Financial Report September 30, 2021



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Financial Section



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. (the BCRUA) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the BCRUA'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 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the BCRUA as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Board of Directors Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.

Emphasis-of-Matter

As discussed in Note 6 to the financial statements, the BCRUA is dependent on the Cities of Cedar Park, Leander, and Round Rock, Texas for the continued funding of its operating activities. The Cities annually budget funds for operational expenses and debt service requirements of the BCRUA. 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 information 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 BCRUA's basic financial statements. The combining financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The Board of Directors Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 10, 2022, on our consideration of the BCRUA'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 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 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 BCRUA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Weaver and Sidnell L.L.P.

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Austin, Texas January 10, 2022

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About BCRUA

The Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA) is a partnership among the Cities of Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock, Texas to design, construct, and operate a regional water system that supplies treated water to the three communities.

Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock are among the fastest growing cities in Texas. Their combined population, based on 2020 U.S. census estimates, is approximately 289,000. By 2040, their population is projected to exceed 500,000. In addition, the three cities provide potable water service to a variety of external subdivisions and municipal utility districts. This project provides facilities to access, treat and deliver water from Lake Travis to each partner city's customers. All three cities have other treated water sources and BCRUA will provide water for the cities' future growth. When completed, the project will meet the needs of Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock to their ultimate build-out.

The regional concept ensures the responsible use of resources and the least impact on both the environment and neighboring communities. Rather than three communities building three separate water supply projects with three pipelines, three intakes, and three treatment plants, the BCRUA project streamlined the effort for minimum impact and maximum efficiency. The regional option affords the three cities the opportunity to realize "economy of scale" savings of approximately 30%, or more than \$90 million.

The BCRUA Board of Directors is composed of six members, two appointed from each of the partnering cities. A General Manager directs the day-to-day business of the BCRUA, and a Plant Superintendent oversees the operation of the system.

The regional water treatment plant (WTP) will have an ultimate capacity of 106 million gallons per day (mgd) and is being built in phases to better match the capacity with near-term needs. Phase 1A was substantially completed in July 2012 and Phase 1C was substantially complete in December 2020. These improvements include the full sized 106 mgd raw water and treated water pipelines, and a 32.5 mgd water treatment plant, readily expandable to 42 mgd. In December 2021, the BCRUA Board of Directors approved final design of Phase 1D, which will increase the plant capacity to 42 mgd. Phase 1 operates with an interim floating intake on Lake Travis with an ultimate design capacity of 32.5 mgd, but a permanent deep-water intake with an ultimate capacity of 144.7 mgd will be required as part of Phase 2. The permanent deep-water intake will be sized to deliver raw water to existing City of Cedar Park and City of Leander water treatment plants, in addition to the BCRUA regional water treatment plant.

Plant operations officially began July 1, 2012. Operations for the project have been divided into three categories: plant staffing; General Manager/administrative support; and financial support/accounting services, with each city taking responsibility for one of the categories. Plant staffing is provided by Leander consisting of one plant superintendent, six plant operators and two operator-in-training positions. The General Manager and administrative support are provided by Round Rock. Finance and Accounting is provided by Cedar Park. While each city maintains responsibility for their own category, the Operations Committee (composed of engineering and finance staff from each city) provides oversight of each city's contribution in order to ensure appropriate controls are in place.

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The existing BCRUA raw water delivery system consists of a floating intake on Lake Travis that conveys water to the WTP via a 36-inch diameter underwater pipeline to a 78-inch diameter transmission main. In December 2020, the underwater pipeline failed, rendering the BCRUA system inoperable until May 2021 when repairs could be completed. The pipeline repair cost approximately \$3 million and was funded by 2017 SWIFT loan savings. An investigation of the cause of the failure determined that the pipe support for the pipeline is inadequate and must be addressed to provide reliable service until the Phase 2 Raw Water Delivery System comes online in mid-2027. A notice of claim was issued to both the design engineering firm and construction company. An engineering assessment recommended replacement of approximately 1,500 LF of the underwater pipeline at an estimated cost of \$3 million, not including engineering and easement costs. Design of the replacement pipeline is expected to commence in January 2022 and be completed in early 2023. Construction of the replacement pipeline is expected to commence in early 2023 and be completed in early 2024.

Winter Storm Uri, a severe winter weather event in February 2021, also affected the repair of the 36-inch line and damaged a portion of the Phase 1C plant expansion and floating intake. The Authority submitted a \$203,000 claim through insurance and was subsequently fully reimbursed.

What follows is a discussion and analysis of the BCRUA's financial performance for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the Independent Auditors' Report on pages 2 - 4 and the BCRUA's Basic Financial Statements, which begin on page 13.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts: (1) management's discussion and analysis (this section), (2) basic financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains combining statements as supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include the Statement of Net Position (page 13), the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (page 14) and the Statement of Cash Flows (page 15). The BCRUA operates as an enterprise activity and consists of one proprietary fund.

The notes to the financial statements (starting on page 17) provide narrative explanations or additional data needed for full disclosure in the basic financial statements.

The basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the BCRUA's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the BCRUA's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. The BCRUA's net position provides one measure of the BCRUA's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the BCRUA is improving or deteriorating. To fully assess the overall health of the BCRUA, however, nonfinancial factors should be considered as well, such as the condition of assets, and the total economic impact of the entity on the Cities of Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock, Texas.

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

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The *Statement of Cash Flows* presents cash receipts, cash disbursements and net changes in cash resulting from operating, financing and investing activities. This statement provides information such as where cash originated, how it was used and the net change in cash balances during the reporting period.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide required disclosures and other additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes to the financial statements present information about the accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, commitments, contingencies and subsequent events, if any. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16 through 23 of this report.

Supplementary Information

The combining statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and to provide an overview of the financial position and results of operations related to each partner City. The combining statements and notes can be found on pages 26 through 29 of this report.

Financial Analysis

Financial Highlights

- Partner city contributions to net position for the year ended September 30, 2021 were \$12,637,586.
- Total net position at September 30, 2021 was \$35,066,495, an increase of \$3,085,744 from September 30, 2020. The increase in net position includes a \$4,953,170 decrease in total assets due to \$3,996,870 in depreciation, and a \$986,631 reduction in current construction related liabilities, offset by an \$8,003,066 reduction in non-current liabilities related to debt payments.
- Total capital assets, net of depreciation, were \$181,901,380 as of September 30, 2021. This is an increase of \$6,199,327 from the prior year attributable to the Phase 1C plant expansion and Phase 2 final design.

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The following condensed financial statements (Tables I and II) provide key financial data as of and for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020.

Table I Net Position		
	2021	2020
Current assets Restricted assets Capital assets, net	\$ 3,197,641 17,488,531 181,901,380	\$2,877,545 28,961,124 175,702,053
Total assets Deferred outflows of resources	202,587,552 12,570,718	207,540,722 13,317,027
Current liabilities Current liabilities payable from restricted assets Noncurrent liabilities	2,520,431 7,575,439 169,995,905	3,507,062 7,370,965 177,998,971
Total liabilities	180,091,775	188,876,998
Net position Unrestricted Net investment in capital assets	739,446 34,327,049	799,418 31,181,333
Total net position	\$ 35,066,495	\$ 31,980,751

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Change in Net Pos	ition	2021	 2020
Operating revenues	\$	2,240,361	\$ 1,137,397
Operating expenses Interest expense Depreciation		5,585,304 3,996,870	5,592,805 3,963,766
Personnel Power		818,900 432,315	793,445 832,347
Legal fees Chemicals Accounting services		144,163 176,515 83,886	50,354 193,117 76,664
Office supplies Repairs and maintenance		49,631 314,259	52,834 83,912
Audit, investment, banking fees Insurance Miscellepequs expense		82,842 53,602	68,897 40,029 71,222
Miscellaneous expense Contract services		11,539 64,912	 71,223 589,276
Total operating expenses Operating loss		<u>11,814,738</u> (9,574,377)	 12,408,669 (11,271,272)
Non-operating revenues(expenses)		22,535	 483,746
Decrease in net position before capital contributions		(9,551,842)	(10,787,526)
Net position - beginning of year Change in accounting policy		31,980,751 -	 27,979,143 2,208,258
Net position - beginning as restated Capital contributions from partner cities		31,980,751 12,637,586	 30,187,401 12,580,876
Net position - end of year	\$	35,066,495	\$ 31,980,751

Table II

The construction phasing and estimated costs for the project are planned as follows:

Phase 1:

Phase 1A:

- Construction of an interim, floating intake structure near Cedar Park's existing plant on the Sandy Creek arm of Lake Travis
- New raw water pipeline within right-of-way along Trails End Road
- New treatment plant in Cedar Park to serve all three cities with an initial capacity of 17 million • gallons per day (mgd) and a final Phase 1 capacity of 42 mgd
- Treated water transmission pipeline across the north side of Cedar Park, along West New Hope

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Road

- Construction began in late 2009 and was substantially complete in July 2012.
- Total cost of the project was approximately \$150 million.
- In August 2016, the Phase 1A construction contractor made a claim against BCRUA, and joined it
 to existing legal claims it holds against several of its sub-contractors on the project. The primary
 focus of the claims revolve around allegations of structural design defects made by the design
 engineer, and its structural engineering sub-consultant. BCRUA rejected the claims and enjoined
 the design engineer to the litigation, holding the position that any potential judicial award related
 to design defects would be the responsibility of the design engineer.
- Final resolution of the construction/design litigation was completed in May 2019. BCRUA was able to settle all claims, which included retaining \$2 million of the contractor's retainage.

Phase 1B:

• Rerating the capacity of treatment facilities to 22.6 mgd by engineering analysis and plant operational testing was approved by TCEQ in February 2018. The cost of the rerate was approximately \$110 thousand.

Phase 1C:

• Expansion of the floating intake and treatment facilities to 32.5 mgd. Design costs were funded with unspent debt proceeds from Phase 1A savings at a total cost of approximately \$1.8 million. Construction funding was secured through a Texas Water Development Board SWIFT Loan, which was funded in November 2017. Construction began in January 2019 and final completion was July 2021 at a cost of \$14.1 million.

Phase 1D:

• Funding for the expansion of the BCRUA regional water treatment facilities to 42 mgd has been secured from a combination of unspent debt proceeds from Phase 1A savings, 2018 and 2021 SWIFT funds borrowed from the Texas Water Development Board, and cash contributions. The cost of planning and design is estimated at \$1.4 million with construction estimated at \$16.4 million. Final design is expected to commence in early 2022 with completion in late 2022.

Phase 2:

Phase 2A:

- A permanent, deep-water intake structure on Lake Travis, a gravity tunnel to transmit the raw water to a new pump station, a raw water pipeline connecting the raw water pump station to two locations (the Phase 1 raw water pipeline and the City of Cedar Park water treatment plant)
- Final design began in early 2019 and was completed in mid-2021. Final design cost is estimated at \$14.1 million and was funded with unspent debt proceeds from Phase 1A savings and 2018 SWIFT funds borrowed from the Texas Water Development Board.
- Construction is estimated to begin in mid-2022 with completion in mid-2027.
- Total project cost is estimated at approximately \$259 million (subject to ENR/inflation adjustments)
- This phase is needed to provide increased capacity and a deep-water intake source during prolonged drought conditions for the BCRUA Regional Water Supply System and existing Cedar Park and Leander Water Plants.

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<u>Phase 2B:</u>

- Expansion of the water treatment plant to 67 mgd
- Expansion of pumping capacity at the raw water pump station to deliver 67 mgd to the BCRUA water treatment plant
- This phase will occur at a future date to be decided by the three cities.

Phase 3:

- Final expansion of water treatment plant to 106 mgd
- Expansion of pumping capacity at the raw water pump station to deliver 106 mgd to the BCRUA water treatment plant.
- This phase will occur at a future date to be decided by the three cities.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets at September 30, 2021 were \$17,488,531, a decrease from the September 30, 2020 balance of \$28,961,124. Restricted assets consist of escrow and construction funds arising from the proceeds of long-term debt. The decrease reflects investments in capital assets.

Long-Term Debt

In 2009, the BCRUA issued three series of contract revenue bonds totaling \$182,020,000 for construction and other costs related to Phase 1A of the BCRUA Project. Additionally, one refunding issuance was made in 2016, to reduce the total debt costs on two of the previously issued series, and another in 2017 for the same purpose. During the year ended September 30, 2018, BCRUA issued contract revenue bonds dated November 16, 2017, totaling \$16,995,000. During the year ended September 30, 2019, BCRUA issued contract revenue bonds dated November 14, 2018, totaling \$15,740,000 for the final design and electrical easements of the second phase of the BCRUA Project. Additional information on long-term debt can be found in Note 5 to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The economy in the local area continues to grow, and the service areas, which will be supplied by the BCRUA at project completion, are positioned for continued customer growth. The BCRUA's board adopted an administrative operating budget for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$3,890,593, an increase of reserves of \$213,750 in fiscal year 2022 and a debt service budget for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$18,165,591.

Contacting the BCRUA's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide citizens of the partner cities, customers and creditors with a general overview of the BCRUA's finances and to show the BCRUA's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the BCRUA at 450 Cypress Creek, Building 1, Cedar Park, Texas 78613.

Basic Financial Statements

Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. Statement of Net Position

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ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Prepaids	\$ 3,184,025 13,616
Total current assets	3,197,641
NONCURRENT ASSETS Restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments Debt service Escrow Construction	122,043 12,079,950 5,286,538
Capital assets Land, easements and construction in progress Capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation of \$28,691,347	39,897,479 142,003,901
Total noncurrent assets	199,389,911
Total assets	202,587,552
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES - REFUNDING	 12,570,718
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 215,158,270
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Retainage payable Due to partner cities	\$ 452,043 702,955 1,365,433
Total current liabilities	2,520,431
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets Current portion of revenue bonds payable Accrued interest	 6,580,000 995,439
Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets	7,575,439
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES Revenue bonds payable	 169,995,905
Total noncurrent liabilities	 169,995,905
Total liabilities	180,091,775
NET POSITION Unrestricted Net investment in capital assets	 739,446 34,327,049
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 35,066,495

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Year Ended September 30, 2021

OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 2,240,361
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Interest expense	5,585,304
Depreciation	3,996,870
Personnel	818,900
Power	432,315
Legal fees	144,163
Chemicals	176,515
Accounting services	83,886
Office supplies	49,631
Repairs and maintenance	314,259
Audit, investment, banking fees	82,842
Insurance	53,602
Miscellaneous expense	11,539
Contract services	 64,912
Total operating expenses	 11,814,738
OPERATING LOSS	(9,574,377)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES(EXPENSES)	
Interest and investment revenue	 22,535
Total non-operating revenues(expenses)	 22,535
Decrease in net position before capital contributions	(9,551,842)
Net position - beginning of year	31,980,751
Capital contributions from partner cities	 12,637,586
NET POSITION, end of year	\$ 35,066,495

Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended September 30, 2021	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Service revenues received from partner cities Other revenues received from third parties Interest Prepaid expenses Payments to suppliers for goods and services	\$ 2,240,361 22,535 (6,292,587) (13,616) (3,219,196)
Net cash used by operating activities	(7,262,503)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES Construction of capital assets Principal payments on bonds Capital contributions from partner cities	 (10,196,196) (6,345,000) 12,637,586
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	 (3,903,610)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(11,166,113)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	 31,838,669
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$ 20,672,556
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments	\$ 3,184,025 17,488,531
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 20,672,556
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating loss Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities	\$ (9,574,377)
Income from third party Depreciation Change in prepaid expenses Change in accounts payable and retainage Amortization and change in accrued interest Change in due to partner cities	 22,535 3,996,870 (13,616) (1,306,134) (707,284) 319,503
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (7,262,503)

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1. Nature of Activities

Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. (BCRUA) was incorporated in Texas in July 2007 as a local government corporation pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 431, Texas Transportation Code. The BCRUA was organized by the Cities of Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock, Texas (the Cities) for the purpose of providing an efficient vehicle for the financing, construction, acquisition, ownership, maintenance and operation of a regional water and wastewater collection, transmission, treatment and distribution system on behalf of the Cities in performance of their governmental functions.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of BCRUA have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental entities. The more significant of these accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

BCRUA is a joint venture among the Cities. The BCRUA operates as an enterprise activity. These financial statements present only BCRUA's activities and are not intended to present the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of any of the Cities.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of BCRUA are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are included in the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Revenues are recorded when earned and become measurable and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred and measurable, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with BCRUA's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits, investments with investment pools, and other short-term liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, regardless of whether restricted or unrestricted.

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Cash and cash equivalents held in money market accounts and investment pools (which determine their net asset value based on fair value) are recorded at fair value.

Restricted Assets

Restricted funds consist of escrow funds derived from bond proceeds, debt service funds, reserve funds, and revenues that have been designated for specific purposes by the Board, or other funds with legal or contractual constraints. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is BCRUA's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at historical cost. To the extent construction is performed by the BCRUA, the cost includes certain general and administrative expenses. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred. Improvements and betterments, which extend the useful lives of assets, are capitalized. Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over estimated service lives ranging from 5 to 40 years. When capital assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, a gain or loss on disposal of assets is recognized.

Long-term Debt

Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. The amount of deferred charge for refunding transactions is reported as a deferred outflow of resources and amortized using the straight-line method.

Note 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

<u>Cash Deposits</u>. BCRUA's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act (the Act). The depository bank pledges securities that comply with state law and these securities are held for safekeeping and trust with the depository bank's agent bank. The pledged securities are to be in an amount sufficient to protect BCRUA's funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance. At September 30, 2021, BCRUA's cash balance deposited in banks totaled \$2,736,008 and was adequately covered by FDIC insurance or secured by collateral pledged by the depository.

Investments. The Public Funds Investment Act (Government Code Chapter 2256) contains specific provisions in the areas of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies. Among other things, it requires the BCRUA to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, (9) and bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit. Statutes authorize the BCRUA to invest in (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas; (2) certificates of deposit, (3) certain municipal securities, (4) money market savings accounts, (5) repurchase agreements, (6) bankers acceptances, (7) mutual funds, (8) investment pools, (9) guaranteed investment contracts, (10) and common trust funds. The Act also requires the BCRUA to have independent auditors perform test procedures related to investment practices as provided by the Act. The BCRUA is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Act.

Notes to the Financial Statements

TexSTAR has been established for governmental entities pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code and operates in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. TexSTAR's governing body is a five-member Board consisting of three representatives of participants and one member designated by each of the co-administrators. The Board holds legal title to all money, investments, and assets and has the authority to employ personnel, contract of services, and engage in other administrative activities necessary or convenient to accomplish the objectives of TexSTAR. TexSTAR's strategy is to seek preservation of principal, liquidity and current income through investment in a diversified portfolio of short-term marketable securities. BCRUA has no unfunded commitments related to the investment pool. TexSTAR has a redemption notice period of one day and may redeem daily. The investment pool's authorities may only impose restrictions on redemptions in the event of a general suspension of trading on major securities market, general banking moratorium or national or state emergency that affects the pool's liquidity. TexSTAR's fair value is reported by BCRUA using the pool's net asset value (NAV).

Fair Value. BCRUA categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application* provides a framework for measuring fair value which establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that describes the inputs that are used to measure assets and liabilities.

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs and the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs. If a price for an identical asset or liability is not observable, a government should measure fair value using another valuation technique that maximizes the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. If the fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using inputs from more than one level of the fair value hierarchy, the measurement is considered to be based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the entire measurement. BCRUA's investment balances and weighted average maturity of such investments are as follows:

Investment Type	Sep	otember 30, 2021	Prices i Mark Identic	oted n Active ets for al Assets /el 1)	Significan Observ Inpu (Leve	able its	In	servable puts vel 3)	Weighted Average Maturity	
Investment Type		2021	(Let	/eri)	(Leve	:1 Z)	(Le	vers)	(Days)	•
Investments not subject to Fair Value (NAV)										
TexSTAR	\$	17,936,548	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	1	
Total	\$	17,936,548	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		

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BCRUA's portfolio balances were as follows at September 30, 2021:

	 Carrying Amount
TexSTAR	\$ 17,936,548
Total investments	 17,936,548
Cash in bank	 2,736,008
Total cash and cash equivalents and investments	\$ 20,672,556

A reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents and investments to the presentation on the Statement of Net Position is as follows:

Statement of net position presentation	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,184,025
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	
and investments	
Debt service	122,043
Escrow	12,079,950
Construction	 5,286,538
Total cash and cash equivalents and investments	\$ 20,672,556

<u>Credit Risk and Custodial Credit Risk.</u> A primary stated objective of the BCRUA's adopted Investment Policy is the safety of principal and avoidance of principal loss. Credit risk within BCRUA's portfolio among the authorized investments approved by BCRUA's adopted Investment Policy includes only time and demand deposits, obligations of states and their subdivisions, repurchase agreements and AAA rated SEC registered money market mutual funds. All other investments are rated AAA, or equivalent, by at least one nationally recognized rating agency. Investments are made primarily in obligations of the US Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

State law and the BCRUA's adopted Investment Policy restricts both time and demand deposits, including certificates of deposit (CD's) to those banks doing business in the State of Texas and further requires full insurance or collateralization from these depositories (banks only). Certificates of deposit are limited to a stated maturity of one year. Collateral is required at a 102% margin with securities priced at market on a daily basis as a contractual responsibility of the bank. Collateral is restricted to obligations of the US Government, its agencies or instrumentalities or direct obligations of any state, its subdivisions or agencies rated at least A, or equivalent, as to investment quality by two nationally recognized statistical rating agencies. Independent safekeeping is required outside the bank holding company with monthly reporting.

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Repurchase agreements are limited to those with defined termination dates with a primary dealer (as defined by the Federal Reserve) and require an industry standard written master repurchase agreement and a minimum 102% margin on collateral as well as delivery versus payment settlement and independent safekeeping. Repurchase agreements may not exceed one year to stated maturity with the exception of flex repurchase agreements with a stated termination date not to exceed the planned completion date of the project(s).

TexStar is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u>. In order to limit interest and market rate risk from changes in interest rates, the BCRUA's adopted Investment Policy sets a maximum stated maturity limit of two years for Operating Funds and three years for Construction Funds. For Escrow Funds, the maximum maturity shall not exceed three years and each fund's weighted average maturity (WAM) shall not exceed one year. The WAM of the total Operating Funds portfolio is restricted to a maximum of twelve months and compared to the one-year Treasury Bill. There is no maximum WAM for Construction funds.

<u>Concentration of Credit Risk</u>. The BCRUA recognizes over-concentration of assets by market sector or maturity as a risk to the portfolio. BCRUA's adopted Investment Policy establishes diversification as a major objective of the investment program and sets diversification limits for all authorized investment types that are monitored on at least a monthly basis. Diversification limits are set by Policy as:

U.S. obligations	80%
U.S. agencies / instrumentalities	75%
State and local obligations	50%
Certificates of deposit	40%
in any one bank	10%
Repurchase agreements	50%
with any one dealer	20%
Flex in CIP funds	100%
LGIP	100%
Ownership in pool	10%
Money market funds	100%
in any one fund	20%
Commercial paper	25%
in any one issuer	10%

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Note 4. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2021 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance		5 5			Transfers			Ending Balance		
Capital assets, not being depreciated											
Land and easements	\$	8,893,325	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,893,325	
Construction in progress		40,459,008		(8,798)		10,161,934	(19,	607,990)		31,004,154	
Total capital assets, not being											
depreciated		49,352,333		(8,798)		10,161,934	(19,	607,990)		39,897,479	
Capital assets, being depreciated											
Buildings and improvements		71,185,354		-		-	17,	146,191		88,331,545	
Infrastructure		79,588,639		-		-	2,	461,799		82,050,438	
Equipment		270,204		-		43,061		-		313,265	
Total capital assets, being depreciated		151,044,197		-		43,061	19,	607,990		170,695,248	
Less accumulated depreciation											
Buildings and improvements		11,005,319		-		1,789,768		-		12,795,087	
Infrastructure		13,437,998		-		2,197,892		-		15,635,890	
Equipment		251,160		-		9,210		-		260,370	
Total accumulated depreciation		24,694,477		-		3,996,870		-		28,691,347	
Total capital assets, being											
depreciated, net		126,349,720		-		(3,953,809)	19,	607,990		142,003,901	
Total capital assets, net	\$	175,702,053	\$	(8,798)	\$	6,208,125	\$	-	\$	181,901,380	

Note 5. Long-Term Debt

During the year ended September 30, 2019, BCRUA issued contract revenue bonds dated November 14, 2018, totaling \$15,740,000. The bonds mature serially beginning August 1, 2019 through August 1, 2038, with coupon rates ranging from 1.210% to 4.000%. Proceeds from the bond issue are restricted for the construction and equipment of the second phase of the BCRUA Regional Water Treatment and Distribution Project. The bonds were issued in two series, one series for two of the partner cities share of expected project costs. Each bond series is payable solely from and secured, in part, by an assignment of the bond payments made under the Master Contract Agreement dated September 2, 2008 by and between each city. Each city is solely responsible for bond payments on its series of bonds. No city has any liability or responsibility for any bond payment on a series of bonds issued for another city.

During the year ended September 30, 2018, BCRUA issued contract revenue bonds dated November 16, 2017, totaling \$16,995,000. The bonds mature serially beginning August 1, 2018 through August 1, 2037, with coupon rates ranging from .580% to 2.290%. Proceeds from the bond issue are restricted for the construction and equipment of the second phase of the BCRUA Regional Water Treatment and Distribution Project. The bonds were issued in three series, one series for each partner city's share of expected project costs. Each bond series is payable solely from and secured, in part, by an assignment of the bond payments made under the Master Contract Agreement dated September 2, 2008 by and between each city. Each city is solely responsible for bond payments on its series of bonds. No city has any liability or responsibility for any bond payment on a series of bonds issued for another city.

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During the year ended September 30, 2017, BCRUA issued contract revenue refunding bonds dated April 19, 2017, totaling \$80,505,000. The bonds mature in 2017 through 2038, with coupon rates ranging from 2.0% to 5.0%. The bonds were issued by the City of Leander, to refund bonds outstanding for the City of Leander. Each bond series is payable solely from and secured, in part, by an assignment of the bond payments made under the Master Contract Agreement dated September 2, 2008, as amended, by and between each city. The City of Leander is solely responsible for bond payments on its series of bonds. No city has any liability or responsibility for any bond payment on a series of bonds issued for another city. The refunding reduced BCRUA's total debt service payments over the next 22 years by \$17,898,892 and generated an economic gain of \$12,596,769 and a deferred charge on refunding of \$7,246,648.

During the year ended September 30, 2016, BCRUA issued contract revenue refunding bonds dated August 15, 2016, totaling \$75,890,000. The bonds mature in 2017 through 2038, with coupon rates ranging from 2.0% to 5.0%. The bonds were issued in two series, to refund bonds outstanding for two of the partner cities. Each bond series is payable solely from and secured, in part, by an assignment of the bond payments made under the Master Contract Agreement dated September 2, 2008, as amended, by and between each city. Each city is solely responsible for bond payments on its series of bonds. No city has any liability or responsibility for any bond payment on a series of bonds issued for another city. The refunding reduced BCRUA's total debt service payments over the next 22 years by \$17,433,680 and generated an economic gain of \$10,922,929 and a deferred charge on refunding of \$8,881,242.

	I	Beginning Balance	Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Additions		Reductions		itions Reductions		Ending Balance		Due Within One Year	
Bonds payable																				
Series 2016 contract Revenue bonds City of Cedar Park City of Round Rock	\$	20,995,000 51,840,000	\$	-	\$	790,000 1,895,000	\$	20,205,000 49,945,000	\$	815,000 1,990,000										
Series 2017 contract Revenue bonds City of Leander		70,885,000		-		2,585,000		68,300,000		2,690,000										
SWIFT 2017 contract Revenue bonds City of Cedar Park City of Leander City of Round Rock		3,820,000 6,995,000 3,820,000		- -		200,000 370,000 200,000		3,620,000 6,625,000 3,620,000		200,000 375,000 200,000										
SWIFT 2018 Contract Revenue bonds City of Cedar Park City of Leander		6,335,000 8,770,000		-		305,000		6,030,000 8,770,000		310,000 -										
Total principal		173,460,000		-		6,345,000		167,115,000		6,580,000										
Issuance premiums		10,883,971		-		1,423,066		9,460,905		-										
Total bonds payable	\$	184,343,971	\$	-	\$	7,768,066	\$	176,575,905	\$	6,580,000										

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2021, is as follows:

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Years Ended	Вог	Total				
September 30,	Principal	 Interest	Re	equirements		
2022	\$ 6,580,000	\$ 6,105,352	\$	12,685,352		
2023	6,820,000	5,917,313		12,737,313		
2024	7,145,000	5,647,704		12,792,704		
2025	7,485,000	5,353,937		12,838,937		
2026	8,510,000	5,043,784		13,553,784		
2027-2031	47,515,000	21,468,504		68,983,504		
2032-2036	57,550,000	11,888,941		69,438,941		
2037-2038	25,510,000	1,383,325		26,893,325		
	\$ 167,115,000	\$ 62,808,858	\$	229,923,858		

Debt service requirements are as follows:

Note 6. Economic Dependency

The BCRUA is dependent on the Cities of Cedar Park, Leander, and Round Rock, Texas for the continued funding of its operating activities. The Cities annually budget funds for operational and overhead expenses and debt service requirements in accordance with the Master Contract Agreement and the System Operating Agreement between the Cities. Fixed operations and maintenance expenses are allocated among the Cities based upon each city's reserved capacity in the BCRUA Project components, and variable expenses are allocated based upon the volume of treated water delivered to each city in relation to the total delivered volume. Overhead expenses are paid by each city based upon certain formulas and reserve capacities in the BCRUA Project and/or the quantity of treated water actually delivered to each city is responsible for bond principal and interest payments due on the bond series issued by BCRUA for each respective city.

Note 7. Subsequent Events

The BCRUA has evaluated subsequent events after the balance sheet date of September 30, 2021 through January 10, 2022, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

In November 2021, the BCRUA completed the issuance of approximately \$115,000,000 of contract revenue bonds notes payable to provide additional financing for future capital improvements.

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Supplementary Information

Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. Combining Statement of Net Position September 30, 2021

	С	edar Park	Leander	R	ound Rock	Elimi	nations	Total
ASSETS								
Current assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	638,227	\$ 2,327,559	\$	218,239	\$	-	\$ 3,184,025
Prepaids		2,038	 6,427		5,151		-	 13,616
Total current assets		640,265	2,333,986		223,390		-	3,197,641
Noncurrent assets								
Restricted cash and cash								
equivalents and investments								
Debt service		17,144	59,588		45,311		-	122,043
Escrow		2,383,201	4,618,412		5,078,337		-	12,079,950
Construction		451,649	1,862,372		2,972,517		-	5,286,538
Capital assets								
Land, easements and construction								
in progress		9,448,480	18,663,486		11,785,513		-	39,897,479
Capital assets being depreciated,								
net of accumulated								
depreciation of \$28,691,347		23,658,750	 67,824,028		50,521,123		-	 142,003,901
Total noncurrent assets		35,959,224	 93,027,886		70,402,801		-	 199,389,911
Total assets		36,599,489	95,361,872		70,626,191		-	202,587,552
Deferred outflows of								
resources - refunding		1,941,334	 5,730,949		4,898,435		-	12,570,718
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED								
OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$	38,540,823	\$ 101,092,821	\$	75,524,626	\$	-	\$ 215,158,270

Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. Combining Statement of Net Position – Continued September 30, 2021

	с	edar Park	Leander	R	ound Rock	Elir	minations	Total
LIABILITIES								
Current liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$	174,378	\$ 563,265	\$	158,578	\$	(444,178)	\$ 452,043
Retainage payable		187,478	327,999		187,478		-	702,955
Due to partner cities		61,834	 893,948		(34,527)		444,178	 1,365,433
Total current liabilities		423,690	1,785,212		311,529		-	2,520,431
Current liabilities payable								
from restricted assets								
Current portion of revenue								
bonds payable		1,325,000	3,065,000		2,190,000		-	6,580,000
Accrued interest		155,660	 503,380		336,399		-	 995,439
Total current liabilities payable								
from restricted assets		1,480,660	3,568,380		2,526,399		-	7,575,439
Noncurrent liabilities								
Revenue bonds payable		29,907,544	 84,491,707		55,596,654		-	 169,995,905
Total noncurrent liabilities		29,907,544	 84,491,707		55,596,654		-	 169,995,905
Total liabilities		31,811,894	89,845,299		58,434,582		-	180,091,775
NET POSITION								
Unrestricted		350,648	526,178		(137,380)		-	739,446
Net investment in capital assets		6,378,281	 10,721,344		17,227,424		-	 34,327,049
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	6,728,929	\$ 11,247,522	\$	17,090,044	\$	-	\$ 35,066,495

Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses And Changes in Net Position Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Cedar Park	Leander	Round Rock	Eliminations	Total
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 1,359,819	\$ 1,518,306	\$ 415,399	\$ (1,053,163)	\$ 2,240,361
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Interest expense	859,821	2,979,465	1,746,018	-	5,585,304
Depreciation	624,185	2,048,540	1,324,145	-	3,996,870
Personnel	167,898	528,225	122,777	-	818,900
Power	93,909	295,351	43,055	-	432,315
Legal fees	10,414	68,809	64,940	-	144,163
Chemicals	38,538	121,201	16,776	-	176,515
Accounting services	16,415	51,657	15,814	-	83,886
Office supplies	10,349	32,556	6,726	-	49,631
Repairs and maintenance	73,680	189,739	50,840	-	314,259
Audit, investment, banking fees	16,223	36,334	30,285	-	82,842
Insurance	8,024	25,300	20,278	-	53,602
Fee in lieu of take	-	-	956,857	(956,857)	-
Operating true-up	-	96,306	-	(96,306)	-
Miscellaneous expense	2,511	7,900	1,128	-	11,539
Contract services	3,192	37,784	23,936		64,912
Total operating expenses	1,925,159	6,519,167	4,423,575	(1,053,163)	11,814,738
OPERATING LOSS	(565,340)	(5,000,861)	(4,008,176)	-	(9,574,377)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES(EXPENSES)					
Interest and investment revenue	2,476	4,908	15,151		22,535
Total non-operating revenues(expenses)	2,476	4,908	15,151		22,535
Decrease in net position before					
capital contributions	(562,864)	(4,995,953)	(3,993,025)	-	(9,551,842)
Net position, beginning	5,012,644	10,120,644	16,847,463	-	31,980,751
Capital contributions from partner cities	2,279,149	6,122,831	4,235,606		12,637,586
NET POSITION, end of year	\$ 6,728,929	\$ 11,247,522	\$ 17,090,044	\$-	\$ 35,066,495

Notes to the Supplementary Information

Note 1. Revenue and Expense Adjustments

Change in Accounting Practices

BCRUA operating agreement obligates each city to a pay a fee, determined by contract, if it does not meet its annual flow requirement. The agreement specifies how the fee should be calculated, but was silent regarding accounting treatment. Each year the fee was added or credited to the annual operating budget invoices issued to the participant cities, and total operating cash was correct for each year.

While in the process of implementing a fund-based accounting and reporting system for BCRUA, during fiscal year 2021, the BCRUA changed its accounting practice for participant fees by reallocating revenues and expenses among the joint-venture participants. This change was made to accurately identify each joint-venture participants' share of operating funds, rather than just the total. The impact of this change was \$956,857 but such impact was at the individual fund-based accounting and reporting level and did not have an impact to the BCRUA total column.

Fiscal Year 2021 (Revenue) Expense Adjustment								
Description	Cedar Park	Leander	Round Rock	Total				
Fee in lieu of take adjustment								
FY 2013	(98,942)	-	98,942	-				
FY 2014	(120,533)	-	120,533	-				
FY 2015	(121,682)	-	121,682	-				
FY 2016	(145,000)	-	145,000	-				
FY 2017	(166,624)	-	166,624	-				
FT2018	(187,307)	-	187,307	-				
FY 2019	(116,769)	-	116,769	-				
	(956,857)	-	956,857	-				

Correction of Prior Year Revenues and Expenses

Beginning in fiscal year 2019, the BCRUA began trueing up operating expense that were allocated to the cities on a budgeted-flow to actual-flow basis. Charges and credits were again reflected in the operating budget invoices, but no expense or revenue adjustments were posted since the calculation occurred after the year was closed. Because this impacts the cities' share of the operating fund, this adjustment was processed in fiscal year 2021, but it does not impact the total column.

Fiscal Year 2021 (Revenue) Expense Adjustment									
Description	Cedar Park	Leander	Round Rock	Total					
Operating true-up based on take									
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FY 2019	(96,306)	96,306	-	-					



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 Directors Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.

We have audited in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. (the BCRUA) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the BCRUA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 10, 2022.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the BCRUA'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 the BCRUA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the BCRUA'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 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 over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting 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 the BCRUA'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*.

The Board of Directors Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.

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 BCRUA's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering BCRUA's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Weaver and Siduell, L.L.P.

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Austin, Texas January 10,2022