



Financial Statements  
June 30, 2019

**OC WASTE & RECYCLING**  
(An Enterprise Fund of the  
County of Orange, California)

**OC WASTE & RECYCLING**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Orange, California

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of OC Waste & Recycling, an enterprise fund of the County of Orange, California (County) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

OC Waste & Recycling'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; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of OC Waste & Recycling as of June 30, 2019, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the OC Waste & Recycling, an enterprise fund of the County, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the County, as of June 30, 2019, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Other Matters***Required Supplementary Information*

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

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 10, 2019 on our consideration of OC Waste & Recycling'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 OC Waste & Recycling'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 OC Waste & Recycling's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Laguna Hills, California  
December 10, 2019

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Our management's discussion and analysis of the financial performance provides a narrative overview and analysis of the OC Waste and Recycling's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2019. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the information furnished in OC Waste & Recycling's financial statements.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- OC Waste & Recycling's change in net position is \$51,590, or 64.8%, for the year ended June 30, 2019. The primary factors attributable to the change in net position includes operating income of \$43,082, nonoperating revenues of \$17,430, transfers in from County funds of \$162, and transfers out to County funds of \$9,084.
- Operating expenses increased by \$2,590, or 2.1%, for the year ended June 30, 2019. The increase is primarily due to the net of the increases in salaries and employee benefits by \$2,862, provision for closure and postclosure care costs by \$6,254, and taxes and other fees by \$7,287, and the decreases in services and supplies by \$4,186, professional and specialized services by \$2,471, and pollution remediation expenses by \$7,808.
- Disposal revenue increased by \$9,456, or 6.0%, for the year ended June 30, 2019. The increase is primarily due to the increases in importation disposal revenue by \$4,572 and in-county disposal revenue by \$4,885.
- OC Waste & Recycling allocated \$8,789 or 50% of the net importation revenue to the County General Fund to be used for implementation of Civic Center Facilities Strategic Plan approved by the County Board of Supervisor for the year ended June 30, 2019.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

OC Waste & Recycling is responsible for the administration and management of the County of Orange's (County) solid waste disposal system. OC Waste & Recycling is organized as an enterprise fund and is primarily supported by revenue from disposal fees that are charged to customers. No tax revenues are utilized by OC Waste & Recycling.

The financial statements are divided into two components:

1. Financial Statements: Statement of Fund Net Position; Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Net Position; and Statement of Cash Flows; and
2. Notes to Financial Statements.

**Statement of Fund Net Position**

This section provides the statement of net position for all OC Waste & Recycling's current and noncurrent assets, deferred outflows of resources, current and noncurrent liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources in both financial and capital positions with the difference between the two reported as net position. Current assets and liabilities are reasonably expected to be realized or liquidated within one year.

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Net Position**

This section provides the statement of operations for all the OC Waste & Recycling's revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid. This section also shows how net position changed during the fiscal year.

**Statement of Cash Flows**

This section provides the financial statement classifying OC Waste & Recycling's cash and cash equivalents receipts (inflows) and payments (outflows) resulting from operating, noncapital financing, capital and related financing, and investing activities.

**Notes to Financial Statements**

This section provides additional information that is necessary to acquire a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Statement of Fund Net Position Summary**

Increases or decreases in net position over time may serve as a useful indicator of OC Waste & Recycling's financial position.

At June 30, 2019, total assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded total liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources by \$661,919.

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OC Waste & Recycling's condensed Statement of Fund Net Position is presented in **Table 1**.

<b>TABLE 1</b>			
<b>STATEMENT OF FUND NET POSITION</b>			
<b>JUNE 30, 2019</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019 vs 2018 % change</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current and other assets	\$632,598	\$592,535	6.8%
Capital assets	331,440	311,366	6.4%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>964,038</b>	<b>903,901</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	14,688	11,098	32.3%
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	418	253	65.2%
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>15,106</b>	<b>11,351</b>	<b>33.1%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current and other liabilities	58,392	62,074	-5.9%
Noncurrent liabilities	254,394	234,066	8.7%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>312,786</b>	<b>296,140</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	4,439	8,654	-48.7%
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	0	129	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>4,439</b>	<b>8,783</b>	<b>-49.5%</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	330,190	309,228	6.8%
Restricted	38,133	35,996	5.9%
Unrestricted	293,596	265,105	10.7%
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$661,919</b>	<b>\$610,329</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

OC Waste & Recycling's total assets increased by \$60,137, or 6.7%, from June 30, 2018, primarily due to the increases in capital assets and pooled cash and investments. Increases in capital assets were due to increases in the infrastructure for the Phase VIII B-2 Soil Buttress and Composite Liner at Frank R. Bowerman Landfill, Prima Zone 1 Phase D1 and D2 Mass Excavation at Prima Deshecha Landfill, and Phase II Front Slope Improvement Project at Olinda Landfill.

OC Waste & Recycling's total liabilities increased by \$16,646, or 5.6%, from June 30, 2018, primarily due to the increases in accrued closure and postclosure care costs, and net pension liability.

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Net Position Summary**

For the year ended June 30, 2019, change in net position is \$51,590, or 64.8%.

OC Waste & Recycling's condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Net Position is presented in **Table 2**.

<b>TABLE 2</b>			
<b>STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION</b>			
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019 vs 2018 % change</b>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Disposal fees	\$166,984	\$157,528	6.0%
Other charges for services	13	13	0.0%
Use of property, licenses, permits & franchise fees	4,711	4,712	0.0%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>171,708</b>	<b>162,253</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits	29,158	26,296	10.9%
Services and supplies	23,529	27,715	-15.1%
Professional and specialized services	14,121	16,592	-14.9%
Other operating expenses	44,151	38,227	15.5%
Depreciation and amortization	17,667	17,206	2.7%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>128,626</b>	<b>126,036</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>43,082</b>	<b>36,217</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET</b>	<b>17,430</b>	<b>5,782</b>	<b>201.5%</b>
<b>INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>60,512</b>	<b>41,999</b>	<b>44.1%</b>
Transfers in	162	70	131.4%
Transfers out to County funds	(9,084)	(10,756)	-15.5%
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	<b>51,590</b>	<b>31,313</b>	<b>64.8%</b>
<b>NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>610,329</b>	<b>579,016</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$661,919</b>	<b>\$610,329</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

**Operating Revenues**

For the year ended June 30, 2019, total operating revenues increased by \$9,455, or 5.8%, due primarily to the increases in importation disposal tonnage and fees of \$4,572 and in-county disposal tonnage and fees of \$4,885.

Disposal fees that are charged to users of the waste disposal sites comprise the largest revenue source of OC Waste & Recycling at approximately 97.3%. Other operating revenues include royalties received from the landfill gas rights, rents, and other fees.

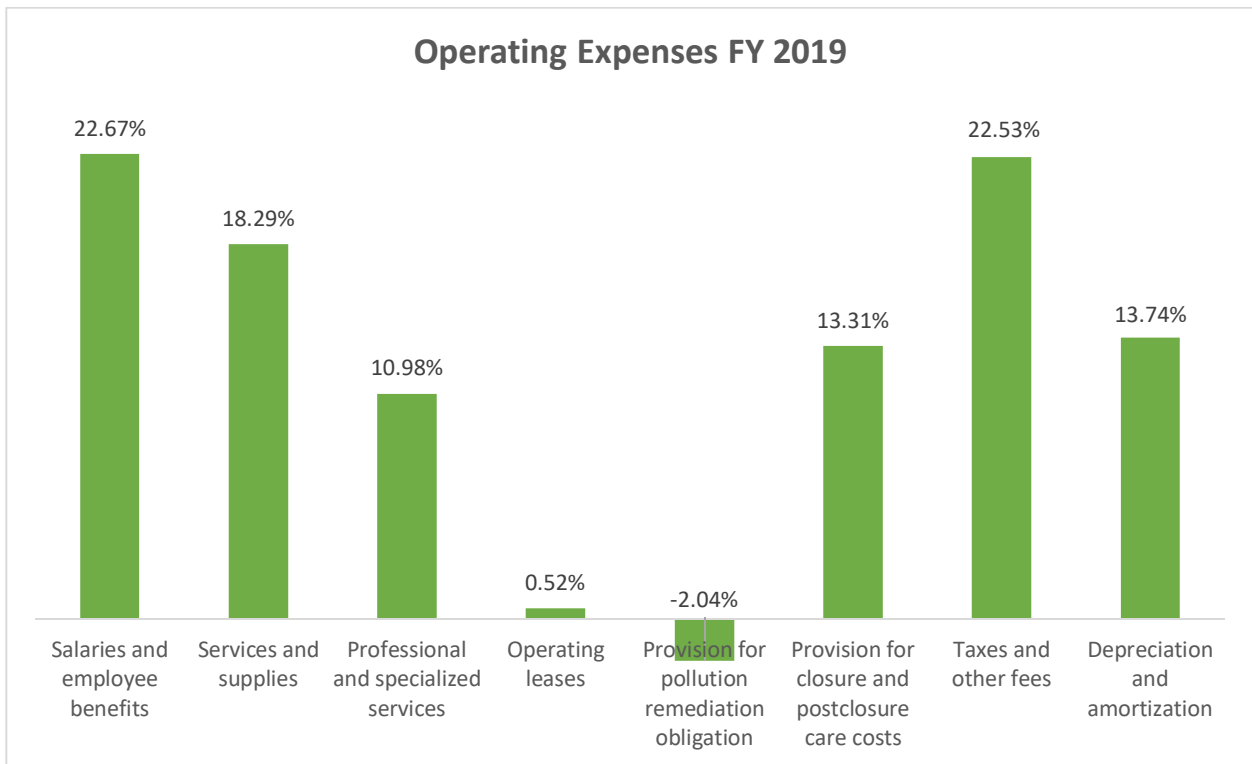


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**Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses include salaries and employee benefits, cost of services and supplies, professional and specialized services, operating leases, pollution remediation expenses, closure and postclosure care costs, taxes and fees, and depreciation and amortization on capital assets.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, total operating expenses increased by \$2,590, or 2.1%, due primarily to the net of the increases in salaries and employee benefits by \$2,862, provision for closure and postclosure care costs by \$6,254, and taxes and other fees by \$7,287, and the decreases in services and supplies by \$4,186, professional and specialized services by \$2,471, and pollution remediation expenses by \$7,808 .



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**Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses**

For the year ended June 30, 2019, nonoperating revenues and expenses increased by \$11,648, or 201.5%, due primarily to increases in interest revenue.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

OC Waste & Recycling's capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, equipment, infrastructure, intangible assets, and construction in progress.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, investment in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) increased by \$20,074, or 6.4%.

A summary of the key elements that contributed to the changes in OC Waste & Recycling's capital assets is presented in **Table 3**.

<b>TABLE 3</b>			
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS (NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION)</b>			
<b>JUNE 30, 2019</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019 vs 2018 % change</b>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>			
Land (Nondepreciable)	\$22,701	\$22,661	0.2%
Construction in progress (Nondepreciable)	3,548	55,044	-93.6%
Intangible assets in progress (Nondepreciable)	291	749	-61.1%
Buildings (Depreciable)	13,485	13,172	2.4%
Equipment (Depreciable)	34,850	30,356	14.8%
Infrastructure (Depreciable)	255,100	188,689	35.2%
Software (Amortizable)	1,465	695	110.8%
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$331,440</b>	<b>\$311,366</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

The major capital asset events during fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 were the completion of the Phase VIII B-2 Soil Buttress and Composite Liner at Frank R. Bowerman Landfill, Prima Zone 1 Phase D1 and D2 Mass Excavation at Prima Deshecha Landfill, and Phase II Front Slope Improvement Project at Olinda Landfill.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, OC Waste & Recycling is committed to capital expenditure of \$1,344 for the Phase VIII-A Groundwater Protection and Stockpile at Frank R. Bowerman Landfill and \$1,237 for the Steel Materials Storage Structure at Prima Deshecha Landfill.

Additional information on capital assets can be found in Note 9, Capital Assets.

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**REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

**Disposal Facilities**

OC Waste & Recycling is responsible for the administration and waste management of the County's solid waste disposal system. The system consists of three (3) active regional landfill operations, 21 closed waste disposal sites, and four (4) household hazardous waste collection centers. The three (3) active landfill sites are located in Brea (North Region), Irvine (Central Region) and San Juan Capistrano (South Region). The four (4) household hazardous waste collection centers are located in the cities of Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Irvine, and San Juan Capistrano.

In-county tonnage received by the system continues to be below the trend projected in the original Gate Fee Model for Waste Disposal Agreements approved on May 27, 2009. In an effort to mitigate the loss of in-county tonnage revenue and projected loss due to changes in legislation, OC Waste & Recycling obtained approval of Amendment I to the Waste Disposal Agreements in 2016, which allowed for the continuation of importation tonnage beyond June 30, 2016 and after the County bankruptcy related obligations were satisfied. In November 2018, OC Waste & Recycling successfully executed a new Cooperative Agreement with the City of San Juan Capistrano, which helps in maximizing the total volume capacity at the Prima Deshecha Landfill by allowing for revisions to the Solid Waste Facility Permits for Zone 1 and Zone 4. Both the Amendment I to the Waste Disposal Agreements and the Cooperative Agreement with the City of San Juan Capistrano are critical to ensuring long-term and stable disposal rates and ensuring long-term disposal capacity for Orange County residents and cities.

Several key projects completed during FY 2018-19 or continue to the following year includes:

- The Front Slope Improvement Project Phase II at the Olinda Alpha Landfill, a project to place regulatory mandated final cover on the landfill in order to best manage and utilize available onsite native materials and enhance visual aesthetics. Consuming approved cover material facilitates operational needs by providing access to much needed airspace otherwise occupied by the cover material. The project also includes relocating the remainder of the onsite soil stockpile, expanding a water supply system and constructing desilting basins for water quality. The project was completed in FY 2018-19.
- Construction of the soil buttress and liner project at the Frank R. Bowerman landfill titled Phase VIII B-2 was completed. Phase VIII B-2 started accepting waste since August of 2018. It has created over 18 million cubic yards of air space. The project also included a retention basin, concrete channels, and other site improvement.
- The Zone 1 Phase D Mass Excavation and Liner Project at the Prima Deshecha Landfill for a total contract amount of \$18 million was awarded to Sukut Construction, LLC and commenced in May of 2018. Phase D is the final phase development in Zone 1. Upon completion of the project it is adding an additional 40 acres of landfill acreage equaling to 13.2 million cubic yards of air space for continued operations in Zone 1 until 2052. The Project included mass excavation of approximately 3.3 million cubic yards of earth, composite liner installation, landfill gas and leachate collection system installation, slope improvements, drainage improvements and minor road improvements. The project was completed in FY 2018-19.

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- OC Waste & Recycling's 2016 Strategic Plan identified the development and implementation of an organic material management plan in response to recent legislation. In March 2018, OC Waste & Recycling successfully launched pilot demonstration projects at the Olinda Alpha, Frank R. Bowerman, and Prima Deshecha Landfills. The pilot projects had provided OC Waste & Recycling the opportunity to learn about the composting industry and work with jurisdictions and the haulers to develop a regional solution to divert the processed green material currently received at the landfills by developing in-County markets. OC Waste & Recycling has started the plan to construct full scale organic greenery facilities at the three (3) landfills to implement the department's organic initiative.

**Renewable Energy Facilities and Planning**

In FY 2018-19, over 413,000 MWh of renewable energy was generated, with an approximate equivalent of providing electricity for 60,730 homes in the County. As a result, \$3.76 million in royalty revenue was generated from OC Waste & Recycling's three (3) landfill gas-to-electricity facilities.

In June 2018, the Board of Supervisors selected a firm for energy redevelopment at the closed Coyote Canyon Landfill. OC Waste & Recycling has begun the negotiation process to enter into a long-term agreement where the County delivers landfill gas to a new developer owned and operated renewable energy facility in exchange for royalty payments.

In June 2019, the primary developer withdrew its proposal and OC Waste & Recycling proceeded with the energy redevelopment program by negotiating with the secondary developer.

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of OC Waste & Recycling's finances. For questions or comments concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to OC Waste & Recycling Headquarters, 601 N. Ross Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701, or you can access our website at <http://oclandfills.com>.

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**ASSETS**

Current unrestricted assets:	
Pooled cash and investments (Note 3)	\$ 452,704
Imprest cash funds (Note 3)	35
Accounts receivable, net (Note 4)	14,484
Interest receivable	2,063
Prepaid costs (Note 5)	2,550
Due from other governmental agencies	2,815
Due from other funds of the County (Note 8)	481
Total current unrestricted assets	<u>475,132</u>
Current restricted assets:	
Pooled cash and investments - customer deposits (Note 3)	791
Deposits in-lieu of cash (Note 6)	17,239
Total current restricted assets	<u>18,030</u>
Total current assets	<u>493,162</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Restricted assets:	
Pooled cash and investments - customer deposits (Note 3)	18
Pooled cash and investments - contractor deposits (Note 3)	213
Pooled cash and investments - corrective action (Note 3)	8,522
Pooled cash and investments - Prima Deshecha/La Pata closure (Note 3)	104
Pooled cash and investments - Frank R. Bowerman landfill wetland and Agua Chinon Wash habitat mitigation (Note 3)	879
Pooled cash and investments - closure and postclosure care costs (Notes 3 and 13)	94,618
Total noncurrent restricted assets	<u>104,354</u>
Capital assets: (Note 9)	
Nondepreciable/Nonamortizable	26,540
Depreciable/Amortizable, net	304,900
Capital assets, net	<u>331,440</u>
Advances to other funds (Notes 7 and 8)	<u>35,082</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>470,876</u>
Total assets	<u>964,038</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension (Note 10)	14,688
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	418
	<u>\$ 15,106</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**LIABILITIES**

Current liabilities (payable from unrestricted assets):	
Accounts payable	\$ 12,029
Retainage payable	1,232
Salaries and accrued employee benefits payable	596
Accrued closure and postclosure care costs (Notes 12 and 13)	3,350
Pollution remediation obligation (Notes 12 and 14)	680
Unearned revenue	239
Compensated employee absences payable (Note 12)	1,289
Intangible asset obligation (Note 12)	8
Due to other funds of the County (Note 8)	8,428
Due to other governmental agencies	12,281
Total current liabilities (payable from unrestricted assets)	<u>40,132</u>

Current liabilities (payable from restricted assets):	
Deposits from others	<u>18,260</u>
Total current liabilities (payable from restricted assets)	<u>18,260</u>

Total current liabilities	<u>58,392</u>
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Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated employee absences payable	1,030
Accrued closure and postclosure care costs (Note 13)	176,408
Pollution remediation obligation (Note 14)	15,807
Net pension liability (Note 10)	57,169
Net OPEB liability	3,980
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>254,394</u>

Total liabilities	<u>312,786</u>
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**DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES**

Deferred inflows of resources related to pension (Note 10)	4,439
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	-
	<u>4,439</u>

**NET POSITION**

Net investment in capital assets	330,190
Restricted:	
Prima Deshecha/La Pata closure	104
Landfill closure and postclosure	28,531
Landfill corrective action	8,619
Frank R. Bowerman landfill	879
Unrestricted (Note 15)	<u>293,596</u>

Total net position	<u>\$ 661,919</u>
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<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Disposal fees (Notes 1 and 2)	\$ 166,984
Other charges for services	13
Use of property	4,586
Licenses, permits, and franchise fees	125
Total operating revenues	<u>171,708</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries and employee benefits	29,158
Services and supplies	23,529
Professional and specialized services	14,121
Operating leases	672
Provision for pollution remediation obligation (Note 14)	(2,627)
Provision for closure and postclosure care costs (Note 13)	17,122
Taxes and other fees	28,984
Depreciation and amortization	17,667
Total operating expenses	<u>128,626</u>
Operating income	<u>43,082</u>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>	
Intergovernmental revenue	42
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	33
Interest income	16,725
Gain on disposal of capital assets, net	586
Other revenues	44
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>17,430</u>
<b>Income before capital contributions and transfers</b>	60,512
Transfer in from County funds	162
Transfers out to County funds (Note 1)	<u>(9,084)</u>
Change in net position	51,590
Net position - beginning of year	<u>610,329</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 661,919</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows  
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<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	
Receipts from customers	\$ 168,479
Payments to suppliers	(39,300)
Payments to employees	(29,307)
Payments to other funds of the County	(1,773)
Landfill site closure and postclosure care costs	(3,350)
Pollution remediation obligation payments	(443)
Taxes and other fees	(28,984)
Other payments/Receipts	932
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>66,254</u>
<b>Cash flows from noncapital and related financing activities</b>	
Transfers out to other funds of the County	(9,084)
Transfers in from other funds of the County	162
Intergovernmental revenues	42
Advances to other funds of the County	(5,086)
Net cash used in noncapital and related financing activities	<u>(13,966)</u>
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities</b>	
Acquisition of capital assets	(38,413)
Intangible assets obligation	(6)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	586
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(37,833)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	
Interest on investments	<u>16,207</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>16,207</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	30,662
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>527,222</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 557,884</u>
<b>Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents to statement of net position</b>	
Pooled cash and investments - current assets	\$ 452,704
Imprest cash funds	35
Pooled cash and investments - closure and postclosure care costs	94,618
Pooled cash and investments - corrective action	8,522
Pooled cash and investments - Prima Deshecha/La Pata closure	104
Pooled cash and investments - Frank R. Bowerman landfill wetland and Agua Chinon Wash habitat mitigation	879
Pooled cash and investments - customer deposits	809
Pooled cash and investments - contractor deposits	213
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 557,884</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



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Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)  
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**Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:**

Operating income	\$	43,082
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization		17,667
Fines, forfeitures and penalties		33
Other revenues		44
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in:		
Accounts receivable		(3,292)
Deposits in-lieu of cash		151
Prepaid costs		(198)
Due from other funds		(432)
Due from other governmental agencies		(26)
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension		(3,590)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB		(165)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable		(2,775)
Salaries and accrued employee benefits payable		29
Accrued closure and postclosure care costs		13,772
Pollution remediation obligation		(3,070)
Unearned revenue		130
Compensated employee absences payable		(178)
Due to other funds		(1,341)
Due to other governmental agencies		1,125
Deposits from others		(62)
Net pension liability from pension contribution and expenses		9,526
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension		(4,215)
Net OPEB liability from pension contribution and expenses		168
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB		(129)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>66,254</u>

**Noncash Investing, Capital, and Financing Activities**

Gain on disposition of capital assets	\$	586
Acquisition of capital assets with accounts payable		280
Acquisition of capital assets with retainage		1,232

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**OC WASTE & RECYCLING**  
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***Note 1 – Importation Revenue Transfer for Bankruptcy Recovery and Importation Revenue Sharing***

In late 1995, the County of Orange, California (County) proposed to import out-of-county waste as a new source of revenue for the repayment of County obligations from the bankruptcy in 1994. Pursuant to the proposal, the County obtained legislation exempting OC Waste & Recycling from certain provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), thereby expediting the County’s process to pursue and contract for the importation of out-of-county waste.

The County requested proposals for waste-importation contracts and, in January 1996, entered into contracts of various durations, which renewed in April 2016 and will terminate on June 30, 2025. These contracts generated revenue of approximately \$13 million of net importation revenue per year for 20 years to support the County General Fund to pay bankruptcy related obligations in accordance with the County’s Plan of Adjustment. After the obligations were paid in full in 2017, the importation revenue has been shared between OC Waste & Recycling, the County General Fund and the participating cities in accordance with the Amendment I of the Waste Disposal Agreements approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2016.

During the year ended June 30, 2019, OC Waste & Recycling collected imported waste disposal fees of \$52,367. The County’s share of Net Import Revenues totaling \$8,789 was distributed to the County General fund. It is included in the Transfers out to County funds in the accompanying financial statements. The participating cities’ share of Net Import Revenues totaling \$8,789 was distributed to the cities. It is included in the Taxes and other fees in the accompanying financial statements.

***Note 2 – Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies***

*Description of Reporting Entity*

OC Waste & Recycling is operated as a department of the County and is accounted for as an enterprise fund in the basic financial statements of the County. The financial statements presented herein represent the financial position and changes in financial position and cash flows of OC Waste & Recycling only and are not intended to present the financial position, changes in financial position or the cash flows of the County in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

The County assumed responsibility for establishing and maintaining waste disposal sites in 1946 and the OC Waste & Recycling enterprise fund was formally established in 1982. OC Waste & Recycling finances its operations through disposal fees charged to users of the waste disposal sites. Such disposal fees are OC Waste & Recycling’s primary source of revenue.

The County has waste disposal agreements with thirty-two (32) cities, four (4) Sanitary Districts, one (1) Joint Powers Authority and five (5) Facility Operators through June 30, 2025. The waste disposal agreements cover approximately 94% of all solid waste generated in the County and obligate the cities and haulers to deliver all controllable waste to landfills operated by OC Waste & Recycling. The 6% balance of in-county waste is delivered by self-haulers.

*Basis of Presentation – Fund Accounting*

The operations of OC Waste & Recycling are accounted for as an enterprise fund.

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***Note 2 – Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)***

Enterprise funds are used to account for activities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that costs of providing services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

*Basis of Accounting*

OC Waste & Recycling prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Enterprise funds are accounted for on the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

*New Accounting Pronouncement - Change in Accounting Principle*

At July 1, 2018, OC Waste & Recycling implemented the following new accounting pronouncements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB):

In November 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 83, “Certain Asset Retirement Obligations.” This statement requires the recognition of a liability and a corresponding deferred outflows of resources associated with an asset retirement obligation based on the criteria and the measurement established in the statement. This statement also requires disclosure of required information about the asset retirement obligations. The provisions of this statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2018. This statement did not have an impact on OC Waste & Recycling’s financial statements.

In April 2018, GASB issued Statement No. 88, “Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements.” This statement clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. The statement requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to financial statements. For notes to financial statements related to debt, this statement also requires that existing and additional information be provided for direct borrowings and direct placements of debt separately from other debt. The provisions of this statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2018. This statement did not have an impact on OC Waste & Recycling’s financial statements.

In June 2018, GASB issued Statement No. 89, “Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period.” This statement establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. The statement requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred for financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This statement also reiterates that in financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period should be recognized as an expenditure on a basis consistent with governmental fund accounting principles.

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***Note 2 – Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)***

Although the provisions of this statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2019, the County opted for early implementation. The statement was implemented in FY 2018-19. This statement did not have an impact on OC Waste & Recycling’s financial statements.

The following summarizes recent GASB pronouncements issued, but not yet adopted that may impact future financial presentations. Management has not currently determined what, if any, impact implementation of the following statements may have on the financial statements of OC Waste & Recycling:

In January 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 84, “Fiduciary Activities.” This statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. The statement also describes four (4) fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, which requires the County to implement this statement in FY 2019-20.

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, “Leases.” This statement 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 payment provisions of the contract. The statement requires a lessee to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflows of resources. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, which requires the County to implement this statement in FY 2020-21.

In August 2018, GASB issued Statement No. 90, “Majority Equity Interests.” This statement improves the consistency and comparability of a government’s majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. The statement requires that a component unit in which a government has a 100% equity interest account for its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at acquisition value at the date the government acquired 100% equity interest in the component unit. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, which requires the County to implement this statement in FY 2019-20.

In May 2019, GASB issued Statement No. 91, “Conduit Debt Obligations.” This statement provides a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with commitments extended by issuers, arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and related note disclosures. The statement requires issuers to disclose general information about their conduit debt obligations, organized by type of commitment, including the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the issuers’ conduit debt obligations and a description of each type of commitment. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020, which requires the County to implement this statement in FY 2021-22.

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*Note 2 – Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)*

*Operating/Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses*

OC Waste & Recycling distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services from the OC Waste & Recycling's landfill operations. The principal operating revenue of OC Waste & Recycling is disposal fees charged to users of the waste disposal sites. Operating expenses include salaries and employee benefits, cost of services and supplies, taxes and fees, closure and postclosure care costs, pollution remediation obligations, and depreciation and amortization on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are defined as short-term, highly liquid investments, which are readily convertible to cash or mature within three (3) months of their original purchase. Pooled cash and investments are considered cash and cash equivalents.

*Pooled Cash and Investments*

Pooled cash and investments are stated at fair value. Pooled cash and investments are funds OC Waste & Recycling has on deposit with the Treasurer's Orange County Investment Pool (Pool). Interest earned on pooled cash and investments is allocated monthly by the Treasurer to OC Waste & Recycling based on average daily balances on deposit with the Treasurer.

*Capital Assets*

Property, plant and equipment purchased or constructed by OC Waste & Recycling are capitalized at cost, while contributed assets are recorded at acquisition value when received. Assets are capitalized when the original unit cost is equal to or greater than the County's capitalization threshold of \$5 for equipment, \$150 for buildings and improvements, \$5 for commercially acquired intangible software, \$150 for all other intangible assets, \$150 for infrastructure, \$150 for land improvements, and \$0 for land.

Depreciation and amortization are calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Estimated useful lives of buildings and improvements, equipment, intangible assets, and infrastructure are as follows:

Buildings and Improvements	10 to 50 years (or the remaining estimated useful life of the landfill)
Equipment	2 to 20 years
Intangible assets (software)	3 to 15 years
Infrastructure:	
Cell development	15 to 61 years
Drainage channels	9 to 32 years
Facility improvements	12 to 61 year
Habitat	20 to 55 years
Landfill gas/environmental	3 to 71 years
Roads	7 to 49 years
Closure/other earthwork	16 to 56 years

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*Note 2 – Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)*

No depreciation is provided on construction in progress until construction is completed and the asset is placed in service.

Maintenance and repair costs are expensed in the period incurred. Expenses that materially increase the capacity or efficiency or extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized and depreciated. Upon the sale or retirement of the capital asset, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position.

*Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs*

OC Waste & Recycling accrues a liability for anticipated costs of closing landfill sites plus the costs of monitoring and maintaining the sites during the postclosure periods. Because the closure expenses are accrued over the life of the operating landfills as the permitted air space of the landfills is consumed, the entire closure and postclosure care cost is recognized as an expense by the time the landfills stop accepting waste. OC Waste & Recycling accrues for the estimated costs of closing landfill sites over the estimated useful lives of the sites based on engineering studies and cost projections, and for the estimated costs of monitoring and maintaining the sites during the postclosure period.

*Self-Insurance*

OC Waste & Recycling participates in the County's self-insurance programs for general and automobile liability claims, workers' compensation claims, group health indemnified plans, group salary continuance plan, group dental plan, and unemployment benefits. Unpaid claim liabilities have been discounted and are accrued in these self-insurance programs based upon case reserves, development of known and incurred but not reported claims, including allocated and unallocated loss adjustment expenses. Also, OC Waste & Recycling participates in commercial insurance purchased for excess liability coverage, property coverage, and other risk exposures. OC Waste & Recycling records its portion of related self-insurance and commercial insurance premiums charged by the County as an expense. Insurance expense for the year ended June 30, 2019, was \$266.

*Compensated Absences*

Compensated employee absences (vacation, compensatory time off, performance incentive plan (PIP) time off, annual leave and sick leave) are accrued as an expense and liability when incurred.

*Net Position*

Net position is displayed in three distinct categories:

Net investment in capital assets represents the value of land, buildings, infrastructure, and equipment, net of depreciation, less debt related to the acquisition of those assets that is representative of the OC Waste & Recycling's equity in capital assets.

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*Note 2 – Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)*

Restricted represents the value of the restricted assets on hand and pooled cash and investments of closure and postclosure care costs and other restrictions required in excess of the related and recognized liabilities. It is expected that future liabilities will be recognized to match the restricted assets on hand.

These monies are restricted by Federal and State legislation, and third parties for specific use within their categories. As of June 30, 2019, OC Waste & Recycling reported a restricted net position of \$38,133 for landfill closure and postclosure, landfill corrective action, Prima Deshecha/La Pata closure, and Frank R. Bowerman (FRB) landfill wetland and Agua Chinon Wash habitat mitigation.

Unrestricted is the remaining amount of assets over liabilities available for operations and management discretion.

*Use of Restricted Funds*

When both restricted and unrestricted assets are available for use, it is OC Waste & Recycling's policy to use restricted assets first, then unrestricted assets as they are needed.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources*

When applicable, the statement of fund net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent outflows of resources (consumption of net position) that apply to future periods and that, therefore, will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until that time. Conversely, deferred inflows of resources represent inflows of resources (acquisition of net position) that apply to future periods and that, therefore, are not recognized as a revenue until that time.

*Pension*

OC Waste & Recycling recognizes a net pension liability to reflect its portion in the County's proportionate share of the excess of the total pension liability over the fiduciary net position of the County's retirement plans.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS) and the Extra-Help Defined Benefit Plan and additions to/deductions from OCERS and the Extra-Help Defined Benefit Plan fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by OCERS and the Extra-Help Defined Benefit Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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***Note 2 – Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)***

*Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)*

OC Waste & Recycling recognizes a net OPEB liability to reflect its portion in the County’s proportionate share of the excess of the total OPEB liability over the fiduciary net position of the County’s Retiree Medical Plan.

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County’s Retiree Medical Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Retiree Medical Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

***Note 3 – Cash and Investments***

OC Waste & Recycling follows the County’s policy guidelines for pooling its cash and investments with the County Treasurer. The County Treasurer abides by the Investment Policy Statement (IPS) in investing the Pool’s monies.

*Pooled Cash and Investments*

As discussed in Note 2, the County Treasurer maintains the Pool for the County and other non-County entities for the purpose of benefiting from economies of scale through pooled investment activities. At June 30, 2019, the Pool contains investments with an average maturity of 325 days. Interest is apportioned to individual funds based on the average daily balances on deposit with the County Treasurer.

Total OC Waste & Recycling cash and investments at fair value as of June 30, 2019, were as follows:

Cash and investments pooled by the County Treasurer	\$ 557,849
Imprest cash funds	<u>35</u>
Total cash and investments	<u><u>\$ 557,884</u></u>

The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. OC Waste & Recycling’s share is 4.7% of the Pool. Investments in the investment pool are not subject within the level hierarchy.

*Interest Rate Risk*

The IPS serves as the formal policy for the County Treasurer’s office and provides specific guidelines and limitations to mitigate interest rate risk.



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*Note 3 – Cash and Investments (Continued)*

The IPS is reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors (Board) annually, and any amendments to the IPS must first be reviewed and approved by the Treasury Oversight Committee and then by the Board. The IPS is therefore considered formally adopted. The IPS was last adopted on December 18, 2018.

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The County Treasurer manages exposure to declines in fair value by limiting the weighted average maturity (WAM) in accordance with the IPS.

As of June 30, 2019, the major classes of OC Waste & Recycling’s deposits and investments consisted of the following:

	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)
County Investment Pool	\$ 557,849	0.89

*Custodial Credit Risk*

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Department will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. At year-end, OC Waste & Recycling’s external investment pools and specific investments did not have any securities exposed to custodial credit risk and the County Treasurer did not have any securities lending during the year (or at year-end).

*Credit Risk*

The IPS sets forth the minimum acceptable credit ratings for investments from any two (2) of the following nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. For an issuer of short-term debt, the rating must be no less than A-1 (S&P), P-1 (Moody’s) or F-1 (Fitch), while an issuer of long-term debt shall be rated no less than an “A”. As of June 30, 2019, the County’s investments were in compliance with the IPS limits. In addition, OC Waste & Recycling's pooled cash and investments are combined with the County’s pooled investments, and therefore, do not represent specific identifiable investments and are not discretely rated.

Additional information regarding the Pool, including the investment portfolio and related interest rate, custodial credit, credit and concentration of credit risks, is presented in Note 3 to the County’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR is available by accessing the Auditor-Controller’s website at <http://www.ac.ocgov.com>.

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***Note 4 – Accounts Receivable***

Accounts receivable as of June 30, 2019, were as follows:

Imported waste disposal fees	\$ 3,748
County of Orange (In-county) waste disposal fees	9,709
Miscellaneous	1,028
Allowance for estimated uncollectible receivables	(1)
Total accounts receivable, net	\$ 14,484

***Note 5 – Prepaid Costs***

OC Waste & Recycling prepaid \$4,711 for FY 2019-20, for pension obligations to OCERS in January 2019. As part of the County-wide plan, the prepayment allowed OC Waste & Recycling a savings of \$212, based on the discount rate of 4.31%. The prepaid cost is recognized in the fiscal year during which services are provided. Due to the difference in the County’s fiscal year end date and the pension plan measurement date, half of the prepaid pension contribution is recognized as deferred outflows of resources, and the other half will remain as prepaid costs. Prepaid costs for pension obligation and software licenses, net of amortization reported in the accompanying Statement of Fund Net Position, is \$2,550 for 2019.

***Note 6 – Deposits In-Lieu of Cash***

OC Waste & Recycling requires security deposits from landfill deferred payment program users. These security deposits are comprised primarily of certificates of deposit and security bonds, which are held by OC Waste & Recycling. The balance for deposits in-lieu of cash as of June 30, 2019, was \$17,239.

***Note 7 – Advances to Other County Agencies for County Projects***

On June 23, 2009, the Board adopted Resolution 09-090 authorizing the temporary transfer of monies to the County General Fund from OC Waste & Recycling in order to meet County cash flow shortages or deficits.

Since October 2009, the Board has issued resolutions authorizing the County to borrow monies from OC Waste & Recycling for part of the costs associated with the upgrades of various County Information Technology projects. In June 2014, the Board issued Resolution 14-060 identifying new projects that may require borrowing monies from OC Waste & Recycling, such as the Sheriff-Coroner Department’s Musick Jail Capital Project and OC Community Resources Department’s Animal Care Project.

On June 26, 2018, by Resolution 18-064, the Board authorized the borrowing up to \$149,600 for FY 2018-19. Repayment of the amount to be borrowed includes interest. The actual amount repaid in FY 2018-19 from the Sheriff-Coroner was \$4,000 and OC Community Resources was \$3,414. The outstanding balance as of June 30, 2019, was \$16,000 from the Sheriff-Coroner and \$19,082 from the OC Community Resources for a total of \$35,082.

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**Note 8 – Interfund and Transfers**

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2019, was as follows:

Due From/To Other Funds of the County:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	
Waste Management	General	\$ 327
Waste Management	Roads	64
Waste Management	Flood Control District	89
Waste Management	Parks	1
Total Due from Other Funds:		481
Waste Management	Sheriff-Coroner	16,000
Waste Management	OCCR	19,082
Total Advances to Other Funds:		35,082
General	Waste Management	8,376
Roads	Waste Management	27
Flood Control District	Waste Management	2
Other Governmental Funds	Waste Management	8
Internal Service Funds	Waste Management	15
Total Due to Other Funds:		\$ 8,428

Amounts payable to the County General Fund include net importation revenue to pay obligations in accordance with the renewed waste-importation contracts. Of the amounts receivable from the Roads Fund, \$60 is for OC Public Works to reimburse OC Waste & Recycling for La Pata project, and \$4 is for disposal charges. The advances represent interfund loans made to the Sheriff-Coroner Department and OC Community Resources from OC Waste & Recycling for various county projects. Refer to Note 7, Advances to Other County Agencies for County Projects, for additional information.

Total transfer from the Sheriff-Coroner to repay interest for borrowings to fund various county projects was \$162.

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**Note 9 – Capital Assets**

Capital asset activities for the year ended June 30, 2019, were as follows:

	Balance at June 30, 2018	Additions	Deductions	Balance at June 30, 2019
<b>Capital Assets, Not Depreciated/Amortized</b>				
Land	\$ 22,661	\$ 40	\$ --	\$ 22,701
Construction in progress	55,044	22,719	(74,215)	3,548
Intangible Assets in progress	749	22	(480)	291
Total Capital Assets, Not Depreciated/Amortized	<u>78,454</u>	<u>22,781</u>	<u>(74,695)</u>	<u>26,540</u>
<b>Capital Assets, Depreciable/Amortizable</b>				
Building and improvements	26,431	1,229	--	27,660
Equipment	79,629	9,278	(8,426)	80,481
Infrastructure	392,400	78,268	--	470,668
Software	998	890	--	1,888
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable/Amortizable	<u>499,458</u>	<u>89,665</u>	<u>(8,426)</u>	<u>580,697</u>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</b>				
Buildings and improvements	(13,259)	(916)	--	(14,175)
Equipment	(49,273)	(4,774)	8,416	(45,631)
Infrastructure	(203,711)	(11,857)	--	(215,568)
Software	(303)	(120)	--	(423)
Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(266,546)</u>	<u>(17,667)</u>	<u>8,416</u>	<u>(275,797)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable/Amortizable, (Net)	<u>232,912</u>	<u>71,998</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>304,900</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 311,366</u>	<u>\$ 94,779</u>	<u>\$ (74,705)</u>	<u>\$ 331,440</u>

Total depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2019, was \$17,667.

**Construction in Progress**

Construction in progress consists of projects for drainage systems, water irrigation and collection systems, gas collection systems, monitoring systems, truck scales automatic systems, landfill grading and re-vegetation. The projects at June 30, 2019, were as follows:

**Landfills**

Olinda Alpha (OAL)	
OAL Front Slope Improvement Project - Phase 2	1,266
Other	2,282
Total construction in progress	<u>\$ 3,548</u>

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**Note 9 – Capital Assets (Continued)**

*Construction Contracts*

OC Waste & Recycling entered into various major construction contracts to facilitate its landfill operations. At June 30, 2019, OC Waste & Recycling is committed to open construction contracts for the following project:

Description	Remaining Commitments
FRB Phase VIII-A Groundwater Protection & Stockpile Project	1,344
Prima Steel Materials Storage Structure	1,237
Total	<u>\$ 2,581</u>

**Note 10 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

Plan: All full-time employees of OC Waste & Recycling participate in the OCERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. OCERS issues a stand-alone annual financial report each year ending December 31, which can be obtained online at [www.ocers.org](http://www.ocers.org), in writing to the Orange County Employees Retirement System, 2223 Willington Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92701, or by calling (714) 558-6200.

OCERS provides for retirement, death, disability, and cost-of-living benefits. Under OCERS, each employee receives a defined-benefit pension at retirement; that is, a specific amount per month determined in accordance with the Retirement Law, which amount is not dependent upon the amount of money credited to the employee’s account at the time of retirement. The OCERS Board of Retirement (OCERS Board) does not set the benefit amounts. OCERS administers benefits that are set by the Board through the collective bargaining process with County employees in accordance with the Retirement Law.

Contributions: In accordance with various Board resolutions, the County's funding policy is to make periodic contributions to OCERS in amounts such that, when combined with employee contributions and investment income, will fully provide for member benefits by the time they retire. Covered employees are required to contribute a percentage of their annual compensation to OCERS as a condition of employment. Base employee contributions are calculated using a formula defined in the Retirement Law. Employer contributions are based on what is needed to properly fund the system. The Retirement Law, however, does allow employers and employees to negotiate some variation in who pays the contributions. OCERS’ responsibility is to make certain the total required contribution is paid, regardless of how the employers and employees share the cost. For the year ended June 30, 2019, employer’s contributions as a percentage of covered payrolls was 34.91% for General Members. OC Waste & Recycling’s total contribution to OCERS for the year ended June 30, 2019, was \$4,395.

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***Note 10 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)***

Effective July 1, 2005, as part of collective bargaining agreements with County employees, most General Members who work for the County (approximately 14,000) became eligible for the benefit formula of 2.7% of the member's "final compensation" for each year of service rendered at age 55. "Final compensation" for the purpose of calculating pension benefits can mean not only base salary, but also other components according to the California Supreme Court 1997 Ventura decision. In collective bargaining agreements with General Members, the employee associations agreed that current employees pay the costs of the difference between retirement benefits at the prior formulas and the 2.7% at 55 formula. New employees hired after May 7, 2010, have the option of selecting either 2.7% at 55 or 1.62% at 65. Employee contributions under current contracts are calculated on base salary, eligible premium pay and some categories of overtime as defined in the 1997 Ventura decision.

On September 12, 2012, the Governor signed the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) of 2013. PEPRA created a new pension retirement formula, commonly referred to as 2% at 62 retirement formula, for all new non-safety public employees hired on or after January 1, 2013. PEPRA also allowed a public employer to continue to offer another retirement formula, if offered before December 31, 2012, to new public employees if the retirement formula has a lower benefit factor at normal retirement age and results in a lower normal cost than the 2% at 62 PEPRA retirement formula. On December 18, 2012, the Board approved and adopted the 1.62% at 65 retirement formula for certain general (non-safety) public employees hired on or after January 1, 2013.

OC Waste & Recycling's covered payroll participating in OCERS was \$17,878 for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension:

The County reported a liability of \$4,919,675 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability (NPL), of which OC Waste & Recycling's allocated share of the County's NPL totaled \$57,169. The County's NPL was measured as of December 31, 2018, and the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation from OCERS. OC Waste & Recycling's allocated share of the County's NPL is based on an average percentage of actual employer contributions.

OC Waste & Recycling recognized pension expense of \$6,182 for the year ended June 30, 2019, which represents the change in the NPL during the measurement period, adjusted for actual contributions and deferred recognition of changes in investment gain/loss, actuarial assumptions, and plan benefits. The total deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions at June 30, 2019, was \$14,688 and \$4,439, respectively. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources represent the unamortized portion of changes to NPL to be recognized in future periods in a systematic and rational manner.

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*Note 10 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)*

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment		
Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	\$ 4,671	\$ 2
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	105	3,752
Changes of Assumptions	4,897	684
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	276	1
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,383	-
County Prepaid Pension Contribution	2,356	-
Total	\$ 14,688	\$ 4,439

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30:</u>	
2020	1,189
2021	378
2022	1,078
2023	2,965
2024	(100)
Thereafter	-

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$2,383 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2020.

For additional details on the defined benefits pension plan, actuarial assumptions, funded status of the plan and required supplemental information, refer to the County’s CAFR at the Auditor-Controller’s website at <http://www.ac.ocgov.com>.

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***Note 11 – Postemployment Health Care Benefits***

Plan: OC Waste & Recycling is a participant in the County of Orange’s Third Amended Retiree Medical Plan (Retiree Medical Plan). The Retiree Medical Plan is a single employer defined benefit Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) plan, intended to assist career employees in maintaining health insurance coverage following retirement from County service. The Retiree Medical Plan was established by the Board. The Board is also the authority for amending the Retiree Medical Plan. Eligible retired County employees receive a monthly grant (Grant), which helps offset the cost of monthly County-offered health plans and/or Medicare A and/or B premiums.

In order to be eligible to receive the Grant upon retirement, the employee must have completed at least 10 years of continuous County service (although exceptions for disability retirements exist), be enrolled in a County sponsored health plan and/or Medicare, qualify as a retiree as defined by the Retiree Medical Plan and be able to receive a monthly benefit payment from the OCERS. To qualify as a retiree as defined by the Retiree Medical Plan, the employee upon retirement must be at least 50 years of age or have at least 20 years of service for a safety member of OCERS or at least 30 years of service for a general member of OCERS.

In addition to the Grant, the Retiree Medical Plan provides a frozen lump sum payment to terminated employees not eligible for the Grant. The frozen lump sum payment is equal to 1% of the employee’s final average hourly pay (as defined in the Retirement Medical Plan) multiplied by the employee’s qualifying hours of service (as defined) since the Retiree Medical Plan’s effective date.

Contributions: As an enterprise fund of the County, OC Waste & Recycling is currently setting aside an actuarially determined contribution of 3.9% of its payroll for the Retiree Medical Plan. OC Waste & Recycling’s contribution was \$697 for the year ended June 30, 2019, which is 100% of the annual required contribution.

Net OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB:

The County reported a liability of \$380,581 for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability at June 30, 2019. OC Waste & Recycling’s allocated share of the County’s net OPEB liability is \$3,980, which is based on its percentage of actual employer contributions.

OC Waste & Recycling recognized OPEB expense of \$408 for the year ended June 30, 2019, which represents the change in the net OPEB liability during the measurement period, adjusted for actual contributions and deferred recognition of changes in investment gain/loss, actuarial assumptions, and plan benefits. The total deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB at June 30, 2019, was \$418 and \$0, respectively. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources represent the unamortized portion of changes to net OPEB liability to be recognized in future periods in a systematic and rational manner.



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***Note 11 – Postemployment Health Care Benefits (Continued)***

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments	\$ 103	\$ -
Contributions and proportionate share of contributions	35	
County contributions subsequent to measurement date	280	-
Total	<u>\$ 418</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30:</u>	
2020	23
2021	23
2022	23
2023	54
2024	5
Thereafter	10

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$280 will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2020.

For additional details on the Retiree Medical Plan, actuarial assumptions, funded status of the plan and required supplemental information, refer to the County’s CAFR at the Auditor-Controller’s website at <http://www.ac.ocgov.com>.

***Note 12 – Long-Term Obligations***

Long-term liability activities for the year ended June 30, 2019, were as follows:

Long-Term Liabilities	Balance July 1, 2018	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2019	Due Within One Year
Compensated absences	\$2,497	\$2,592	(\$2,770)	\$2,319	\$1,289
Intangible asset obligation	14	0	(6)	8	8
Closure and postclosure care costs	165,986	17,122	(3,350)	179,758	3,350
Pollution remediation obligation	19,557	0	(3,070)	16,487	680
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$188,054</u>	<u>\$19,714</u>	<u>(\$9,196)</u>	<u>\$198,572</u>	<u>\$5,327</u>

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***Note 13 – Accrued Closure and Postclosure Care Costs***

State laws and regulations require OC Waste & Recycling to place final covers on its landfill sites when the landfills stop accepting waste, and to perform certain postclosure maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for a minimum of 30 years after closure. Although closure and postclosure care costs will be paid only near or after the date each respective landfill stops accepting waste, OC Waste & Recycling reports a portion of these closure and postclosure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on the landfill capacity used as of each Net Position date.

OC Waste & Recycling owns or operates the following waste disposal sites:

- Frank R. Bowerman (FRB) (Irvine – Active)
- Olinda Alpha (Brea – Active)
- Prima Deshecha (San Juan Capistrano – Active)
- Santiago Canyon (Orange – Ceased accepting waste in 1996, final closure certification in 2005)
- Coyote Canyon (Newport Beach – Ceased accepting waste in 1990, final closure certification in 1995)

The total landfill closure and postclosure care liability at June 30, 2019, was \$179,758. The total liability represents the cumulative amount accrued based on the percentage of the active landfill capacities that have been used to date (35.94% for FRB, 83.54% for Olinda Alpha and 21.68% for Prima Deshecha), less actual costs paid related to both closure, and postclosure of the Santiago and Coyote Canyon landfills. OC Waste & Recycling will recognize the remaining estimated cost of closure and postclosure care of \$185,630 as the remaining estimated capacity is filled. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and postclosure care in 2018 dollars (using the 2018 inflation factor of 1.022). OC Waste & Recycling has enough landfill capacity to operate the system for a minimum of 25 years. However, OC Waste & Recycling estimates that it intends to operate the landfills well beyond this period as a result of approved and planned expansions.

In compliance with Title 27 – Environmental Protection of California Code of Regulations, OC Waste & Recycling makes cash contributions as required to its escrow funds to provide financial assurance for estimated future landfill closure costs based on the GASB Statement No. 18 formula which is adjusted annually by the Cal Recycle-provided CPI factor. Also in compliance with regulations, OC Waste & Recycling has executed pledge-of-revenue agreements to provide financial assurance for estimated future landfill postclosure maintenance costs. The agreements state that OC Waste & Recycling pledges revenue from future gate fees deposited to pay for estimated postclosure maintenance or shall obtain alternative coverage within 60 days if OC Waste & Recycling ceases at any time to retain control of its ability to allocate pledged revenue to pay postclosure maintenance costs. OC Waste & Recycling has proactively pre-funded this cost based on the state mandated formula that computes landfill capacity as a percentage of the total landfill capacity times the total estimated cost for postclosure maintenance. The estimated costs for future closure and postclosure maintenance are annually adjusted based on state provided inflation factors. The state mandated formula under which contributions to both closure and postclosure funds are calculated would provide for the accumulation of sufficient cash to cover all estimated costs when each landfill site reaches maximum capacity. If additional costs for closure or postclosure maintenance are determined due to changes in technology or higher regulatory requirements these costs may need to be covered by increasing the amount charged to landfill customers.

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***Note 13 – Accrued Closure and Postclosure Care Costs (Continued)***

As of June 30, 2019, a total of \$94,618 has been set aside for estimated closure and postclosure costs and is included in the accompanying Statement of Fund Net Position as Restricted Pooled Cash and Investments – Closure and Postclosure Care Costs.

Regulations governing solid waste management are promulgated by government agencies on the federal, state and local levels. These regulations address the design, construction, operation, maintenance, closure and postclosure maintenance of various types of facilities, acceptable and prohibited waste types, and inspection, permitting, environmental monitoring and solid waste recycling requirements. Regulations at both the state and federal levels could impose retroactive liability, particularly with respect to cleanup activities relating to any landfill site ever operated by the County, whether or not owned by the County. Thus, the County has potential liability with respect to every landfill ever operated by the County. Compliance with these regulations may be costly, and, as more stringent standards are developed to protect the environment, these costs could increase. Refer to Note 14, Pollution Remediation Obligations and Note 15, Commitments and Contingencies for additional discussion.

***Note 14 – Pollution Remediation Obligations***

GASB Statement No. 49, “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations,” requires government agencies to identify and disclose current and potential pollution remediation obligations. Six (6) closed sites were identified and the remediation costs and time periods were calculated for each of these sites based upon the type of remediation needed and historical trend data for closed landfill sites. The combined pollution remediation obligation ending balance for the year ended June 30, 2019, after deducting actual pollution remediation expenses incurred during fiscal year 2019 is \$16,487.

***Cannery Former Refuse Disposal Station***

A park owned by the City of Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach), California and an elementary school playground are located on a site that was formerly used as a refuse disposal station operated by the County from 1957 to 1969. Levels of methane gas that exceed regulatory limits were detected on the property.

The Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) issued a Notice and Order to Huntington Beach, requiring Huntington Beach to remedy the landfill gas exceedances and to control potential offsite migration of landfill gases. In response to the LEA’s Notice and Order, Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach City School District (Huntington Beach School District) issued the Notices of Intent to Sue under the Resource and Conservation and Recovery Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act to the County in 2004. Under an agreement with the County, Huntington Beach, and Huntington Beach School District claims were tolled until June 2006.

The County, Huntington Beach, and Huntington Beach School District entered into a Settlement Agreement in 2007 whereby Huntington Beach would be responsible for maintaining the cover of the former disposal site and the County would assume responsibility for the collection and control of landfill gas.

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***Note 14 – Pollution Remediation Obligations (Continued)***

Based on engineering estimates and existing contracts for the operation and maintenance of other disposal sites of a similar size, the age of the site, the length of time waste has been buried and other factors, the County anticipates that the landfill gas collection system will operate fully for 15 years from beginning of the obligation date. The anticipated costs to operate, maintain and monitor the landfill gas collection system over the remaining anticipated operational period is \$40.

*Lane Road Former Refuse Disposal Station*

The site located in the City of Irvine (Irvine), California and owned by NGP Realty Sub, L.P. and others, was leased and operated by the County as a refuse disposal facility from 1961 until its closure in 1964. An investigation revealed that landfill gas was present above regulatory limits in close proximity to residential housing units. The LEA issued a Notice and Order to the property owner requiring them to remedy the landfill gas exceedances, and to control potential offsite migration of landfill gases. In response to the LEA's Notice and Order, a claim was filed with the County Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management. The County entered into a Settlement Agreement with the property owner in 2005. Per terms of that Settlement Agreement, the County funded the construction of a landfill gas collection and control system, including a carbon treatment element, for the eastern portion of the site. After verification that the system was operating as planned, the County assumed ownership of the system and responsibility for its operation, maintenance and monitoring in 2008. Also in 2008, it was discovered that landfill gas was elevated in the northern portion of the site. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the County designed and constructed an upgrade and enhancement to the existing landfill gas system to control landfill gas migration on the northern portion of the site.

Based on engineering estimates and existing contracts for the operation and maintenance of other similar disposal sites, the County anticipates that the landfill gas collection system will operate fully for 25 years from beginning of the obligation date, then will most likely either no longer be required or will be converted to a passive system. The cost for the operation, maintenance and monitoring of the system was highest in the first full year of operation when the carbon canisters needed more regular replacement. For each subsequent year of operation, the cost will be reduced due to less frequent carbon swapping and due to anticipated alternative monitoring requirements. The cost to operate and maintain the landfill gas collection system at the site for the next fiscal year of operation is \$288. The anticipated costs to operate, maintain and monitor the landfill gas collection system over the remaining anticipated operational period is \$1,644.

*San Joaquin Former Refuse Disposal Station*

The site, owned by the University of California at Irvine (UC Irvine), was leased and operated by the County as a refuse disposal facility from 1954 to 1961. In 1996, a portion of the site was sold to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Levels of methane gas that exceed regulatory limits were detected on the property. As both parties expressed an interest in avoiding costly litigation, the County entered into negotiations to cooperatively address site concerns, resulting in a Cooperative Agreement with UC Irvine that was approved by the Board in May 2005. Pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement, the County constructed a landfill gas collection and control system, including a carbon treatment element.

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***Note 14 – Pollution Remediation Obligations (Continued)***

The County retains responsibility for the operation, maintenance, and monitoring of that system. Based on engineering estimates and existing contracts for the operation and maintenance of similar disposal sites, the County anticipates that the landfill gas collection system will operate fully for 15 years from beginning of the obligation date. The cost to operate and maintain the landfill gas collection system at the site for the next fiscal year of operation is \$116. The remaining obligation for landfill gas remediation at the San Joaquin site over the anticipated operational period is \$433.

*Forster Former Refuse Disposal Station*

The site, located in the City of San Juan Capistrano (San Juan Capistrano), California, was formerly leased and operated as a refuse disposal station by the County from 1958 to 1976. The current owner, Advanced Group 99-SJ, is proposing a change in land use for the property and has notified the County of its position that the County is responsible for re-closure of the site to meet current commercial and redevelopment requirements. The County disputes responsibility for site development related costs. In early 2010, San Juan Capistrano approved the proposed project and certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR was a subject of a citizen's referendum that ultimately resulted in affirmation of the proposed project. Subsequent to San Juan Capistrano approval of the proposed development plan, Advanced Group 99-SJ and the County entered into negotiations to resolve issues related to environmental responsibility at the site. These negotiations resulted in a settlement agreement and release of claims, brought about by a threat of litigation over the CEQA approvals. The settlement and release will permit the development of the site, with monies paid by the County for environmental controls to be installed at the site, an operation and maintenance fund and for environmental insurance, subject to conditions such as obtaining grading permits for the site for its actual development. In exchange, indemnification and environmental releases were provided by the developer to the County.

The obligation by the County for environmental infrastructure and controls at the site as agreed upon in the Settlement Agreement is \$7,500. The entire sum is anticipated to be released within five (5) years from the approval of the project grading permits, but is dependent upon actions by the owner and regulatory approvals for the project. The County will continue to incur additional costs for work related to the County's current obligation to monitor the groundwater underlying the site. This responsibility will be transferred to the site owner upon completion of one of the settlement agreement milestones, but due to the uncertainty of specific timing, the County is unable to fully estimate the remaining ground water obligations as of June 30, 2019.

The remaining balance for landfill gas remediation at the Forster site is \$7,500 as of June 30, 2019. Distribution of these funds will occur over time, based on specific milestones in the development of the site.

*Yorba Refuse Disposal Station*

The site, located in Orange, California (Orange), was owned and operated as a solid waste disposal site by the County. After disposal operations ceased, the site was sold to Orange for use as a city park. Park deed restrictions were later lifted from the property at the request of the city, which then began investigation into some form of commercial application or development at the site. In 2010, the Orange Redevelopment Agency filed suit against the City of Orange. The Complaint alleged various causes of

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action, including those for private nuisance, public nuisance, dangerous condition of property and statutory contributions for hazardous substances, and a Porter-Cologne contribution and for Polanco Redevelopment Act cost recovery. The relief sought is for unknown costs and damages. In turn, Orange filed a cross-complaint against the County. The causes of action alleged include indemnity and/or contribution, declaratory relief, hazardous substance account act indemnity and remedies under the Porter-Cologne Act.

The County and Orange entered into negotiations to resolve the issues brought forth by Orange. The negotiations resulted in a settlement agreement and release of claims executed on November 5, 2015. This settlement agreement and release of claims provides a remedy for the differential settlement or subsidence, to replace the irrigation system, and for costs associated with site maintenance with monies paid for by the County. In addition, effective on the date of the agreement, the County assumed responsibility and ownership of the landfill gas control system at the site. In exchange, indemnification has been provided by Orange to the County. Based on engineering estimates and existing contracts for the operation and maintenance of other similar disposal sites, the County anticipates that the landfill gas collection system will operate fully for 30 years from beginning of the obligation date, then will most likely either no longer be required or will be converted to a passive system. The cost for the operation, maintenance and monitoring of the system was highest in the first full year of operation when the system needed upgrades and relocation of critical equipment. For each subsequent year of operation, the cost will be reduced due to less frequent carbon swapping and due to anticipated alternative monitoring requirements. The cost to operate and maintain the landfill gas collection system at the site for the next fiscal year of operation will be \$271. The anticipated costs to operate, maintain and monitor the landfill gas collection system over the remaining anticipated operational period is \$6,870 as of June 30, 2019.

***Note 15 – Commitments and Contingencies***

*Commitments Under Operating Leases*

OC Waste & Recycling leases various equipment used at the waste disposal sites on a short-term basis and office space under operating leases, which are primarily on a month-to-month basis. Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable lease agreements with terms greater than one (1) year as of June 30, 2019, are not significant.

*Contingencies*

As the owner and/or operator of a number of active and former solid waste disposal sites, OC Waste & Recycling has potential exposure to environmental liability even though these sites have not incurred obligating events like those sites identified in Note 14. Many of the former disposal sites were operated under lease agreements with the property owners. OC Waste & Recycling may be required to perform corrective action at any of its current or former refuse disposal stations and landfills, irrespective of past or current County ownership of the site. OC Waste & Recycling completed preliminary environmental site assessments for the former solid waste disposal sites with their Closed Landfills Environmental Assessment and Response (CLEAR) Project. On the basis of information currently available, management believes it has sufficient reserves for known and potential remediation costs. At June 30, 2019, amounts classified in unrestricted net position totaled \$293,596.

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*Note 16 – Major Customers*

Disposal fees from three (3) major customers accounted for revenues of approximately \$26,850; \$20,341; and \$16,443 during the year ended June 30, 2019.

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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***

To the Board of Supervisors  
County of Orange, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of OC Waste & Recycling, an enterprise fund of the County of Orange, California (County) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 10, 2019. Our report included an emphasis of matter paragraph indicating that the financial statements present only OC Waste & Recycling and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the County as of June 30, 2019, and the changes in its financial position or its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered OC Waste & Recycling'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of OC Waste & Recycling's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of OC Waste & Recycling's internal control.

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

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

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether OC Waste & Recycling'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 OC Waste & Recycling'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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eide Bailly LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laguna Hills, California  
December 10, 2019