



**Southern California Coastal  
Water Research Project Authority**

**Annual Financial Report**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

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## **INTRODUCTORY SECTION**





# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT

*A Public Agency for Environmental Research*

November 15, 2021

Commission Members  
Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority  
Costa Mesa, California

## **Introduction**

It is our pleasure to submit the Annual Financial Report for the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority (Authority) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Authority staff, following guidelines set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, prepared this financial report. The Authority is ultimately responsible for both the accuracy of the data and the completeness and the fairness of presentation, including all disclosures in this financial report. We believe that the data presented is accurate in all material respects.

This report is organized into three sections: (1) Introductory, (2) Financial, and (3) Required Supplementary Information. The Introductory section offers general information about the Authority's organization, goals, and activities. The Financial section includes the Independent Auditor's Report, Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Authority's financial statements, and the Authority's audited financial statements with accompanying notes. The Required Supplementary Information section includes a budgetary comparison schedule of the General Fund.

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the financial statements in the form of a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section. This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Authority's MD&A can be found immediately following the Independent Auditor's Report.

## **History of the Authority**

The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority, or SCCWRP, is a leading U.S. environmental research institute that develops the scientific foundation for public-sector management and protection of aquatic ecosystems. SCCWRP was founded in 1969 as a Joint Powers Authority by Southern California's five biggest metropolitan wastewater dischargers, which pooled their money and resources to form the independent public agency. SCCWRP's original, three-year mission was to study the effects of wastewater discharge on Southern California's coastal marine environment. But the founding members quickly realized the value of SCCWRP, and the original JPA has since been extended and amended more than 16 times. During the agency's first two decades, SCCWRP was primarily a marine science organization, governed by the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) that founded it. In 1990, the

SCCWRP Commission invited five state and federal regulators that oversee the POTWs to become member agencies. In 2003, the number of member agencies was expanded again; this time to include four stormwater management agencies – a recognition that SCCWRP’s research had grown beyond marine issues to encompass coastal watersheds as well. In 2007, SCCWRP expanded its reach to encompass California natural resources via addition of the California Ocean Protection Council.

For over 50 years, SCCWRP has been a champion of sound interdisciplinary approaches to solving complex challenges in water-quality management for Southern California and beyond. SCCWRP’s staff of about 50 scientists investigates not only how to effectively monitor and protect the health of watersheds and coastal waters impacted by human activity, but also how to bridge the gap between water-quality research and the management community that relies on this science. Research conducted by SCCWRP scientists has served as the foundation of regulatory policies and management actions in diverse arenas, including stormwater permit reissuances, sediment quality criteria, biological objectives for aquatic life, and microbial contamination standards for coastal ocean water. SCCWRP scientists have published more than 1,100 scientific reports and peer-reviewed articles in more than 150 journals and participate on dozens of state and national scientific advisory committees hosted by leading regional, federal, and international organizations.

### **Strategic Goals of the Authority**

SCCWRP’s mission is to enhance the scientific foundation for management of Southern California’s ocean and coastal watersheds. SCCWRP’s vision is that the effective transfer of science to member agencies and other stakeholders leads to implementation of appropriate, viable management strategies that protect the ocean and coastal watersheds for this and future generations.

**Goal 1:** Undertake and participate in scientific investigations to understand ecological systems in the coastal waters and associated watersheds, to document relationships between these systems and human activities relevant to SCCWRP member agencies.

**Goal 2:** Serve as a respected source of unbiased coastal water quality science.

**Goal 3:** Develop scientific consensus on issues relevant to management decisions and application of science by member agencies.

**Goal 4:** Stimulate conversion of science to action.

### **Budgetary Control**

The Authority annually adopts an operating and capital budget prior to the new fiscal year. The budget authorizes and provides the basis for reporting and control of financial operations and accountability for the Authority’s operations and capital projects. The budget and reporting treatment applied to the Authority is consistent with the modified accrual basis of accounting.

## **Internal Control Structure**

The Authority's management is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of an internal financial control structure that ensures that the assets of the Authority are protected from loss, theft, or misuse. The internal financial control structure also ensures that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Authority's internal financial control structure is designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived, and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

## **Investment Policy**

The Commission has adopted an investment policy that conforms to state law and uses prudent money management practices in its guiding principles. The objectives of the Investment Policy are safety, liquidity, and yield. The Authority's funds are primarily invested in the State Treasurer's Local Agency Investment Fund and the Los Angeles County Pooled Investment Fund. To finance daily activities, the Authority maintains operating accounts with Bank of the West.

## **Audit and Financial Reporting**

State law requires the Authority to obtain an annual audit of its financial statements by an independent certified public accountant. The accounting firm of Teaman, Ramirez & Smith, Inc., has conducted the audit of the Authority's financial statements. Their *unmodified* Independent Auditor's Report appears in the Financial Section.

## **Other References**

More information is contained in the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the notes to the basic financial statements found in the Financial Section of the report.

## **Publications and Requests for Technical Information**

Technical reports on the Authority's research findings are available on its website at [www.sccwrp.org](http://www.sccwrp.org) and by contacting SCCWRP at 3535 Harbor Blvd. Suite 110, Costa Mesa, California 92626-1437 – (714) 755-3201.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen B. Weisberg, Ph.D.  
Executive Director



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Administrative Officer

# **SCCWRP Commission**

(As of June 30, 2021)

## **Orange County Sanitation District**

Commissioner: James Herberg

*Alternate: Lan Wiborg*

## **City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation**

Commissioner: Enrique Zaldivar

*Alternate: Dr. Mas Dojiri*

## **Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts**

Commissioner: Robert Ferrante

*Alternate: Martha Tremblay*

## **California State Water Resources Control Board**

Commissioner: Karen Mogus

*Alternate: Greg Gearheart*

## **City of San Diego Public Utilities Department**

Commissioner: Shauna Lorange

*Alternate: Dr. Peter Vroom*

## **California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region**

Commissioner: Renee Purdy (Vice Chair)

*Alternate: Jenny Newman*

## **California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region**

Commissioner: David Gibson

*Alternate: David Barker*

## **California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region**

Commissioner: Hope Smythe

*Alternate: Jayne Joy*

## **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX**

Commissioner: Ellen Blake

*Alternate: Christina Yin*

## **Ocean Protection Council**

Commissioner: Dr. Mark Gold

*Alternate: Dr. Justine Kimball*

## **Ventura County Watershed Protection District**

Commissioner: Arne Anselm

*Alternate: Glenn Shephard*

## **Los Angeles County Flood Control District**

Commissioner: Daniel Lafferty

*Alternate: Paul Alva*

## **County of Orange Public Works Department**

Commissioner: Amanda Carr

*Alternate: Chris Crompton*

## **County of San Diego**

Commissioner: Todd Snyder (Chair)

*Alternate: Jeff Moneda*

## **FINANCIAL SECTION**



## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Commissioners  
Southern California Coastal  
Water Research Project Authority  
Costa Mesa, California

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

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

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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, and the State Controller's Minimum Audit Requirements for California Special Districts. 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 auditors consider internal control relevant to the Authority'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 Authority'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 opinions.

### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Authority, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Prior-Year Comparative Information*

The financial statements include partial prior-year comparative information. Such information does not include all of the information required to constitute a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020, from which such partial information was derived.

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 7 through 10 and the Required Supplementary Information on pages 32 - 33 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 Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The Introductory Section on pages 1 through 4 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Introductory Section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 15, 2021, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. That report can be found on pages 34 and 35.

*Jeaman Ramirez & Smith, L.L.C.*

Riverside, California  
November 15, 2021

**Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority**  
***Management's Discussion and Analysis***  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

This section of the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority's (Authority) annual financial report presents Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Authority's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The information presented here is to be considered in conjunction with additional information provided with the letter of transmittal and basic financials statements and accompanying notes.

**Financial Highlights**

- The Authority's net position increased \$300,446, or 6.2%, from \$4,873,608 to \$5,174,053 because of this year's operations.
- The Authority's cash and cash equivalents decreased \$1,277,875, or 48.6%, from \$2,630,513 to \$3,908,388 because of this year's operations.
- The Authority spent \$115,660 on capital assets. This is primarily due to purchasing scientific equipment for research and leasehold improvements.
- The Authority's total program revenues increased \$183,494, or 1.9%, from the prior year. This is mostly due to an increase in grants and contracts for research.
- The Authority's total expenses increased \$458,616, or 4.9%, from the prior year. This is primarily due to a \$262,144 increase in salaries/benefits and a \$275,314 increase in scientific services and supplies.
- The authority incurred no debt in fiscal year 2021.

**Overview of Financial Statements**

The Authority's financial statements are presented in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Financial Reporting Standards. This discussion and analysis serve as an introduction to the Authority's financial statements. The Authority's basic financial statements are composed of two components: financial statements and essential notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information.

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

**(Statements of Net Positions and Statements of Activities)**

The Statement of Net Position includes all the Authority's assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, and provides information about the nature of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to Authority creditors (liabilities). It also provides the basis for computing the rate of return, evaluating the capital structure of the Authority, and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Authority.

The Statement of Activities accounts for the current year's revenues and expenses. This statement measures the success of the Authority's operations over the past year. This statement can also be used to determine the Authority's credit worthiness and profitability.

**Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

**Governmental Funds Financial Statements**

**(Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance)**

*Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

**Condensed Statements of Net Position**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current Assets	\$ 6,099,279	\$ 5,249,641	\$ 849,638
Net Capital Assets	722,434	809,604	(87,170)
Total Assets	6,821,713	6,059,245	762,468
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current Liabilities	942,669	620,416	322,253
Unearned Revenue	704,990	565,221	139,769
Total Liabilities	1,647,659	1,185,637	462,022
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	722,434	809,604	(87,170)
Unrestricted	4,451,620	4,064,004	387,616
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 5,174,054</b>	<b>\$ 4,873,608</b>	<b>\$ 300,446</b>

At the end of fiscal year 2021, the Authority showed an unrestricted net position of \$4,451,620 that may be utilized in future years. This was an increase of \$387,616 from the previous year due to operations. A portion of the Authority's net position (16.2%) reflects its investment in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation). The Authority uses these capital assets to conduct aquatic environmental research; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending.

**Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

**Condensed Statements of Activities**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Environmental Research	\$ 9,797,397	\$ 9,338,781	\$ 458,616
<b>Program Revenues</b>	10,092,436	9,908,942	183,494
<b>General Revenues</b>	5,407	72,639	(67,232)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	10,097,843	9,981,581	116,262
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	300,446	642,800	(342,354)
<b>Net Position - Beginning of Year</b>	4,873,608	4,230,808	642,800
<b>Net Position - End of Year</b>	\$ 5,174,054	\$ 4,873,608	\$ 300,446

While the Statement of Net Position shows the financial position at year-end, the Statement of Activities provides information as to the nature and source of these changes in Net Position. In fiscal year 2021, program revenue from grants and contracts increased \$183,494, or 1.9%, from the prior year. This was offset by a \$458,616 increase, or 4.9%, in expenses. The Authority's revenues are supported by multi-year grants and contracts, primarily from government agencies. The Authority also received \$2.5 million in contributions from member agencies.

The Authority's expenses, less grant pass-through costs for scientific services and supplies, are mostly driven by staff head count. For fiscal 2021, salaries and benefits accounted for 77% of the Authority's expenses less grant pass-through costs. On June 30, 2021, the Authority had 49 full time employees.

### **Governmental Funds Financial Analysis**

The focus of the Authority's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Authority's financing requirements. Unassigned *fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of the government's net resources for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2021, the Authority's General Fund reported a fund balance of \$5,174,054. An amount of \$4,390,570 constitutes the Authority's unassigned fund balance, which is available for future research project expenditures.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The final budgeted expenditures for the General Fund at year-end were \$1,677,577 more than actual and final budgeted revenues for the General Fund were \$1,637,522 more than actual. The General Fund budget to actual comparison schedule can be found on page 33.

### **Capital Asset Administration**

**Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

At the end of fiscal year 2021, the Authority's investment in capital assets amounted to \$722,434 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes equipment and furniture, leasehold improvements, and vehicles. Major capital assets additions during the year include \$115,660 for equipment and leasehold improvements. (See note 4 for further information)

Change in capital assets for the year was as follows:

	<b>Balance 2021</b>	<b>Balance 2020</b>
Depreciable Assets		
Equipment and Furniture	\$ 3,321,548	\$ 3,222,696
Leasehold Improvements	1,696,468	1,679,660
Vehicles	81,351	81,351
Total Depreciable Assets	5,099,367	4,983,707
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,376,933)	(4,174,103)
Total Depreciable Assets, Net	722,434	809,604
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 722,434	\$ 809,604

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

Management of the Authority believes that it currently has sufficient contractual funding for the next fiscal year. The Commission of the Authority approved a \$11.5 million budget for fiscal year 2022.

Most of the Authority's research grants and contracts are multi-year; however, the Authority's program revenue is wholly dependent on government funding sources, especially from the State of California. Federal and State contracts contain optional termination and limitation of liability clauses. Therefore, performance of work can be terminated without cause with 30 days' written notice. Funding can also be withdrawn if a budget act does not appropriate sufficient funds for a program.

**Requests for Information**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Administrative Officer of the Authority at 3535 Harbor Blvd., Suite 110, Costa Mesa, California 92626.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority**

**Statements of Net Position**

June 30, 2021

(With comparative totals for June 30, 2020)

	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 3,908,388	\$ 2,630,513
Accrued Interest Receivable	3,460	6,243
Accounts Receivable - Contract Research Studies	1,863,531	1,836,257
Accounts Receivable - Federal Grants	180,197	579,900
Accounts Receivable - Contract Retentions	82,653	135,678
Prepaid Items and Deposits	61,050	61,050
Capital Assets, Net (Note 4)	722,434	809,604
Total Assets	6,821,713	6,059,245
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	550,872	278,282
Compensated Absences (Note 5)	391,797	342,134
Unearned Revenue (Note 6)	704,990	565,221
Total Liabilities	1,647,659	1,185,637
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	722,434	809,604
Unrestricted	4,451,620	4,064,004
Total Net Position	\$ 5,174,054	\$ 4,873,608

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority**  
**Statements of Activities**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021  
(With comparative totals for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020)

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Marine Environmental Research:		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 5,834,055	\$ 5,571,911
Scientific Services and Supplies	2,266,917	1,991,603
Facilities	1,308,840	1,295,768
Materials and Services	184,755	306,290
Depreciation	202,830	173,209
	<u>9,797,397</u>	<u>9,338,781</u>
<b>PROGRAM REVENUES</b>		
Charges for Contract Research Studies	6,022,863	6,027,530
Charges for Federal Contract Research	857,306	379,070
Operating Grants from Federal Awards	712,267	1,102,342
Operating Contributions from Members	2,500,000	2,400,000
	<u>10,092,436</u>	<u>9,908,942</u>
Total Program Revenues	<u>10,092,436</u>	<u>9,908,942</u>
Net Program Revenues (Expense)	<u>(295,039)</u>	<u>(570,161)</u>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>		
Interest Earnings	5,407	72,452
Other	-	187
	<u>5,407</u>	<u>72,639</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>5,407</u>	<u>72,639</u>
Change in Net Position	300,446	642,800
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>4,873,608</u>	<u>4,230,808</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 5,174,054</u>	<u>\$ 4,873,608</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Fund**  
June 30, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,908,388
Accrued Interest Receivable	3,460
Accounts Receivable - Contract Research Studies	1,863,531
Accounts Receivable - Federal Grants	180,197
Accounts Receivable - Contract Retentions	82,653
Prepaid Items and Deposits	<u>61,050</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 6,099,279</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 550,872
Unearned Revenues	<u>704,990</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,255,862</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE (Note 7)</b>	
Nonspendable	61,050
Assigned	391,797
Unassigned	<u>4,390,570</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>4,843,417</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 6,099,279</u></u>
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds	\$ 4,843,417
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position is difference because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	722,434
Long-term liabilities applicable to the Authority are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities both current and long-term, are reported in the statement of net position.	
Compensated Absences	<u>(391,797)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 5,174,054</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Governmental Fund**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Intergovernmental Revenues:	
Contract Research Studies	\$ 6,022,863
Federal Grant Awards	712,267
Federal Contract Research	857,306
Operating Contributions from Members	2,500,000
Interest Earnings	<u>5,407</u>
Total Revenues	<u>10,097,843</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Current:	
Salaries and Benefits	5,784,392
Scientific Services and Supplies	2,266,917
Facilities	1,308,840
Materials and Services	184,755
Capital Outlay - Scientific Equipment	<u>115,660</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>9,660,564</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	437,279
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>4,406,138</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 4,843,417</u></u>
 Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds	 \$ 437,279
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:	
Some expenses reported in the statements of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenses in governmental fund as follows:	
Net Change in Compensated Absences	(49,663)
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.	
This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period.	
Depreciation Expense	(202,830)
Capital Outlay	<u>115,660</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 300,446</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
June 30, 2021

**1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A) Reporting Entity**

The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority (the “Authority”) was formed to increase the scientific knowledge of the interrelationships of 1) treated wastewater discharges, 2) other water discharges, and 3) other inputs, with the aquatic ecological systems in the Southern California coastal waters and, thereby, to ensure protection and conservation of these resources. The Authority makes a strong effort to effectively communicate their research findings and recommendations through a variety of media to the public.

The Authority was formed by a Joint Powers Agreement originally dated September 10, 1969. On March 2, 2012, the Commission approved the Authority’s 8<sup>th</sup> amended Joint Powers Agreement for the period of July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2017; on December 4, 2015, the Commission approved the 9<sup>th</sup> amended Joint Powers Agreement for the period of July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2021; on March 6, 2020, the Commission approved the 10<sup>th</sup> amended Joint Powers Agreement for the period of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2026.

The Commission of the Authority is composed of fourteen commissioners. One Commissioner (and one alternate) is appointed by each party to the Commission from each of the following: the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX; the Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and San Diego regions of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board; the California State Water Resources Control Board, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, Orange County Sanitation District, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, County of Orange Public Works Department, the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, County of San Diego and the Ocean Protection Council.

**B) Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus**

The basic financial statements of the Authority are comprised of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the basic financial statements

**Government-Wide Financial Statements:** These statements are presented on an *economic resources* measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all the Authority’s assets and liabilities, including capital assets, are included in the accompanying Statements of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred. The Statements of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. The types of transactions reported as program revenues for the Authority are to be reported in three categories, if applicable: 1) charges for services, 2) operating grants and contributions, and, 3) capital grants and contributions. Charges for services include revenues from

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**1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**B) Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus - Continued**

customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function. Grants and contributions include revenues restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

**Governmental Fund Financial Statements** - These statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for all major governmental funds. The Authority has presented its General Fund, as its major fund, in this statement to meet the qualification of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34.

Governmental funds are accounted for on a spending, or *current financial resources* measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, current assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows/inflows of resources are included on the Balance Sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance presents increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in fund balance. Under modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available to financial expenditures of the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash, except that revenues subject to accrual (generally within 60-days after year-end) are recognized when due. The primary sources susceptible to accrual for the Authority are interest earnings, investment revenue and operating and capital grant revenues. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. However, exceptions to this rule include principal and interest on debt, which are recognized when due.

The Authority reports the following major governmental fund:

**General Fund** - is a government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Authority, except those required to be accounted for in another fund when necessary.

**C) Financial Reporting**

The Authority's basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applied to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Authority has adopted the following GASB pronouncements in the current year:

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**1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**C) Financial Reporting - Continued**

Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 84

In January of 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. This statement was issued to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes. This statement establishes the criteria for identifying fiduciary activities which should be reported in a fiduciary fund in the basic financial statements. The fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: a) pensions trust funds, b) investment trust funds, c) private purpose trust funds, d) custodial funds. Statement No. 84 is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GASB Statement No. 95 delayed the implementation of this GASB Statement by one year for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The impact of the implementation of this Statement to the Authority's financial statements has no effect.

Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 90

In August of 2018, GASB issued Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests, an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*. This Statement was issued to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. This Statement defines a majority equity interest and specifies that a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization should be reported as an investment if a government's holding of the equity interest meets the definition of an investment. A majority equity interest that meets the definition of an investment should be measured using the equity method, unless it is held by a special-purpose government engaged only in fiduciary activities, a fiduciary fund, or an endowment (including permanent and term endowments) or permanent fund. Those governments and funds should measure the majority equity interest at fair value. Statement No. 90 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GASB Statement No. 95 delayed the implementation of this GASB Statement by one year for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The impact of the implementation of this Statement to the Authority's financial statements has no effect.

**D) Assets, Liabilities, Net Position and Fund Equity**

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles require management to make certain estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**D) Assets, Liabilities, Net Position and Fund Equity - Continued**

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Substantially all of Authority's cash is invested in interest bearing cash accounts. The Authority considers all highly liquid investments with initial maturity of three months to be cash equivalents.

**Investments and Investment Policy**

The Authority has adopted an investment policy directing the Treasurer to deposit funds in financial institutions. Investments are to be made in the following areas:

- Securities of the U.S. Government or its agencies.
- Money market savings, passbook savings and checking, and certificates of deposit
- State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)
- Los Angeles County's Pooled Surplus Investments (LACPSI)

Changes in fair value that occur during a fiscal year are recognized as investment earnings reported for that fiscal year. Investment earnings includes interest earning, changes in fair value, and any gains or losses realized upon the liquidation or sale of investments. The basic premise of the Authority's investment strategy is to ensure that money is always available when needed and at the same time earning the highest and best return.

**Accounts Receivable**

The Authority provides contract research services to a variety of organizations typically on a reimbursement basis. Management deems all accounts receivable collectible at year end. Accordingly, an allowance for uncollectible accounts has not been recorded.

**Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs or deposits applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Included in capital assets are land, buildings and improvements, equipment and furniture, vehicles, and construction-in-process. Authority policy has set the capitalization threshold for reporting capital assets at \$5,000. Donated assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. Capital outlay is recorded as expenditures of

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**1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**D) Assets, Liabilities, Net Position and Fund Equity - Continued**

**Capital Assets - Continued**

the General Fund and as assets in the government-wide financial statements to the extent the Authority's capitalization threshold is met.

Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

- Leasehold Improvements - 12 years
- Equipment and Furniture - 5 to 7 years
- Vehicles - 5 years

**Compensated Absences**

It is the Authority's policy to permit employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned vacation and sick leave. Full-time employees accrue vacation pay at a rate of ten (10) working days for the first four (4) full years of employment, fifteen (15) days for the fifth through the ninth year of employment, eighteen (18) days for the tenth through the fourteenth year of employment and twenty (20) days for the fifteenth year of employment and thereafter. Vacation time may be accumulated for up to three hundred and twenty (320) hours. Accumulated vacation time is accrued at year-end to account for the Authority's obligation to the employees for the amount owed. Sick leave for full-time employees is accrued at a rate of twelve (12) days per calendar year and may be used for sickness, disability, or personal reasons. Up to 720 hours of sick leave may be accumulated. Part-time, temporary, and contract employees are not eligible to accrue vacation pay.

**Net Position**

The financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as follows:

- **Net Investment in Capital Assets** - This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by any debt outstanding against the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- **Restricted Net Position** - This component of net position consists of external constraints imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Unrestricted Net Position** - This component of net position consists of amounts that are not included in the determination of *restricted net position* or *net investment in capital assets*.

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**1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**D) Assets, Liabilities and Net Position and Fund Equity - Continued**

**Fund Equity**

The governmental funds financial statements report fund balance as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Authority is bound to honor constraints on how specific amounts can be spent.

- **Nonspendable fund balance** - amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not spendable in form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- **Restricted fund balance** - amounts with constraints placed on their use that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions enabling legislation.
- **Committed fund balance** - amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by formal action of the Authority's highest level of decision making authority (the Commission) and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner. The underlying action that imposed the limitation needs to occur no later than the close of the reporting period.
- **Assigned fund balance** - amounts that are constrained by the Authority's intent to be used for specific purposes. The intent can be established at either the highest level of decision making, or by a designated body or an official.
- **Unassigned fund balance** - the residual classification for the Authority's general fund that includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classification is used only if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

The Commission establishes, modifies or rescinds fund balance commitments and assignments by passage of an ordinance or resolution. This is done through adoption of the budget and subsequent budget amendments that occur throughout the year.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Authority's policy to use restricted resources first, followed by committed, assigned and unassigned resources as they are needed.

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**1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**D) Assets, Liabilities, Net Position and Fund Equity - Continued**

**Fund Equity - Continued**

The Authority believes that sound financial management principles require that sufficient funds be retained by the Authority to provide a stable financial base at all times. To retain this stable financial base, the Authority needs to maintain an unrestricted fund balance in its funds sufficient to fund cash flows of the Authority and to provide financial reserves for unanticipated expenditures and/or revenue shortfalls of an emergency nature. Committed, assigned and unassigned fund balances are considered unrestricted.

The purpose of the Authority’s fund balance policy is to maintain a prudent level of financial resources to protect against reducing service levels or raising taxes and fees because of temporary revenue shortfalls or unpredicted one-time expenditures.

**Budgetary**

The Authority follows specific procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements. Each June, the Authority’s Executive Director prepares and submits an ongoing budget to the Commission for the General Fund. The basis used to prepare the budget does not differ substantially from the modified accrual basis of accounting.

**2) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2021, consist of the following:

Deposits Held with Financial Institutions	\$ 285,446
Deposits Held with Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	1,548,891
Deposits Held with Los Angeles County Pool (LACPSI)	<u>2,074,051</u>
	<u><u>\$ 3,908,388</u></u>

As of June 30, 2021, the Authority’s authorized deposits had the following maturities:

Deposits Held with Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	291 Days
Deposits Held with Los Angeles County Pool (LACPSI)	1045 Days

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**2) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Continued**

**Investment in State Investment Pool**

The Authority is a voluntary participant in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) that is regulated by the California Government Code under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California. The fair value of the Authority's investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the Authority's prorated share of the fair value provided by LAIF for the entire LAIF portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by LAIF, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis.

The Authority's deposit and withdrawal restrictions and limitations are as follows:

- Same day transaction processing occurs for orders received before 10:00 a.m.
- Next day transactions processing occurs for order received after 10:00 a.m.
- Maximum limit of 15 transactions (combinations of deposits and withdraws) per month.
- Minimum transaction amount requirement of \$5,000, in increments of \$1,000.
- Withdrawals of \$10,000,000,000 or more require 24 hours advance.
- Prior to funds transfer, an authorized person must call LAIF to do a verbal transaction.

**Investment in Los Angeles County Investment Pool**

The Authority is a voluntary participant in the Los Angeles County Investment Pool regulated by the California Government Code. The cash flow needs of participants are monitored daily to ensure that sufficient liquidity is maintained to meet the needs of those participants. At the time deposits are made, the Los Angeles County Investment Pool's Treasurer may require the depositing entity to provide annual cash flow projections or an anticipated withdrawal schedule for deposits in excess of \$1 million. Projections are to be performed no less than semi-annually. In accordance with the California Government Code, all requests for withdrawal of funds for the purpose of investing or depositing the funds elsewhere shall be evaluated to ensure the proposed withdrawal will not adversely affect the principal deposits of the other participants.

**Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk for *deposits* is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The California Government Code and the Authority's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits or investments, other than the following provision for deposits: The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit).

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**2) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Continued**

**Custodial Credit Risk - Continued**

The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. Of the Authority's bank balance, up to \$250,000 is federally insured and the remaining balance is collateralized in accordance with the California Government Code; however, the collateralized securities are not held in the Authority's name.

The custodial credit risk for *investments* is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The California Government Code and the Authority's investment party policy contain legal and policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for investments. With respect to investments, custodial credit risk generally applies only to direct investments. With respect to investments, custodial credit risk generally applies only to direct investments in marketable securities. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools (such as LAIF).

**Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The longer the maturity an investment has the greater its fair value has sensitivity to changes in market interest rates. The Authority investment policy follows the California Government Code as it relates to limits on investment maturities as a means of managing exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

**Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; however, LAIF and LACPSI are not rated.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

The Authority's investment policy contains various limitations on the amounts that can be invested in any one governmental agency or nongovernmental issuer as stipulated by the California Government Code. The Authority's deposit portfolio with governmental agencies, LAIF and LACPSI are 39% and 53%, of the Authority's total depository and investment portfolio, respectively. Investments issued or explicitly governed by the U.S. government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools, and other pooled investments are excluded from this disclosure requirement. There were no investments in any one non-governmental issuer that represent 5% or more of the Authority's total investments.

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**3) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Authority categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset, as follows:

- *Level 1* - Valuation is based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.
- *Level 2* - Valuation is based on directly observable and indirectly observable inputs. These inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or market-corroborated inputs. The concept of market-corroborated inputs incorporates observable market data such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.
- *Level 3* - Valuation is based on unobservable inputs where assumptions are made based on factors such as prepayment rates, probability of defaults, loss severity, and other assumptions that are internally generated and cannot be observed in the market.

Fair value of assets measured on a recurring basis at June 30, 2021, are as follows:

	Fair Value	Uncategorized
Money Market Funds	\$ 220,247	\$ 220,247
Local Agency Investment Fund	1,548,891	1,548,891
Los Angeles County Pool	2,074,051	2,074,051
Total	\$ 3,843,189	\$ 3,843,189

Investments do not fall under the fair value hierarchy (i.e. uncategorized) as there is no active market for the investments.

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**4) CAPITAL ASSETS**

Changes in capital assets for the year were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions/ Transfers	Deletions/ Transfers	Ending Balance
Depreciable Assets:				
Equipment and Furniture	\$ 3,222,696	\$ 98,852	\$ -	\$ 3,321,548
Leasehold Improvements	1,679,660	16,808	-	1,696,468
Vehicles	81,351	-	-	81,351
 Total Depreciable Assets	 4,983,707	 115,660	 -	 5,099,367
 Accumulated Depreciation	 (4,174,103)	 (202,830)	 -	 (4,376,933)
 Total Depreciable Assets, Net	 809,604	 (87,170)	 -	 722,434
 Total Capital Assets, Net	 <u>\$ 809,604</u>			 <u>\$ 722,434</u>

Major capital assets additions during the year include new equipment of \$115,660.

**5) COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The changes in compensated absences as of June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Earned	Taken	Ending Balance
Compensated Absences	\$ 342,134	\$ 194,649	\$ (144,986)	\$ 391,797

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**6) UNEARNED REVENUE**

At June 30, 2021, unearned revenue consisted of the following amounts received as an advance for membership contributions and other contracts applicable to the future fiscal years is as follows:

	2021
City of Dana Point	\$ 147,408
National Philanthropic Trust	557,582
Total	\$ 704,990

**7) FUND BALANCE**

Fund balances are presented in the following categories: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned (see Note 1D for a description of these categories). A detailed schedule of fund balances and their funding composition at June 30, 2021 is as follows:

Fund Balance Category	
Nonspendable	\$ 61,050
Assigned:	
Compensated Absences	391,797
Unassigned Fund Balance:	4,390,570
Total Fund Balance	\$ 4,843,417

**8) RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Authority has purchased various commercial insurance coverage to limit the risk of loss for the above named sources. Also the Authority has obtained workers' compensation coverage to the statutory limits.

**9) EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN**

All full-time employees of the Authority participate in a SEP-IRA (Simplified Employee Pension-Individual Retirement Account). Contributions equal to 7.50% of the employees' compensation, as defined, are required to be paid by the Authority. All contributions vest 100% to the employees when made. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in the Authority's voluntary 403(b) tax-deferred retirement plan. The Authority matches 100% of the employee's contribution, up to 4% of the employee's salary. The match is vested over a three year period. The Authority contributed \$469,409 to the plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

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**10) LEASES**

*Facilities Lease*

On June 20, 2006, the Authority entered into a long-term (12-year) lease for new expended facilities and effective June 1, 2019 have amended the lease for an additional 10-year term. Rent expense for fiscal year 2021, was approximately \$615,265. Future minimum rental payments required under the Authority’s operating lease and amended 10-year term, for which the remaining non-cancelable lease terms are in excess of one year as of June 30, 2021, are summarized as follows:

Fiscal Year	Minimum Lease Amount
2022	\$ 490,718
2023	505,440
2024	520,603
2025	536,221
2026	552,308
2027-2029	1,706,670
Total	\$ 4,311,960

**11) GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENTS ISSUED, NOT YET EFFECTIVE**

Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 87

In June of 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The intent of this statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting for government leases by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that were previously classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. This statement establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. This statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GASB Statement No. 95 delayed the implementation of this GASB Statement by one year for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021, and for all reporting periods thereafter. The Authority has elected not to early implement GASB No. 87 and has not determined its effect on the Authority’s financial statements.

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**11) GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENTS ISSUED, NOT YET EFFECTIVE - Continued**

Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 89

In June of 2018, GASB issued Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*. This Statement was issued to (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. This 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. As a result, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period will not be included in the historical cost of a capital asset reported in a business-type activity or enterprise fund. Statement No. 89 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GASB Statement No. 95 delayed the implementation of this GASB Statement by one year for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020. The impact of the implementation of this Statement to the Authority's financial statements has not been assessed at this time.

Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 91

In May of 2019, GASB issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*. This statement was issued to improve financial reporting for certain debt obligations. It allowed entities to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. Statement No. 91 is effective for fiscal years beginning December 15, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GASB Statement No. 95 delayed the implementation of this GASB Statement by one year for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021. The impact of the implementation of this statement to the Authority's financial statements has not been assessed at this time.

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**11) GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENTS ISSUED, NOT YET EFFECTIVE - Continued**

Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 92

In January of 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*. This statement was issued to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This includes GASB Statement No. 87, GASB Statement No. 73, GASB Statement No. 74, GASB Statement No. 84 and the measurement of liabilities (and assets, if any) related to asset retirement obligations (AROs) in a government acquisition as well as other specific provisions. The requirements related to GASB Statement No. 87 are effective upon the issuance date of Statement No. 92. All other requirements are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GASB Statement No. 95 delayed the implementation of this GASB Statement for paragraphs 6-10 and 12 for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The Authority has elected not to early implement GASB No. 92 and has not determined its effect on the Authority's financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 93

In March of 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*. The objective of this statement is to address those and other accounting and financial reporting implications that results from the replacement of an Interbank Offered Rates (IBOR). The removal of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) as an appropriate benchmark interest rate is effective for reporting periods ending after December 31, 2021. All other requirements are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GASB Statement No. 95 delayed the implementation of this GASB Statement for paragraphs 13 and 14 for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021, and all reporting periods thereafter. The Authority has elected not to early implement GASB No. 93 and has not determined its effect on the Authority's financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 94

In March of 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). Statement No. 94 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. The Authority has elected not to early implement GASB No. 94 and has not determined its effect on the Authority's financial statements.

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**11) GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENTS ISSUED, NOT YET EFFECTIVE - Continued**

Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 96

In May of 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). Statement No. 96 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. The Authority has elected not to early implement GASB No. 96 and has not determined its effect on the Authority's financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 97

In June of 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*. The objective of this statement is to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined pension and OPEB plans as fiduciary component units; and (3) enhance the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans. The requirements of this Statement that (1) exempt primary governments that perform the duties that a governing board typically performs from treating the absence of a governing board the same as the appointment of a voting majority of a governing board in determining whether they are financially accountable for defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution OPEB plans, or other employee benefit plans and (2) limit the applicability of the financial burden criterion in paragraph 7 of Statement 84 to defined benefit pension plans and defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet the criteria in paragraph 3 of Statement 67 or paragraph 3 of Statement 74, respectively, are effective immediately. All other requirements are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. The Authority has elected not to early implement GASB No. 97 and has not determined its effect on the Authority's financial statements.

**12) CONTINGENCIES**

***Grants***

Grants funds received by the Authority are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursements to the grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grant. Management of the Authority believes that such disallowances, if any, would not be significant.

***Litigation***

In the ordinary course of operations, the Authority is subject to claims and litigation from outside parties. After consultation with legal counsel, the Authority believes the ultimate outcome of such matters, if any, will not materially affect its financial condition.

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**12) CONTINGENCIES - Continued**

***COVID-19***

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) a global pandemic and recommended containment and mitigation measures worldwide. The pandemic continued subsequent to year end with certain restrictions required by the Governor of California, as well as local governments, which may affect revenue sources and also caused subsequent stock market volatility. The duration of the pandemic and the impact of COVID-19 on the Authority's operational and financial performance is uncertain at this time.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**



**Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**General Fund**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Adopted Original Budget	Board Approved Changed	Revised/ Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Intergovernmental Revenues:					
Contract Research Studies	\$ 9,229,958	\$ -	\$ 9,229,958	\$ 6,022,863	\$ (3,207,095)
Federal Grant Awards	-	-	-	712,267	712,267
Federal Contract Research	-	-	-	857,306	857,306
Operating Contributions from Members	2,500,000	-	2,500,000	2,500,000	-
Interest Earnings	50,000	-	50,000	5,407	(44,593)
Total Revenues	<u>11,779,958</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,779,958</u>	<u>10,097,843</u>	<u>(1,682,115)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
Salaries and Benefits	6,203,700	-	6,203,700	5,784,392	419,308
Scientific Services and Supplies	3,376,258	-	3,376,258	2,266,917	1,109,341
Facilities	1,390,000	-	1,390,000	1,308,840	81,160
Materials and Services	335,000	-	335,000	184,755	150,245
Capital Outlay - Scientific Equipment	475,000	-	475,000	115,660	359,340
Total Expenditures	<u>11,779,958</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,779,958</u>	<u>9,660,564</u>	<u>2,119,394</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>437,279</u>	<u>\$ 437,279</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>4,406,138</u>		<u>4,406,138</u>	<u>4,406,138</u>	
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 4,406,138</u>		<u>\$ 4,406,138</u>	<u>\$ 4,843,417</u>	

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**Notes to Required Supplementary Information**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

**1. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY DATA**

The Authority follows specific procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements. Each June, the Authority's Executive Director prepares and submits an operating budget to the Commission for the General Fund. The basis used to prepare the budget does not differ substantially from the modified accrual basis of accounting. The adopted budget becomes operative on July 1. The Commissioners must approve all supplemental appropriations to the budget and transfers between major accounts. The Authority's annual budget is adopted for the General Fund at the detailed expenditure-type level.

The Authority presents a comparison of the annual budget to actual results for the General fund at the functional expenditure-type major object level for financial reporting purposes. The budgeted expenditures amounts represent the adopted budget adjusted for Board approved supplemental appropriations, if any. The budgeted revenue amounts represent the adopted budget as originally approved.

# **REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE**



**Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting  
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Commissions  
Southern California Coastal Water  
Research Project Authority  
Costa Mesa, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2021.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Authority'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 over financial reporting 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 weakness. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## Compliance and Other Matters

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

## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Teaman Ramirez & Smith, Llc.*

Riverside, California

November 15, 2021