025		22,590
2026		22,590
2027		18,825
	\$	<u>91,995</u>

DELCORA adopted Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, *Leases* which requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payments provisions of the contracts. Operating leases to be classified as such and reported at net present value as an asset and liability on the balance sheet would include all leases other than short-term leases which has a maximum possible term of 12 months or less. Effectively in the case of DELCORA this meant showing on the Statement of Financial Position the net present value of its existing operating leases shown herein as both an asset and a liability. Net present value of those leases are shown herein as Right to Use Asset and Operating Lease Liability in the amount of \$89,212.

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NOTE 6 - Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

Contingencies - DELCORA is involved in various claims and lawsuits, both for and against DELCORA, arising in the normal course of business. Management believes that any financial responsibility that may be incurred in settlement of such claims and lawsuits would not be material to DELCORA's financial position.

NOTE 7 - Employee Retirement Plans

Defined Benefit Plan

Plan Policies - For purposes of measuring net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, and information about the Plan fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. The change in liability resulting from a change of Plan provisions is recognized immediately in pension expense. The change in liability resulting from a change of assumptions is recognized in pension expense over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all Plan participants (active and inactive). The change in liability resulting from differences between expected and actual experience is recognized in pension expense over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining services lives of all Plan participants (active and inactive). The change in net pension liability resulting from differences between projected and actual earnings on Plan assets is recognized in pension expense over a closed period of five years.

As indicated in Footnote 11, with the Asset Purchase Agreement with Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., the Plan is expected to freeze at completion of the transaction and commence a timely termination. The valuation of the total pension liability as presented herein was determined by the actuaries using census data as of the measurement date and is based upon plan termination assumption rather than long-term assumptions. Certain assumption changes were made as of December 31, 2018 as a result of an experience study conducted in 2019 for calendar years 2014 through 2018. However, these assumptions no longer apply due to the anticipated plan termination.

For a plan expected to remain ongoing, the entry age actuarial cost method is used to determine Plan liabilities. Due to the expected termination, the cost method was adjusted to value accrued benefits of each participant under the estimated assumption utilized to settle obligations.

Plan Description - Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority Retirement Plan (the "Plan") is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by DELCORA. The Plan provides early retirement, normal retirement, and disability benefits to plan members. Plan benefits were established under the terms of the plan document. The Plan allows amendments by DELCORA. The operation of the Plan is governed by the provisions of certain public employee laws under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Code which are administered by the Public Employee Retirement Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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NOTE 7 - Employee Retirement Plans (continued)

Pension Benefits - Pension benefits are as follows:

Normal Retirement: A member is eligible upon attainment of age 65.

For salaried employees, the accrued benefit equals the sum of:

- (a) 1.50% of average applicable compensation multiplied by years of service completed on or after January 2, 2006;
- (b) 1.45% of average applicable compensation multiplied by years of service completed on or after January 2, 2004 and before January 2, 2006;
- (c) 1.35% of average applicable compensation multiplied by years of service completed on or after January 2, 2000 and before January 2, 2004; and
- (d) 1.50% of average applicable compensation multiplied by years of service completed prior to January 2, 2000;

For non-salaried employees, the accrued benefit equals the sum of:

- (a) 1.65% of average applicable compensation multiplied by years of service completed on or after January 2, 2006;
- (b) 1.60% of average applicable compensation multiplied by years of service completed on or after January 2, 2004 and before January 2, 2006; and
- (c) 1.50% of average applicable compensation multiplied by years of service completed prior to January 2, 2004;

Early Retirement: A member is eligible for a retirement benefit upon attainment of age 55 and the completion of ten years of service equal to the portion of the normal retirement benefit that has been accrued as of the participant's early retirement date, reduced by 5/16% for each month that the benefit commencement date precedes the normal retirement date.

Funding Policy - Pursuant to the plan document, DELCORA is required to contribute to the Plan from time to time amounts necessary to satisfy the applicable requirements of every relevant statute and expected to be sufficient on the basis of actuarial estimates to provide the benefits specified in the Plan. There is no required contribution rate of the employer in dollars or as a percentage of covered payroll. Active plan members are not required to contribute to the Plan. The Plan was amended in 2011 for technical compliance updates.

The annual contribution calculation was determined as part of the January 1, 2023 actuarial valuation. Funding requirements for the plan year 2023 was established as part of the January 1, 2021 actuarial valuation. Funding requirements for plan year 2022 was established as part of the January 1, 2021 actuarial valuation. Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method is used as the actuarial valuation method. The actuarial assumptions pursuant to the January 1, 2023 valuation included (a) long term rate of return on assets at 7%, with an effective interest rate of 5 percent; (b) lump sum payments are valued based on IRS section 417e segment rates as of December 2023 (5.01%, 5.13% and 5.15%), (c) mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 General Amount

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Weighted Mortality Tables projected from 2010 with Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2021; for Lump Sum payments, the IRS 2024 applicable mortality table is used, (d) salary increases of 4.00% per annum (e) the Level Dollar Open Method over an open period of 30 years is used to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability with a remaining amortization period of 5 years. The discount rate for valuing annuities was changed from 4.35% to 4.40%. The Plan amendment and restatement adopted in 2011 was considered in the valuation.

Act 205 requires full funding of the entry age normal cost-plus Plan expenses, in addition to amortization of the unfunded liability to ultimately achieve a 100% funded status. The Plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to make projected benefit payments for all future years. The discount rate is equal to the assumed long-term rate of return of 5.00%.

Assets are valued at adjusted market value.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Pension Contributions, Plan Assets, Employees
 Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

Plan membership as of December 31, 2023 was as follows:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries receiving benefits	14
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	28
Active employees	<u>137</u>
Total employees covered	<u>179</u>

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Plan's deposits may not be returned. At December 31, 2023, the carrying amount and the balance of the Plan's deposits in cash and cash alternatives totaled \$894,898 and was held with Charles Schwab, of which \$503,617 was invested in treasury obligations of Schwab funds and the \$250,000 of the balance was covered by FDIC insurance.

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 67, investments are reported at fair value. Unrealized gains and/or losses due to fluctuations in market value are recorded in the financial statements. Securities traded on national exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price. Realized gains or losses are recorded at the time of sale. Net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of plan investments include both realized and unrealized gains and losses and related fees.

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NOTE 7 - Employee Retirement Plans (continued)

Plan investments at year end are as follows:

ISHARES IBOXX Hi Yd	\$ 329,527
Vanguard FTSE All World	5,242,634
Vanguard Growth ETF	4,466,724
Vanguard Mid Cap ETF	2,132,378
Vanguard Scottsdale Funds	668,691
Vanguard Short Term Bond	680,318
Vanguard Small Cap ETF	1,428,031
Vanguard Total Bond	4,978,158
Vanguard Value ETF	4,377,808
	<hr/> 24,304,269
Cash and cash equivalents/mutual fund	894,898
	<hr/> \$ 25,199,167

Pension fund investments, pursuant to Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Nos. 3 and 40, are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Plan at December 31, 2023. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the Plan and are held by either counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the Plan's name. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party.

The securities are registered in the name of the Plan; thus, they are not subject to credit risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or deposit. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Board has no formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to interest rate risk. The Board has, however, adopted a long-term investment policy to weigh the chances and duration of investment losses against the long-term potential for appreciation of assets. Investments in mutual funds and certain investment pools are excluded from this requirement.

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NOTE 7- Employee Retirement Plans (continued)

The Plan's investment policy regarding the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the Plan's Board by a majority vote of its members. The policy of the Board is to pursue an investment strategy that reduces risk through prudent diversification among its asset classes given the Plan's liability structure. Following is the Board's adopted asset allocation policy as of December 31, 2023:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>
Equities	70.00%
Fixed Income	27.00%
Cash	3.00%

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The long-term rate of return on assets is expected to be approximately 6.94 percent per year before inflation factor of 2.40%. The net blended rate representing the real rate of return, inclusive of inflation and plan expense was 4.54%. Long term expected real rate of return was as follows:

	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Equities	11.20%
Fixed Income	2.60%
Cash	0.60%
Total Gross Blended Return	<u>4.54%</u>
Less: Plan Expenses and investment expenses	<u>0.308%</u>
Total Net Blended Return	<u>4.23%</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the annual rate of return on the pension plan investments, net of pension investment expense was 16.48%. The rate of return is calculated net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

DELCORA recognized defined benefit pension expense in the amount of \$1,153,039 and \$3,183,190 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Contributions for the year totaled \$2,100,675. At December 31, 2023, DELCORA reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension as follows:

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NOTE 7 - Employee Retirement Plans (continued)

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,129,544	\$ 824,748
Changes in assumptions	5,733,099	8,681,237
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>502,142</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 7,364,785</u>	<u>\$ 9,505,985</u>
Future recognition of deferred outflows and inflows in pension expense	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Recognized</u>
	2024	\$ 99,198
	2025	\$ 442,949
	2026	\$ 619,979
	2027	\$ (403,660)
	2028	\$ (298,338)
	Thereafter	\$ (2,601,328)

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in Discount Rate:

	1% Decrease 4.00%	Current Rate 5.00%	1% Increase 6.00%
Net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$2,551,636</u>	<u>\$ (1,193,299)</u>	<u>(\$4,176,252)</u>

Defined Contribution Plan

DELCORA established the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority Defined Contribution Plan (401a Plan) in 2000 covering all salaried employees. Employer contributions, were \$172,134 and \$151,386 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. DELCORA matches employee contributions up to 1.5% with an additional year end match of 1.5% of employee's payroll.

Additionally, all employees are eligible to contribute into a 457 Plan.

DELCORA also provides a deferred compensation Section 409(a) Plan for certain employees. Compensation for the participants in the Plan is earned in one year but is paid in a future year.

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NOTE 7 - Employee Retirement Plans (continued)

This is considered a nonqualified deferred compensation plan. The funds remain within DELCORA and represents a liability on DELCORA's balance sheet shown on these financial statements as \$618,903 and \$485,673 for 2023 and 2022, respectively.

NOTE 8 - Wastewater Treatment Agreement

In 1974, DELCORA entered into a thirty-year agreement with the Philadelphia Water Department (the City") to pay the City for treatment of wastewater sent to the Southwest Philadelphia plant based on its proportionate share of the City's operating costs. The agreement with the City was extended until 2011.

In July 2011, DELCORA signed an agreement with the City for treatment of the flows. The term was for the longer of either two years or one year after DELCORA received information about the City's Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP). The agreement was considered a bridge toward a long-term agreement.

There remained a need for the determination by the City of DELCORA's proportionate share of the \$4 billion in estimated costs over twenty-five years for the implementation of the City's LTCP. The flow capacity thresholds in the contract had remained the same as the 1974 agreement. The management fee had been increased from 10% to 12%. The contract also included a different method for accounting for DELCORA's share of the City's capital costs, i.e., the depreciation and return on investment method.

On April 1, 2013, a fifteen-year agreement between the City and DELCORA became effective. Many of the terms of the July 2011 agreement remain in effect.

NOTE 9 – Eastern Service Area (ESA) Alternative to Treatment by the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD)

DELCORA's service area is divided into two regions; the Western Service Area (WSA) and the Eastern Service Area (ESA). Both dry and wet weather flows collected in the WSA are conveyed and treated at DELCORA's existing Western Regional Treatment Plant (WRTP). In the western portion of the ESA, dry weather and a portion of wet weather flows (less than 20 million of gallons per day (mgd)) are also conveyed and treated at DELCORA's WRTP. However, wet weather flow above 20 mgd in the western portion of the ESA as well as both dry and wet weather flows collected in the eastern portion of the ESA are conveyed to and treated at the Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant owned and operated by the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD). The current contract to send ESA flow to Philadelphia ends in April 2028, which includes a requirement to cost share in the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) Long Term Control Plan (LTCP).

In 2023 PWD has changed its methodology for allocation of costs for its Long Term Control Plan. This will significantly decrease DELCORA's share of these costs. In 2023, DELCORA's share of costs were approximately \$2,430,000 but anticipated to be only \$110,000 in 2024. Because of this change, DELCORA has established contract renewal discussions with PWD.

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NOTE 10 – Delaware County Long-Term Control Plan Update

The Combined Sewer Overflow Long-Term Control Plan (CSO LTCP) Update Report and the Nine Minimum Controls Plan was submitted on February 17, 2019 to meet a Consent Decree and regulatory requirements requiring the implementation of “early action combined sewer overflow” (CSO) measures designed to achieve a reduction in CSO volume. Comments on the February 17, 2019 Long Term Control Plan Update (LTCPU) and NMC were received on January 30, 2020 and a revised LTCPU was submitted on July 15, 2020 and a revised NMC was submitted on August 28, 2020. Comments on the July 2020 LTCPU and the August 2020 NMC were received on December 7, 2020. On January 25, 2021, an updated version of the LTCP Update and Nine Minimum Controls was submitted and subsequently approved. The LTCP update was resubmitted on March 1, 2022. Currently, the LTCP Team is awaiting comments or approval from the USEPA / Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) on the submittal of the LTCP Updated Report. This LTCPU has evaluated the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority's (DELCORA's) sewer systems according to United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) requirements and guidance. The final plan addresses all aspects of the Consent Decree issued to DELCORA by USEPA. Although monitoring and modeling studies show DELCORA is not causing Water Quality Standards to be exceeded, the plan includes further investment to reduce Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) discharges and improve water quality. The investments include improvements to the collection system, the treatment plant and the implementation of green infrastructure that will provide multiple benefits to DELCORA customers. These improvements increase the level of system wide annual average wet weather flow capture to over 90% of the total wet weather flow. This level of capture exceeds Federal Clean Water Act requirements under USEPA's “Presumption” approach.

Prior to this LTCPU, DELCORA has expended approximately \$150 million in capital improvements to address CSOs as planned in the original 1999 Long Term Control Plan. This update adds over \$120 million in life cycle costs to the prior and ongoing investment within an accelerated 10-year schedule. This additional investment is affordable if other program costs do not increase significantly.

DELCORA Monitoring and Modeling required by the DELCORA/USEPA/Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Consent Decree has shown that high wet weather flows in the separate serviced areas result in Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) and contribute to increased CSO discharges. Projects planned under the LTCPU address the impact of CSO discharges as required by the Clean Water Act. However, while SSOs are reduced under the plan, the DELCORA/USEPA consent decree requires the elimination of SSOs. To address the Consent Decree, DELCORA will continue to monitor and model the hydraulically connected system to evaluate SSOs and identify additional areas where remediation is needed. While some of these areas in need of remediation are likely to be in a DELCORA owned system, it is known that there are significant areas in non-DELCORA owned satellite systems that will require investment to address SSOs and remain cost effective.

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NOTE 11 - Asset Purchase Agreement

On September 17, 2019, DELCORA entered into an asset purchase agreement with Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. through which it will acquire all assets and assume all liabilities as specified in the agreements. The purchase price shall be \$276,500,000. The sale proceeds are to be used to pay outstanding debt with the balance to be reinvested by DELCORA in a rate stabilization trust. The net proceeds in the trust will be utilized to offset future customer bill increases. The sale requires approval by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc.'s application for approval is pending. There is various litigation regarding the asset sale to Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., that is still pending at the date of these financial statements.

NOTE 12 – Subsequent Events

DELCORA has evaluated subsequent events through May 6, 2024, which represents the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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SCHEDULE OF CHANGES OF NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<i>Total Pension Liability</i>										
Service cost	\$ 433,832	\$ 451,185	\$ 847,770	\$ 743,624	\$ 833,107	\$ 928,895	\$ 966,051	\$ 2,906,823	\$ 2,841,710	\$ 1,749,775
Interest	962,400	982,877	1,321,748	1,345,004	1,236,708	1,350,242	1,407,937	704,497	817,579	1,101,970
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	-	(4,914)	181	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	183,162	485,714	-	384,396	(59,417)	962,559	(372,728)	872,605	(697,567)	(65,523)
Changes in assumptions	-	4,170,435	-	1,012,254	(490,245)	1,158,057	9,063,948	(1,254,623)	(9,046,936)	(687,901)
Benefit payments	(664,651)	(1,280,137)	(1,994,115)	(2,079,637)	(3,272,141)	(1,806,164)	(1,804,382)	(3,042,868)	(1,029,747)	(1,440,328)
Net change in total pension liability	914,763	4,810,074	(24,597)	1,405,641	(1,756,902)	2,593,870	9,260,826	186,434	(7,114,964)	657,993
Total pension liability - beginning	13,072,730	13,987,493	18,797,567	18,772,970	20,178,611	18,421,709	21,015,579	30,276,405	30,462,839	23,347,875
Total pension liability - ending	\$ 13,987,493	\$ 18,797,567	\$ 18,772,970	\$ 20,178,611	\$ 18,421,709	\$ 21,015,579	\$ 30,276,405	\$ 30,462,839	\$ 23,347,875	\$ 24,005,868
<i>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</i>										
Contributions - Authority	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 4,450,000	\$ 2,168,616	\$ 1,711,040	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 1,640,000	\$ 2,725,000	\$ 1,805,000	\$ 2,230,010	\$ 2,100,884
Contributions - employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net investment income	678,120	33,319	1,146,717	2,466,801	(867,963)	3,147,159	2,987,688	2,866,204	(3,516,729)	3,625,564
Benefit payments	(564,651)	(1,260,137)	(1,994,115)	(2,079,637)	(3,272,141)	(1,806,164)	(1,804,382)	(3,042,868)	(1,029,747)	(1,440,328)
Administrative expense	(27,963)	(31,155)	(40,406)	(46,438)	(46,154)	(47,822)	(52,367)	(58,500)	(62,990)	(67,967)
Net change in fiduciary net position	1,135,506	3,192,027	1,280,812	2,051,766	\$ (1,585,258)	\$ 2,933,173	\$ 3,855,939	\$ 1,559,836	\$ (2,381,456)	\$ 4,217,953
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	8,939,869	10,075,375	13,267,402	14,548,214	16,599,980	15,013,722	17,946,895	21,802,834	23,362,670	20,981,214
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	\$ 10,075,375	\$ 13,267,402	\$ 14,548,214	\$ 16,599,980	\$ 15,013,722	\$ 17,946,895	\$ 21,802,834	\$ 23,362,670	\$ 20,981,214	\$ 25,199,167
Net pension liability (asset) - ending	\$ 3,912,118	\$ 5,530,165	\$ 4,224,756	\$ 3,578,631	\$ 3,407,987	\$ 3,068,684	\$ 8,473,571	\$ 7,100,169	\$ 2,366,661	\$ (1,193,299)

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SCHEDULE OF CHANGES OF NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS (continued)

	SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS										SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Annual money-weighted rate of return																				
net of investment expense	7.25%	0.79%	8.54%	16.59%	-5.69%	21.41%	16.11%	13.09%	-15.19%	16.48%										
Actuarial determined contribution																				
Contributions in relation to the actuarially																				
determined contribution	1,150,000	4,450,000	2,188,616	1,711,040	2,600,000	1,940,000	2,725,000	1,805,000	2,230,010	2,100,984										
Contributions deficiency (excess)	\$ (450,329)	\$ (3,619,999)	\$ (475,000)	\$ 1	\$ (1,006,982)	\$ (1,586)	\$ (1,007,681)	\$ (4,147)	\$ (293)	\$ (9)										
Covered employee payroll																				
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll																				
employee payroll	15.47%	59.57%	25.46%	19.22%	28.38%	16.93%	26.17%	16.89%	20.56%	18.08%										

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY

	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension
Balances at December 31, 2022	\$ 23,347,875	\$ 20,981,214	\$ 2,366,661
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	1,749,775	-	1,749,775
Interest	1,101,970	-	1,101,970
Change in benefit terms	-	-	-
Changes of assumptions	(687,901)	-	(687,901)
Differences between expected and actual	(65,523)	-	(65,523)
Contributions - employer	-	2,100,684	(2,100,684)
Net investment income	-	3,625,564	(3,625,564)
Benefit payments	(1,440,328)	(1,440,328)	-
Administrative expense	-	(67,967)	67,967
Net changes	657,993	4,217,953	(3,559,960)
Balances at December 31, 2023	\$ 24,005,868	\$ 25,199,167	\$ (1,193,299)

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES
ACTUAL VS BUDGET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Variance Favorable / (Unfavorable)
WESTERN REGION			
Residential	\$ 11,753,876	\$ 11,416,767	\$ 337,109
Major Industry:			
Kinberly-Clark	4,572,822	4,522,350	50,472
Monroe Energy	293,594	265,043	28,551
Sun Refining and Marketing Co.	4,387,524	4,581,141	(193,617)
Total major industry	9,253,941	9,368,534	(114,593)
Municipal:			
Brookhaven	1,074,041	1,098,924	(24,883)
Eddystone	439,079	543,120	(104,041)
Lower Chichester	660,923	746,790	(85,867)
Middletown Authority	2,809,928	2,740,238	69,690
Nether Providence	1,296,377	1,321,260	(24,883)
South West Delaware County Authority	3,618,118	3,820,638	(202,520)
Southern Delaware County Authority	2,355,331	2,919,270	(563,939)
Total Municipal	12,253,798	13,190,240	(936,442)
Permit Industries:			
Ace Linen	153,465	180,000	(26,535)
Boeing	145,485	174,840	(29,355)
Braskem	196,875	318,010	(121,135)
Congoleum	22,090	31,014	(8,924)
Delaware County Linen	62,863	46,125	16,738
Marcus Hook Energy FPL	512,697	371,700	140,997
Harrah's Casino	54,904	78,120	(23,216)
Dynegy/Liberty	353,084	243,670	109,414
Exelon	8,046	13,959	(5,913)
The P.Q. Corporation	110,275	183,600	(73,325)
Other	99,552	35,298	64,254
Total permit industries	1,719,336	1,676,336	43,000
Contract operation fees	625,939	500,000	125,939
Total Western Region	35,606,889	36,151,877	(544,988)
EASTERN REGION			
Authority:			
Central Delaware County Authority	11,460,816	12,976,480	(1,515,664)
Darby Creek Joint Authority	23,166,612	25,696,000	(2,529,388)
Muckinipates Authority	5,011,092	5,781,600	(770,508)
Total Eastern Region	39,638,520	44,454,080	(4,815,560)
OTHER REVENUES			
Interest income	3,742,325	1,325,000	2,417,325
Other income	163,821	665,000	(501,179)
Sludge disposal and processing	6,507,209	5,750,000	757,209
Total other revenues	10,413,355	7,740,000	2,673,355
Total revenues	\$ 85,658,764	\$ 88,345,957	\$ (2,687,193)

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DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
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SCHEDULE OF TOTAL EXPENSES
ACTUAL VS BUDGET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Variance Favorable / (Unfavorable)
Operating expenses			
Advertising and Office	\$ 167,552	\$ 221,700	\$ 54,148
Consulting	121,590	500,000	378,410
Dues, conferences, education and training	84,543	169,750	85,207
Employee benefits	4,465,499	4,877,064	411,565
Engineering and tech services	1,399,752	1,844,000	444,248
Insurance	1,117,596	1,006,182	(111,414)
Minor equipment and supplies including chemicals	3,936,825	2,677,150	(1,259,675)
Other contracted services	767,788	1,268,100	500,312
Pension	1,325,173	2,100,676	775,503
Philadelphia Plant Treatment costs	11,151,648	15,300,000	4,148,352
Provision for doubtful accounts	(356,003)	125,000	481,003
Repairs and maintenance	3,619,974	3,530,650	(89,324)
Salaries and wages	15,592,259	15,581,882	(10,377)
Solicitor	457,591	1,000,000	542,409
Solids disposal	1,554,281	1,500,000	(54,281)
Utilities	4,028,549	3,530,875	(497,674)
Contingency	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
Subtotal operating expenses (net of depreciation)	49,434,616	57,733,029	8,298,413
Depreciation	10,891,213	-	(10,891,213)
Total operating expenses	60,325,829	57,733,029	(2,592,800)
Non-operating expenses			
Deferred cost on refunding	271,774	-	(271,774)
Issuance costs	344,000	-	(344,000)
Interest expense	6,414,305	5,982,949	(431,356)
Total non-operating expenses	7,030,079	5,982,949	(1,047,130)
Total expenses	\$ 67,355,908	\$ 63,715,978	\$ (3,639,930)

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**DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
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COMPARATIVE SCHEDULES OF OPERATING EXPENSES**

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	2023	2022	Variance Favorable / (Unfavorable)
Advertising	\$ 13,831	\$ 23,038	\$ 9,207
Consulting	121,590	178,697	57,107
Depreciation	10,891,213	9,792,367	(1,098,846)
Dues and conferences	84,543	75,297	(9,246)
Employee benefits	4,465,499	4,208,994	(256,505)
Engineering and tech services	1,399,752	1,394,426	(5,326)
Insurance	1,117,596	963,276	(154,320)
Minor equipment and supplies	3,936,825	3,006,594	(930,231)
Office	153,722	171,449	17,727
Other contracted services	767,788	787,286	19,498
Pension	1,325,173	3,334,576	2,009,403
Philadelphia Plant Treatment costs	11,151,648	10,850,602	(301,046)
Provision for doubtful accounts	(356,003)	261,576	617,579
Repairs and maintenance	3,619,974	3,484,722	(135,252)
Salaries and wages	15,592,259	14,180,527	(1,411,732)
Solicitor	457,591	448,586	(9,005)
Solids disposal	1,554,281	1,483,194	(71,087)
Utilities	4,028,548	3,266,337	(762,211)
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 60,325,829</u>	<u>\$ 57,911,544</u>	<u>\$ (2,414,285)</u>

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**DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE
SEWER REVENUE BONDS, 2007 SERIES**

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Principal Maturity</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2024	5.25%	\$ 1,585,000	\$ 129,281	\$ 1,714,281
2025	5.25%	1,670,000	43,838	1,713,838
Total		<u>\$ 3,255,000</u>	<u>\$ 173,119</u>	<u>\$ 3,428,119</u>

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**DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
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**SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE
SEWER REVENUE BONDS, 2015 SERIES**

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Principal Maturity</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2024	5.000%	\$ 915,000	\$ 1,550,144	\$ 2,465,144
2025	5.000%	975,000	1,502,894	2,477,894
2026	5.000%	1,010,000	1,453,269	2,463,269
2027	5.000%	1,060,000	1,401,519	2,461,519
2028	5.000%	1,115,000	1,347,144	2,462,144
2029	5.000%	1,170,000	1,290,019	2,460,019
2030	3.375%	1,220,000	1,240,181	2,460,181
2031	3.375%	1,265,000	1,198,247	2,463,247
2032	5.000%	1,320,000	1,143,900	2,463,900
2033	5.000%	1,385,000	1,076,275	2,461,275
2034	5.000%	1,455,000	1,005,275	2,460,275
2035	5.000%	1,530,000	930,650	2,460,650
2036	5.000%	1,610,000	852,150	2,462,150
2037	5.000%	1,695,000	769,525	2,464,525
2038	5.000%	1,780,000	682,650	2,462,650
2039	5.000%	1,870,000	591,400	2,461,400
2040	5.000%	1,965,000	495,525	2,460,525
2041	4.000%	2,055,000	405,300	2,460,300
2042	4.000%	2,140,000	321,400	2,461,400
2043	4.000%	2,230,000	234,000	2,464,000
2044	4.000%	2,320,000	143,000	2,463,000
2045	4.000%	2,415,000	48,300	2,463,300
Total		<u>\$ 34,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,682,767</u>	<u>\$ 54,182,767</u>

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**DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
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**SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE
SEWER REVENUE BONDS, 2016 SERIES**

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Principal Maturity</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2024	5.00%	\$ 1,305,000	\$ 2,475,700	\$ 3,780,700
2025	5.00%	1,370,000	2,410,450	3,780,450
2026	5.00%	1,440,000	2,341,950	3,781,950
2027	5.00%	1,515,000	2,269,950	3,784,950
2028	5.00%	1,585,000	2,194,200	3,779,200
2029	5.00%	1,670,000	2,114,950	3,784,950
2030	5.00%	1,755,000	2,031,450	3,786,450
2031	5.00%	1,835,000	1,943,700	3,778,700
2032	5.00%	1,930,000	1,851,950	3,781,950
2033	5.00%	2,025,000	1,755,450	3,780,450
2034	5.00%	2,125,000	1,654,200	3,779,200
2035	5.00%	2,230,000	1,547,950	3,777,950
2036	5.00%	2,325,000	1,458,750	3,783,750
2037	5.00%	2,170,000	1,365,750	3,535,750
2038	5.00%	2,280,000	1,257,250	3,537,250
2039	5.00%	2,395,000	1,143,250	3,538,250
2040	5.00%	2,515,000	1,023,500	3,538,500
2041	5.00%	2,640,000	897,750	3,537,750
2042	5.00%	2,770,000	765,750	3,535,750
2043	5.00%	2,910,000	627,250	3,537,250
2044	5.00%	3,055,000	481,750	3,536,750
2045	5.00%	3,210,000	329,000	3,539,000
2046	5.00%	3,370,000	168,500	3,538,500
Total		<u>\$ 50,425,000</u>	<u>\$ 34,110,400</u>	<u>\$ 84,535,400</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE
SEWER REVENUE BONDS, 2017 SERIES**

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Principal Maturity</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2024	5.00%	\$ 1,065,000	\$ 1,488,625	\$ 2,553,625
2025	5.00%	1,115,000	1,434,125	2,549,125
2026	5.00%	2,935,000	1,332,875	4,267,875
2027	5.00%	3,080,000	1,182,500	4,262,500
2028	5.00%	3,240,000	1,024,500	4,264,500
2029	5.00%	3,405,000	858,375	4,263,375
2030	5.00%	3,580,000	683,750	4,263,750
2031	5.00%	3,765,000	500,125	4,265,125
2032	5.00%	3,960,000	307,000	4,267,000
2033	5.00%	4,160,000	104,000	4,264,000
Total		<u>\$ 30,305,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,915,875</u>	<u>\$ 39,220,875</u>

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SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE
PENNVEST INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Principal Maturity</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2024	1.06%	\$ 511,459	\$ 41,118	\$ 552,577
2025	1.06%	516,912	35,665	552,577
2026	1.06%	522,423	30,154	552,577
2027	1.06%	527,993	24,584	552,577
2028	1.06%	533,622	18,955	552,577
2029	1.06%	539,311	13,265	552,576
2030	1.06%	545,062	7,515	552,577
2031	1.06%	370,191	1,826	372,017
Total		<u>\$ 4,066,973</u>	<u>\$ 173,082</u>	<u>\$ 4,240,055</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE
SEWER REVENUE BONDS, 2023 SERIES**

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Principal Maturity</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2024	5.170%	\$ -	\$ 1,551,000	\$ 1,551,000
2025	5.170%	997,000	1,525,228	2,522,228
2026	5.420%	977,000	1,545,486	2,522,486
2027	5.420%	1,032,000	1,491,042	2,523,042
2028	5.420%	1,089,000	1,433,561	2,522,561
2029	5.420%	1,150,000	1,372,885	2,522,885
2030	5.420%	1,214,000	1,308,822	2,522,822
2031	5.420%	1,282,000	1,241,180	2,523,180
2032	5.420%	1,353,000	1,169,772	2,522,772
2033	5.420%	1,428,000	1,094,407	2,522,407
2034	5.420%	1,508,000	1,014,841	2,522,841
2035	5.420%	1,592,000	930,831	2,522,831
2036	5.420%	1,681,000	842,133	2,523,133
2037	5.420%	1,774,000	748,502	2,522,502
2038	5.420%	1,873,000	649,668	2,522,668
2039	5.420%	1,977,000	545,333	2,522,333
2040	5.420%	2,087,000	435,199	2,522,199
2041	5.420%	2,204,000	318,913	2,522,913
2042	5.420%	2,326,000	196,150	2,522,150
2043	5.420%	2,456,000	66,558	2,522,558
		<u>\$ 30,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,481,511</u>	<u>\$ 49,481,511</u>

Note: Estimate assuming full draw at settlement

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**DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER
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**SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
TRUST FUNDS ESTABLISHED UNDER AN INDENTURE DATED JULY 15, 2001
AND TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Renewal and Replacement Fund	Revenue Fund	Sewer Reserve Fund	Debt Service Fund	Debt Service Reserve Fund	2023 Bond Debt Service	2023 Bond Construction Fund	Total
Balances - January 1, 2023	\$ 282,420	\$ 59,120,122	\$ 3,158,565	\$ 2,133,567	\$ 11,740,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,435,524
Receipts:								
Customer revenue	-	83,892,954	-	-	-	-	-	83,892,954
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-	1,855,261	-	9,906,000	11,761,261
Transfers from other trust funds	8,208,500	-	-	10,448,502	-	840,256	20,000	19,517,258
Investment income	-	2,594,624	151,428	102,963	552,444	9,888	19,303	3,430,650
Total receipts	8,208,500	86,487,578	151,428	10,551,465	2,407,705	850,144	9,945,303	118,602,123
Disbursements:								
Requisitions	-	53,016,625	-	-	-	-	-	53,016,625
Capital requisitions	8,490,006	-	-	-	-	-	9,943,408	18,433,414
Transfers to other trust funds	-	19,517,258	-	-	-	-	-	19,517,258
Transfers to operating funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service payments:								
Principal	-	511,459	-	4,625,000	-	-	-	5,136,459
Interest	-	41,118	-	5,883,479	-	403,402	-	6,327,999
Total disbursements	8,490,006	73,086,460	-	10,508,479	-	403,402	9,943,408	102,431,755
Balances - December 31, 2023	\$ 914	\$ 72,521,240	\$ 3,309,993	\$ 2,176,553	\$ 14,148,555	\$ 446,742	\$ 1,895	\$ 92,605,892



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

Board of Directors
Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority
Chester, Pennsylvania

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 Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority ("DELCORA"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 6, 2024.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority'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 the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority'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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority'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.

Leitzell & Economidis, PC

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Newtown Square, Pennsylvania

May 6, 2024