















# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & SUPPLEMENTARY DATA SERVICE DISTRICT FOR LIGHTING NO. 1

A COMPONENT UNIT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON



(A Component Unit of Washington County, Oregon)



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Governing Body Under ORS 451.435

Board of County Commissioners

Washington County, Oregon

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Hillsboro, Oregon 97124-3072

#### Commissioners as of June 30, 2022

<u>Name</u>	Term Expires
Kathryn Harrington, Chair Commissioner-At-Large	December 31, 2026
Nafisa Fai District 1	December 31, 2024
Pam Treece, Vice Chair District 2	December 31, 2026
Roy Rogers District 3	December 31, 2024
Jerry Willey District 4	December 31, 2026

Stephen Roberts, Director of Land Use and Transportation

#### **Administrative Staff**

Tanya Ange, County Administrator
Greg Munn, Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer
Ethel Gallares, Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Roger Dawes, Controller
Josh Salaets, Chief Accountant



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Oregon, as Governing Body of Service District for Lighting No. 1 Hillsboro, Oregon

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Service District for Lighting No. 1, Hillsboro, Oregon (the District), a component unit of Washington County, Oregon, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the District as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.



#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
  raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period
  of time.

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 Management's Discussion and Analysis, as listed in the Table of Contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 GAAS, 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.

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Supplementary Data, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 audit of the basic financial statements and certain 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 Supplementary Data 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 April 28, 2023 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Oregon Minimum Standards

In accordance with Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations, we have also issued our report dated April 28, 2023 on our consideration of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, including the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes as specified in Oregon Administrative Rules. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance.

For Talbot, Korvola & Warwick, LLP

Julie B Fakey

Portland, Oregon April 28, 2023



## SERVICE DISTRICT FOR LIGHTING NO. 1 (A Component Unit of Washington County, Oregon)

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2022

As management of Service District for Lighting No. 1 (the District) a component unit of Washington County, Oregon, we offer readers of the District's basic financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements, which begin on page 7. All amounts, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in thousands of dollars.

#### **Financial Highlights**

- The assets of the District exceeded liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$869. This entire
  amount is considered unrestricted net position and may be used to meet the ongoing obligations to
  citizens and creditors.
- The District's total net position decreased by \$41 from 2020-21.
- The District has no debt.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of two components: 1) basic financial statements and 2) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains supplementary data in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### **Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. For purposes of financial statement presentation, the District is classified as an enterprise fund of the proprietary fund type, and the financial statements present only business-type activities.

The Statement of Net Position provides information about the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported on the accrual basis of accounting when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The *Statement of Cash Flows* presents information showing how the District's deposits with fiscal agents changed during the most recent fiscal year.

The basic financial statements can be found on pages 7 through 9 of this report.

## SERVICE DISTRICT FOR LIGHTING NO. 1 (A Component Unit of Washington County, Oregon)

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

June 30, 2022

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 10 through 12 of this report.

#### **Net Position**

The most significant assets consist of deposits with fiscal agent. Liabilities consist entirely of energy costs payable at June 30:

	2021-22	2020-21
Assets: Deposits and receivables	\$ 1,035	910
Liabilities: Accounts payable	166	
Net position: Unrestricted	\$ 869_	910

#### **Changes in Net Position**

This table shows a summary of the District's changes in net position for the fiscal year ending June 30:

	2021-22	2020-21
Revenues:		
Street lighting assessments	\$ 2,126	1,972
Other taxes	3	3
Total revenue	2,129	1,975
Expenses:		
Electricity	1,958	1,855
Administrative costs-Washington County	207	197
Other	5_	3
Total expenses	2,170	2,055
Change in net position	(41)	(80)
Net position, beginning of year	910	990
Net position, end of year	\$ 869	910

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

June 30, 2022

Revenues were higher than last year due to new service areas added to the District. Expenses also increase with an increase in utility costs. With the conversion to LED lights in the District, there should be an overall decrease in utility costs in the future.

#### **District Fund Budgetary Highlights**

There were no changes to the adopted budget for the fiscal year. Actual revenues of \$2,130 were under the budgeted revenues of \$2,160 by \$30 due to a decrease in anticipated street lighting assessment revenue of \$33 and an unanticipated amount in other taxes of \$3. Actual expenditures were \$2,170 and came in \$918 under budgeted expenditures of \$3,088. The \$918 difference represents \$832 of unspent contingency and \$86 in unspent contract expenditures.

Actual beginning fund balance was \$45 under budgeted amount.

#### **Future Financial impacts**

The District continues to carry out its mission of providing street lighting to properties within the District. As new subdivisions are completed, the District coordinates the creation of new service areas, the installation of street lights by Portland General Electric, and contracts for power to run them. An effort is underway to reduce energy costs by contracting for power through an auction process. If lower energy costs are achieved in the future, savings will be passed on to customers in the form of reduced street lighting assessments.

#### **Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Washington County Finance Department, 155 N. First Ave., Hillsboro, OR 97124-3072, or call (503) 846-8811.







# SERVICE DISTRICT FOR LIGHTING NO. 1 (A Component Unit of Washington County, Oregon)

Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2022
(Dollars in thousands)

Current assets:	
Deposits with fiscal agent	\$ 1,003
Lighting assessments receivable	 32
Total current assets	1,035
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	 166
Net position:	
Unrestricted	\$ 869

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# SERVICE DISTRICT FOR LIGHTING NO. 1 (A Component Unit of Washington County, Oregon)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022

(Dollars in thousands)

Operating revenues:	
Street lighting assessments	\$ 2,126
Other taxes	 3
Total operating revenues	2,129
Operating expenses:	
Electricity	1,958
Administrative costs - Washington County	207
Other miscellaneous materials and supplies	 5
Total operating expenses	 2,170
Operating loss and change in net position	(41)
Net position July 1, 2021	 910
Net position June 30, 2022	\$ 869

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# SERVICE DISTRICT FOR LIGHTING NO. 1 (A Component Unit of Washington County, Oregon)

#### Statement of Cash Flows

#### For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022

(Dollars in thousands)

Cash flows provided by (used in) in operating activities:  Cash received from lighting assessments  Cash received from other taxes  Cash payments for goods and services	2,128 4 (2,004)
Net cash used in operating activities	128
Deposits with fiscal agent, July 1, 2021	875
Deposits with fiscal agent, June 30, 2022	1,003
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:  Operating loss  Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:  Changes in assets and liabilities:	(41)
Decrease in assessments receivable	2
Decrease in accounts receivable	1
Increase in accounts payable	166
Net cash used in operating activities \$	128

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



# SERVICE DISTRICT FOR LIGHTING NO. 1 (A Component Unit of Washington County, Oregon)

Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2022
(Dollars in thousands)

#### 1. The District

The District was formed in October 1980 to administer street lighting in certain unincorporated areas of Washington County. Lighting facilities and power service are provided by Portland General Electric Company.

The District, under the criteria of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), is considered a blended component unit of Washington County, Oregon (the County) due to the fact that the Washington County Board of Commissioners is the governing body of the District, and therefore is an integral part of the County reporting entity. All significant activities over which the District exercises oversight responsibility have been included in the basic financial statements.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity 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 basic financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Basis of Presentation and Accounting**

The District's basic financial statements are maintained on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded at the time they are earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

#### Operating Revenues, Non-operating Revenues and Operating Expenses

The District has defined operating revenues to include all service charges and other applicable charges for services directly attributable to providing street lighting services in certain unincorporated areas of Washington County.

Operating expenses are defined as those expenses directly related to providing the services defined within operating revenues.

#### **Deposits with Fiscal Agent**

Deposits with fiscal agent comprise funds held by the Washington County Department of Support Services, Finance Division, on behalf of the District. Unrealized gains and losses as well as interest earnings are allocated from total County earnings based on the proportion of District funds to total County funds.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

June 30, 2022
(Dollars in thousands)

The District considers deposits with fiscal agent, which is used as a demand deposit account, to be cash and cash equivalents. This treatment is in conformity with GASB Statement No. 9, which states that deposits having the general characteristics of demand deposit accounts are appropriately classified as cash equivalents.

#### **Lighting Assessments**

Lighting assessments are recognized as receivables and revenue at the time property owners are assessed. All assessment receivables are due from property owners within the District.

#### **Budget**

A budget is prepared for the District in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting and legal requirements set forth in the Oregon Local Budget Law. The resolution authorizing appropriations sets the level by which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations. The District's expenditure budget is appropriated at a single amount for its operations, including contingency.

Unexpected additional resources may be added to the budget through the use of a supplemental budget and appropriation resolution. The Board of County Commissioners at a regular Board meeting may adopt supplemental budgets less than 10% of the organizational unit's original budget. A supplemental budget greater than 10% of the organizational unit's original budget requires a hearing before the public, publication in newspapers and approval by the Board. Original and supplemental budgets may be modified by the use of appropriation transfers between the levels of control with approval by the Board. Expenditure appropriations may not be legally over expended except in the case of reimbursable grant expenditures or other specific circumstances which could not be reasonably estimated at the time the budget was adopted. After budget approval, the Board of Commissioners may approve supplemental appropriations if an occurrence, condition or need exists which was not known at the time the budget was adopted.

There were no supplemental budgets or appropriation transfers during the fiscal year. Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

## 3. Vested Compensated Absences, Sick Pay, Pension Plan, and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

The District's personnel are exclusively contracted Washington County employees. Accordingly, the liability of vested compensated absences is recorded by the County.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

June 30, 2022
(Dollars in thousands)

Substantially all of the County's employees are participants in the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), a state-wide cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension and OPEB plan. Contributions to OPERS are made on a current basis as required by the plan. The District's retirees, through the County, are provided with group health and dental insurance from the date of retirement to age 65 at the same rate provided to current employees in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes 243.303.

Further information regarding vested compensated absences, sick pay, OPERS and OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) can be found in the June 30, 2022 Washington County, Oregon, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

#### 4. Insured Risks

Potential liabilities for liability/casualty claims are covered under the self-insurance plans maintained by Washington County. Accordingly, insurance reserves are recorded by the County. Reference should be made to the Washington County, Oregon, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2022 for treatment of insurance risks.

#### 5. Transactions with Related Parties

The District's assessments are billed and collected through Washington County's Department of Assessment and Taxation, and the District's accounting and clerical functions are performed by County personnel. Washington County charges the District for administrative costs based upon transactions processed. The total charges paid to Washington County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 were \$207.







### SERVICE DISTRICT FOR LIGHTING NO. 1 (A Component Unit of Washington County, Oregon)

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022

(Dollars in thousands)

		Adopted budget	Final budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)
Revenues:					
Street lighting assessments	\$	2,160	2,160	2,127	(33)
Other taxes	_			3	3
Total revenues	_	2,160	2,160	2,130	(30)
Expenditures:					
Service district operations		2,256	2,256	2,170	86
Operating contingency	_	832	832		832
Total expenditures	_	3,088	3,088	2,170	918
Net change in fund balance		(928)	(928)	(40)	888
Fund balance July 1, 2021	_	928	928	883	(45)
Fund balance June 30, 2022	\$			843	843
Add item to reconcile to net position on a GAAP basis:					
Unavailable revenue			_	26	
Net position, end of year			\$	869	



# 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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OREGON STATE REGULATIONS





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

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Oregon, as Governing Body of Service District for Lighting No. 1 Hillsboro, Oregon

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 Service District for Lighting No. 1, Hillsboro, Oregon (the District), a component unit of Washington County, Oregon, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2023.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the 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.



#### 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 (Continued)

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### **Purpose of This Report**

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

Portland, Oregon April 28, 2023



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OREGON STATE REGULATIONS

Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Oregon, as Governing Body of Service District for Lighting No. 1 Hillsboro, Oregon

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Service District for Lighting No. 1, Hillsboro, Oregon (the District), a component unit of Washington County, Oregon, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2023. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### **Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, including the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes as specified in Oregon Administrative Rules 162-10-000 through 162-10-330 of the *Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations*, 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.

We performed procedures to the extent we considered necessary to address the required comments and disclosures which included, but were not limited to the following:

- Deposit of public funds with financial institutions (ORS Chapter 295).
- Budgets legally required (ORS Chapter 294).
- Insurance and fidelity bonds in force or required by law.
- Programs funded from outside sources.
- Authorized investment of surplus funds (ORS Chapter 294).
- Public contracts and purchasing (ORS Chapters 279A, 279B, 279C).

In connection with our testing, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe the District was not in substantial compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, including the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes as specified in Oregon Administrative Rules 162-10-000 through 162-10-330 of the Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations, except as follows:



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OREGON STATE REGULATIONS (Continued)

• The District was not in compliance with ORS 294.426 as it did not provide sufficient notification to the public of the Service District for Lighting No. 1 Budget Committee meetings held on May 9, 2022 and May 16, 2022.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

#### **Purpose of This Report**

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of County Commissioners, Audit Committee, Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division, and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Portland, Oregon April 28, 2023





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