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OF THE
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(Component Unit of the City of Saint Paul)**

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

President: Chris Tolbert ♦ Vice President: Nelsie Yang

Commissioners: ♦ Rebecca Cave ♦ Molly Coleman ♦ Saura Jost ♦ Mara Humphrey ♦ John Larkin

January 14, 2026

TO: BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Chris Tolbert, President
Nelsie Yang, Vice President
Commissioner Rebecca Cave
Commissioner Molly Coleman
Commissioner Saura Jost
Commissioner Mara Humphrey
Commissioner John Larkin

Dear Board Members:

Saint Paul Regional Water Services (Regional Water) is proud to present its published Annual Financial Report of the Board of Water Commissioners for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with Regional Water. We believe the data, as presented, is accurate in all material aspects; that it is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the financial position, changes in financial position, and cash flows of Regional Water; and that all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain the maximum understanding of Regional Water's financial affairs have been included. This report has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Regional Water's financial operations are also reported in the City of Saint Paul's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as a discretely presented component unit.

The report is presented here in two sections:

1. The Introductory Section includes this letter of transmittal and a listing of the members of the Board of Water Commissioners and Manager.
2. The Financial Section includes the State Auditor's report, Management's Discussion and Analysis, the basic financial statements along with the related notes to these financial statements, certain required supplementary information, and supplementary information.

REPORTING ENTITY AND SERVICES

The Board of Water Commissioners was set up pursuant to Minnesota Special Laws for 1885, Chapter 110, to operate a utility commonly known as Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS). Regional Water services an area including Saint Paul and all or parts of 12 suburbs on a retail or wholesale basis.

SAINT PAUL REGIONAL WATER SERVICES

Racquel Vaske, General Manager

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Saint Paul Regional Water Services provides quality water services to the following cities:

Arden Hills · Falcon Heights · Lauderdale · Little Canada · Maplewood · Mendota · Mendota Heights · Roseville · Saint Paul · West St. Paul

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HIGHLIGHTS IN SUMMARY

Administration Division

The Administration Division provides essential support services across all areas of the utility while maintaining direct engagement with individual customers and the broader community. The division encompasses the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, Public Relations, Safety and Security, and Human Resources (HR). Below are some key highlights from 2024:

Human Resources

The Human Resources team continued its commitment to supporting our workforce of nearly 300 employees. A focused training initiative led to nearly 100 of our employees having a Class D operator's license or higher, reinforcing our dedication to professional development and operational excellence. Additionally, HR facilitated numerous retirements and new hires, ensuring a seamless transition for staffing needs. Other key HR initiatives included working with the Information System (IS) team to set up automatic reports for key HR functions including tracking the use of FMLA and leave no pay. In addition, HR has been working closely with IS to create an on-line submission for the SPRWS Employee Input or Change Form.

Public Relations & Community Engagement

In 2024, SPRWS enhanced its public engagement efforts with the addition of a Public Information Officer to lead our community outreach initiatives. This year, we participated in 43 community events, significantly expanding our presence and accessibility.

A major highlight was the introduction of the SPRWS Water Wagon, which provided clean, high-quality drinking water to attendees at community events. Additionally, we strengthened inclusivity and communication within our Lead Free SPRWS program by integrating bilingual staff, fostering greater engagement with diverse communities.

Our communication efforts extended to producing and distributing key publications, including the annual Water Quality Report, the Annual Report, quarterly customer newsletters, and various informational brochures. We also enhanced our construction project communications through frequent website updates, ensuring transparency and accessibility for our customers.

Safety & Security

In 2024, significant improvements were made to enhance the safety and security of SPRWS employees and facilities. Key initiatives included:

- Access control added multiple water tower sites, Vadnais and sensitive areas on McCarron's campus, improving security in these areas.
- Installation of additional security cameras to bolster facility surveillance at multiple sites.
- Hands-on training on First Aid/CPR, HazMat, fall protection, overhead cranes, rail security and Process Safety Management.
- Severe weather, fire, chemical, and duress test and accountability exercises for employees.
- Assessments from Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Assessment (CISA) and FM Global were completed; providing insights on how SPRWS can remain postured for success in protecting our infrastructure.
- Fall protection assessment of all tanks and towers with improvements completed to make these assets safe for employees.

HIGHLIGHTS IN SUMMARY (continued)

- Replacement of our very old rail car mover with a new mover with adequate power, stability, and traction.
- Improving employee health awareness and safety by testing lead levels in blood and providing hepatitis A/B shots.
- Hiring of a Training Supervisor.

Administration Division - Future Operations

Looking ahead, the Board of Water Commissioners approved a new funding allocation to support low-income customers. Beginning in 2025, 0.5% of all retail sales will be directed to the Water Works program, providing matching funds to assist eligible customers in managing their water bills.

Additionally, the SPRWS administrative team will continue its advocacy efforts for increased funding to support the Lead Free SPRWS program. With potential financial support from the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and state funding sources, we remain committed to advancing lead service line replacements, ensuring a safer and more sustainable water infrastructure for our community.

As we move into 2025, the Administration Division remains focused on strengthening internal operations, enhancing community engagement, and securing resources to support our mission of delivering safe, high-quality water to all those we serve.

Business Division

The Business Division offers support services to other divisions within the utility as well as direct contact with individual customers and communities at large. The Business Division includes four business units of Customer Service and Billing, Financial Services, Information Services, and Meter Operations.

Information Services:

Information Services has been working on a range of key projects aimed at enhancing operational efficiency and technological capabilities that was identified and prioritized in the information technology roadmap. Projects being implemented in accordance with this guiding document includes many long term and complex projects including the implementation of a modern payment portal system for customers to make secure and efficient payments; the implementation of an integrated work and asset management system to optimize workflows and improve resource management and a water meter software upgrade and conversion of customer accounts to an advanced metering infrastructure for accurate and real-time water usage data.

Information Services also introduced data integration platforms to consolidate information from various sources, enabling better decision-making through the development of dashboards for key performance indicators. Recognizing the critical importance of cybersecurity, IS staff has proactively assessed and resolve items related to the security of critical infrastructure, collaborating closely with the Production Division's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition SCADA team and the City of Saint Paul's Office of Technology and Communications to establish robust cybersecurity measures that safeguard SPRWS systems, data, and customers from potential cyber threats.

HIGHLIGHTS IN SUMMARY (continued)

Customer Service and Billing:

The Customer Service and Billing unit issued approximately 32,500 bills per month or 1,500 bills per business day for year 2024. In addition, the Customer Service Call Center staff received 48,304 calls in 2024 which equates to approximately 186 calls that were answered by call center staff. Average wait time was 01:30 (MM:SS), average talk time was 03:16 (MM:SS), and abandoned calls were 2.41% for year 2024. The Customer Service and Billing unit tackled several initiatives in 2024 including a revamping our financial assistance program (WaterWorks) as well as revisions to the shut off process for delinquent customers by working with our Financial Services group to perform a cost study on the process. Both projects are identified to be completed in quarter 1 of 2025 pending Board approval. Finally, the Customer Service and Billing unit worked diligently in 2024 in configuration and testing for the new payment portal project to ensure a successful implementation in 2025.

Meter Operations:

Meter Operations continued with several significant capital projects in year 2024 including a register replacement project to increase water meter lifespans as well as implementing Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technology to increase the level of service we deliver to our customers. In 2024, SPRWS replaced approximately 5,000 registers using internal staff including utilizing full time employees (FTE's) who would of have been laid off for the season from our Distribution group. In addition to the registers, an additional 10 AMI fixed collector units were installed throughout our service area capturing regular readings for approximately 25,000 accounts. As of today, we continue to have accurate readings based on actual usage minimizing estimated bills utilizing both Automated Meter Reading (AMR) and AMI. Meter Operations will continue to track, trend, and evaluate failure data to gauge system health. The implementation of AMI will be a major achievement by allowing SPRWS to collect frequent and accurate water usage data to improve billing, leak detection and water resource management.

Financial Services:

Financial Services worked diligently in 2024 to assemble the 2023 Annual Financial Report. Results illustrated the thoroughness of the Finance team to ensure fiscal responsibility of the utility for future generations by supporting several large capital projects in 2024. This included working collaboratively with the Engineering group in revamping the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) where the results indicated a need to increase investments to a multitude of assets. This will require additional financing to ensure sustainability of our organization and services, where Financial Services will work meticulously and collaboratively to ensure our services remain affordable. Financial Services also completed an additive study to evaluate our current additive structure to ensure SPRWS allocation and cost recovery processes were accurate to support best financial practices concerning work and asset management.

In 2024 operating revenue trended up 1.7% and operating expenses also trended upward 3.9%. With inflationary pressure on many operating expenses and increasing debt service loads in the future due to the treatment plant project, the goal is to continue our diligent work to maintain reasonable and affordable rates for the utility's customers utilizing forecasting tools, benchmarking and the KPI's to align with our mission.

HIGHLIGHTS IN SUMMARY (continued)

Business Division - Future Operations

Technology continues to be a current and future focus for operations, maintenance and administration processes and functions. Information Services will continue to work on items identified in the technology roadmap such implementing both an Enterprise Asset Management System as well as a new online payment portal for customer, both to be delivered in 2025. New opportunities and challenges such as leveraging artificial intelligence into our business operations continue to be a priority for the division. These options will be evaluated to ensure the best level of service we can be delivered to the customer. Finance will be involved in several important initiatives in 2025. As large capital improvement projects continue to progress, financial oversight and management remains a focus. This will include securing an updated rate study to confirm our current trajectory is in line with the strategic goals of the utility.

Distribution Division

The Distribution Division is responsible for the delivery of water from the water treatment plant to customers. This responsibility includes construction, operation, and maintenance of the water distribution system consisting of water mains, valves, service connections, hydrants, pump stations, storage facilities, and related underground piping infrastructure. The division also includes the Dispatch Office providing customer service and emergency response 24 hours a day, seven days a week, a Garage that maintains all equipment and vehicles, and a Warehouse to provide materials required to construct and maintain the distribution system.

Water Distribution Capital Program – The annual program to replace and refurbish water mains continued in 2024. Approximately eight miles of water mains were replaced or rehabilitated in 2024, including 5,400 feet of pipe bursting installation, 1,850 feet of directional drilling, and 7,800 feet of cleaning and mortar lining by Division staff. Distribution staff also completed 88 hydrant replacements, 98 hydrant repairs, and more than 66 water main valve replacements. Division staff completed 521 lead water service replacements in 2024.

System Maintenance – The Distribution Division performed inspections and repairs for more than 9,700 hydrants within the system in 2024. Unidirectional water main flushing was performed on 41 routes, representing approximately 120% of flushing work typically completed during an average year. The division also performed emergency repairs on 102 water mains and 19 services during 2024.

Distribution Division - Future Operations

The capital water main replacement program resumed in 2025 with key water main projects consisting of 16,300 feet of water main replacement, 6,400 feet of pipe bursting, 12,800 feet cement mortar lining, and 1,800 feet of directional boring main replacement. Water system improvements will also include the replacement of approximately 360 lead water services during the 2025 construction season, including private lead services between the property line and water meter.

HIGHLIGHTS IN SUMMARY (continued)

Engineering Division

The Engineering Division provides professional and technical support for the utility, including planning, design, construction management, and inspection of various water supply, treatment, and distribution projects. Staff also manage water service agreements, plumbing permits, and private development reviews. The GIS team develops and maintains mapping applications and asset databases, while the plumbing inspections team ensures private plumbing systems meet standards and that backflow preventers are tested annually.

Lead Service Line Replacement (Lead Free SPRWS)

After a successful grant program in 2021, SPRWS transitioned in 2022 to a fully funded initiative to replace private lead service lines at no cost to property owners. The program aims to replace all 25,000 lead service lines in the SPRWS service area by 2032.

With funding through the City of St. Paul from the American Rescue Plan, 305 service lines were replaced in 2022, followed by 614 in 2023. In 2024, we set a goal of 1,200 replacements and successfully replaced 1,045, with an additional 160 under contract for early 2025. We have secured funding from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to support continued expansion in the coming years.

Water Main Replacement

Upgrading aging water infrastructure remains a priority to ensure reliable service for customers. In 2024, nearly \$9 million was invested in water main construction, resulting in the replacement and rehabilitation of 6.5 miles of water main. This included two miles cleaned and relined to improve fire flow.

Projects were coordinated with municipal roadway improvements, as well as independently selected based on our water main risk prioritization methodology. A significant repair was also completed on the 16-inch steel water main on the Robert Street bridge, which froze and sustained joint damage in early 2024.

Engineering Service Desk

The Engineering Service Desk processed:

- 183 new water service contracts
- 135 hydrant use permits
- 1,090 plumbing permits
- 51 private development project approvals through site plan review

Damage Prevention Unit

Staff provided oversight and inspection for:

- 33,000 feet of water main installation (public and private)
- 12,500+ Gopher State One Call tickets marked
- 650+ right-of-way utility construction permits reviewed

HIGHLIGHTS IN SUMMARY (continued)

Maps & Records Unit

The Maps & Records team played a key role in supporting the Lead Free SPRWS program, developing multiple web maps, dashboards, and reporting tools for internal staff and contractors. They also maintained GIS infrastructure records, tracking thousands of updates related to replacements and new installations.

Engineering Division - Future Operations

Looking ahead, the Engineering Division is preparing for an ambitious 2025, including:

- **Lead Free SPRWS** – Increase lead service replacements to over 2,400 lines.
- **Water Main Replacement** – Over 8 miles of water main replacement in collaboration with multiple City, County, and State agencies.
- **Highland Tank #3 Rehabilitation** – A \$1.4 million project to repair and re-paint this 1.5 MG storage tank in the Highland Park neighborhood.
- **Backflow (RPZ) Testing Software Implementation** – Streamlining compliance for required annual testing.
- **Capital Improvement Projects** –Includes Fridley Station electrical substation improvements, raw water conduit repairs, pump station enhancements, and grading improvements at Sandy Lake.

Production Division

The Production Division is responsible for processing raw water into finished drinking water. This includes maintaining all the equipment required in the treatment process and the water supply chain to provide an adequate supply of high-quality drinking water to all customers in the service area. This also includes the operation and maintenance of the supply system, the raw water pumping station on the river, the wells, the water treatment plant, reservoirs, and the water quality laboratory. After two years of management by the Distribution Division, the distribution system's pumping stations, reservoirs, standpipes, towers and the associated staff were returned to the Production division on December 1, 2024. The Production division is also responsible for regulatory reporting related to water quality and wastewater discharge, responding to water quality complaints, and providing public education, which involves giving tours and making presentations to the public.

In 2024, the annual water production from the plant declined compared to the previous three years, averaging 40.3 million gallons per day. This reduction was attributed to an increase in precipitation in the Twin Cities area, with totals 5.94 inches above normal for the year and 5.09 inches above normal during the May through September period. An interesting climatic factor was the annual mean stream flow of the Mississippi River, which remained elevated throughout the year, surpassing 10,000 cubic feet per second from April to August. This situation raised concerns about

HIGHLIGHTS IN SUMMARY (continued)

flooding, particularly when the flow exceeded 27,500 cubic feet per second between June 21 and July 3, 2024. Later in the year, however, the river faced a drought warning as its flow fell below 3,000 cubic feet per second from October 18 to October 24, 2024. Our total annual pumpage from the McCarrons plant was 14,751 million gallons, with 8,166 million gallons originating from the Mississippi River source. Groundwater use totaled 206.88 million gallons in 2024. The remaining supply was made up from precipitation and runoff from the local watershed.

We had another excellent year of water quality. The McCarrons Treatment Plant continued to participate in the Partnership for Safe Water's Treatment Program in 2024 and received the 2023 President's Award in 2024. We are one of only 31 surface water plants in the country to have received this President's Award since 2012. This program ensures safe drinking water from its member systems by promoting optimized treatment plant operation and continuous improvement in the operation, maintenance, administration, and design of the facility. The permanent removal of two secondary settling basins and one clarifier for the construction of the new plant had a minor impact on the aesthetic quality of the water. It was noted that the taste and odor complaints logged into the Customer Information System for the year totaled 16, which was a significant increase from 7 in 2023. The increase could also be associated with the rise in construction projects in the distribution system in 2024.

Chemical costs were reduced by \$0.13 million, with a total chemical expenditure of \$5.11 million. The decrease in chemical spending in 2024 was due to a decline in total water production, resulting from a drop in water demand due to increased precipitation during the warmer months. This corresponds to an increase of approximately \$28.51 per million gallons of water treated compared to the previous year, driven by higher chemical contract prices in 2024 and the addition of a new chemical—phosphoric acid—to control the corrosion in lead pipes. Phosphoric acid creates a protective coating on the interior surface of lead pipes through the formation of a phosphate-based scale, effectively preventing lead from leaching into the water supply.

Total electrical costs for all finished water pumping stations were approximately \$1.83 million. Total electrical costs for raw water pumping were \$577,719. Pumping cost for finished water increased in 2024 due to adjustments in the McCarrons construction project phasing, which required filling storage facilities to a higher level before the planned plant shutdown events. However, source water pumping cost from the Mississippi River was lower in 2024 due to an increase in watershed contribution from runoff and precipitation. The watershed contribution increased by 7.38% in 2024.

2024 was a productive year for cybersecurity improvements in the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. The SCADA cybersecurity improvement project to configure and build the SCADA disaster recovery center at Vadnais Station was completed in 2024. This center will serve as a redundant SCADA backup system to McCarrons' SCADA center in the event of a cyber-physical security breach. The disaster recovery system was built with redundancy in servers, increased server storage space, and daily backups at both the McCarrons Water Treatment Plant and Vadnais Station. Another enhancement was the installation of a 20 GB network connection for SCADA servers, with a distributed switch connected to the new CORE switch for the

HIGHLIGHTS IN SUMMARY (continued)

McCarron's new treatment plant upgrade. Multi-factor authentication was implemented for login access to all servers and continued to be implemented for all laptops and selected desktops. Microsoft firewall patching on servers was implemented to manage all patches from a centralized location, reducing the need to provide all systems with access to patching URLs. A new alarm notification system was implemented to allow operators to receive ignition pipeline notifications immediately, instead of hours later, on SPRWS company phones.

The implementation of the AT&T communication network system at all external facilities for complete network redundancy was completed in 2024. This provides full failover redundancy to the COMCAST communication system in the event of network outages. The Edgework project completed air-gap testing in 2024 and is now ready for scheduling an installation date in 2025.

The new corrosion control treatment strategy, which involves adding orthophosphate, began on January 16, 2024, with the goal of dosing 1.5 ppm of orthophosphate in finished water. The 90th percentile of first-semester sampling in 2024 for the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) standard monitoring, which included 100 samples from Tier 1 sites, was 9 ppb. The 90th percentile of second-semester LCR sampling for lead was 12 ppb.

Several capital construction projects continued through 2024. Electrical and pumping improvements to the West Side pump station were completed in 2024, with a few actuator control issues still pending resolution by 2025. The construction phase for the Plant Improvements Project continued through 2024, with 62.5% of the work completed as scheduled. This project will result in the largest capital undertaking ever completed by the utility and the Board of Water Commissioners.

Production Division – Future Operations

The Plant Improvements Project will demand a large portion of staff time in 2025, as they will coordinate with the construction team to conduct functional testing, system testing, and performance acceptance testing while operating and maintaining the old plant concurrently with the new plant. An Asset Management Plan is currently in development to configure a structured asset management system for assets covering the water supply system, the McCarrons Water Treatment Plant, and the remote pumping stations and water storage facilities. This plan is essential for the successful implementation of the new Enterprise Asset Management System, which will be configured in 2025. This system will allow preventative maintenance work orders to be generated for the McCarrons Water Treatment Plant's assets, including a valve exercising program, pump maintenance program, electrical motor control systems and switchgears, and maintenance for pump stations and storage facilities.

Capital improvement work on the electrical system upgrade, including generator installation, will begin at the Mailand Pumping Station in 2025. Based on the pump station master plan study, additional capital improvements at the Mississippi River Pumping Station will include upgrading the electrical system, pump and motor upgrades, mechanical intake screens upgrades, structural and foundation improvements to the pump station, and reconditioning of the conduit surge tower, all of which will kick off in 2025.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT

State law requires the State Auditor to perform an annual audit of the books of account, financial records, and transactions of the City of Saint Paul. The independent audit of the financial statements is part of a broader, federally mandated audit designed to meet the requirements of the Federal Single Audit Act. This requirement has been met, and the State Auditor's report has been included in this report.

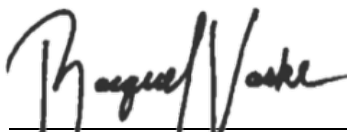
MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

The State Auditor's audit was designed to meet the requirements of auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (the Yellow Book) and the Uniform Guidance. The State Auditor will also issue a management and compliance report covering the review, made as part of its audit of Regional Water's system of internal control over financial reporting and tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. Special emphasis on internal controls and compliance requirements involving the administration of federal awards will also be made in the management and compliance report. The management and compliance report will not modify or affect, in any way, this report. The State Auditor's report on Regional Water's financial statements is unmodified, which means that, in the auditor's opinion, the financial statements are fairly presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Regional Water would like to note the contributions of our employees from all divisions in collecting, organizing, and reporting the vast amounts of data needed in the preparation of this Annual Financial Report. The assistance of the State Auditor's Office personnel has again exceeded our expectations. They have shared freely their insights and understanding of quality accounting methods and policies, which have benefited all levels of our accounting staff. Special recognition and thanks must be directed to the City's Office of Financial Services/Accounting staff, whose management and personnel have provided significant assistance to publish this Annual Financial Report.

Respectfully submitted,



Racquel Vaske
General Manager

Michael Twu
Financial Services Manager

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL
BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGER TERMS OF OFFICE

As of December 31, 2024

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Term Expires

Mara Humphrey, President

August 31, 2026

Chris Tolbert

July 24, 2028

Public Members are appointed by the Mayor to terms of four years.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nelsie Yang, Vice President

December 31, 2027

Saura Jost

December 31, 2027

Anika Bowie

December 31, 2027

City Council Members are appointed by the Mayor to terms of four years, concurrent with their terms of office.

SUBURBAN MEMBERS

John Larkin, City of Falcon Heights

August 7, 2027

Rebecca Cave, City of Maplewood

August 7, 2027

Suburban Members are appointed by the suburban City Councils. The City of Maplewood appoints one member annually. The other Suburban Member, currently appointed by the City of Falcon Heights, serves a term of three years. The two Suburban Members must be resident citizens of a suburb served by the Board's water system.

SECRETARY

Mollie Gagnelius was appointed by the Board January 2008.

GENERAL MANAGER

Patrick Shea was appointed by the Board June 2021.

Racquel Vaske was appointed by the Board April 2024.

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FINANCIAL SECTION



Independent Auditor's Report

Members of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul
d/b/a Saint Paul Regional Water Services
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul, d/b/a Saint Paul Regional Water Services, a component unit of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Saint Paul Regional Water Services' basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Saint Paul Regional Water Services as of December 31, 2024, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee

that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, PERA retirement plan schedules, Schedule of Changes in the Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios, and Notes to the Required Supplementary Information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Saint Paul Regional Water Services' basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and related notes, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of

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

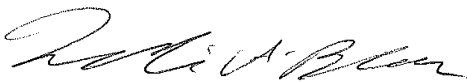
Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the Annual Financial Report. The other information comprises the Introductory Section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the basic financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 15, 2025, on our consideration of the Saint Paul Regional Water Services' 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 Saint Paul Regional Water Services' 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 Saint Paul Regional Water Services' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julie Blaha
State Auditor



Chad Struss, CPA
Deputy State Auditor

December 15, 2025

**SAINT PAUL REGIONAL WATER SERVICES
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024**

This section presents management's analysis of the Saint Paul Regional Water Services' (Regional Water) financial condition and activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. This information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of Regional Water exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$423,442,768 (Net Position). Of this amount, \$12,449,773 (unrestricted) may be used to meet the utility's ongoing obligations.
- Regional Water's total net position increased by \$18,737,160.

Overview of Annual Financial Report

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) serves as an introduction to the financial statements. The MD&A represents management's examination and analysis of Regional Water's financial condition and performance. Summary financial statement data, key financial and operational indicators used in Regional Water's operating budget, and other management tools were used for this analysis.

The financial statements report information about Regional Water using full accrual accounting methods as used by similar utilities.

The financial statements include: a Statement of Net Position; a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position; a Statement of Cash Flows; and Notes to the Financial Statements. The Statement of Net Position presents assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and the total net position, which is separated into net investment in capital assets, restricted for debt service and unrestricted. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position present the results of the business activities over the course of the fiscal year and also include depreciation and amortization of capital assets acquired by contributions. The Statement of Cash Flows presents the cash flows from operating activities, noncapital financing activities, capital and related financing activities, investing activities, and the net cash provided or used by all activities. The Statement of Cash Flows presents cash receipts and cash disbursement information without consideration of the earnings event, when an obligation arises, or depreciation and amortization of capital assets. The Notes to the Financial Statements provide required disclosures and other information essential to a full understanding of material data provided in the statements. The Notes present information about Regional Water's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, commitments, and contingencies.

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Overview of Annual Financial Report (continued)

This report contains certain required supplementary information other than the MD&A. This required supplementary information includes a Schedule of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, a Schedule of Pension Contributions, and a Schedule of Changes in the Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios. Also included are notes related to the required supplementary information. This report also contains as supplementary information a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) which includes the federal grant activity of Regional Water under programs of the federal government, and notes to the SEFA.

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

Summary of Organization and Business

Regional Water is a discretely presented component unit of the City of Saint Paul (City) created pursuant to Minnesota Special Laws for 1885, Chapter 110, to be a trusted partner in building healthy, resilient communities through the delivery of high-quality, sustainable water and services. The Mayor, with consent of the City Council, appoints five of the seven Water Board Commissioners. Three members of the Board are City Council members, and two are citizen members. The other two members are appointed by suburban city councils. The City Council approves Regional Water's water rates, and the City has issued bonded debt on behalf of Regional Water.

Financial Analysis

Regional Water adopted new accounting guidance by implementing provision of GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, which establishes new criteria for accounting and financial reporting for the compensated absences liability. The implementation of this statement resulted in changing the calculation of the compensated absences liability recorded in the long-term liabilities of the financial statements. Beginning net position was decreased by \$932,901 for the implementation of this standard.

Net Position, January 1, 2024, as previously reported	\$405,638,509
Change in Accounting Principle	(932,901)
Net Position, January 1, 2024, as restated	<u>\$404,705,608</u>

The following financial information and other selected data serve as key financial indicators used by management for monitoring and planning purposes.

As shown in the following table, total net position increased by \$18.74 million to \$423.44 million in 2024, up from the restated \$404.70 million in 2023. The increase is primarily attributable to

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Financial Analysis (Continued)

continued investment in capital assets, combined with changes in other assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows and inflows of resources.

Capital Assets

By the end of 2024, Regional Water had invested \$844.87 million in capital assets. There was a \$91.51 million increase in capital assets for the past fiscal year primarily for water related improvements, equipment and public improvements such as mains, services and hydrants.

Long-Term Debt

At the end of 2024, principal on bonds payable were \$92.02 million, revenue notes payable were \$93.02 million, and grant anticipation notes were \$0.33 million. This debt will be repaid with revenue generated by Regional Water.

Condensed Statement of Net Position (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2023	Dollar Change	Total % Change
Assets				
Current and Other Assets	\$ 99,349	\$ 167,955	\$ (68,606)	(40.8)
Capital Assets - net	\$ 583,792	\$ 501,514	\$ 82,278	16.4
Total Assets	<u>\$ 683,141</u>	<u>\$ 669,469</u>	<u>\$ 13,672</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 7,119</u>	<u>\$ 10,438</u>	<u>\$ (3,319)</u>	<u>(31.8)</u>
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	\$ 33,577	\$ 30,355	\$ 3,222	10.6
Noncurrent Liabilities	\$ 211,901	\$ 221,889	\$ (9,988)	(4.5)
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 245,478</u>	<u>\$ 252,244</u>	<u>\$ (6,766)</u>	<u>(2.7)</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 21,339</u>	<u>\$ 22,025</u>	<u>\$ (686)</u>	<u>(3.1)</u>
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 395,345	\$ 371,854	\$ 23,491	6.3
Restricted for Debt Service	\$ 15,648	\$ 14,738	\$ 910	6.2
Unrestricted	\$ 12,450	\$ 19,046	\$ (6,596)	(34.6)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 423,443</u>	<u>\$ 405,638</u>	<u>\$ 17,805</u>	<u>4.4</u>
Change in accounting principle*				
Prior year adjustment		<u>\$ (933)</u>		
Total Net Position, as restated		<u>\$ 404,705</u>		

*Regional Water implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, which establishes new criteria for accounting and financial reporting for the compensated absences liability. Due to this change in accounting principle Regional Water had to make a prior year adjustment of \$933 thousand. See Note 2.D.

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**Condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
(in thousands)**

	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2023	Dollar Change	Total % Change
Operating Revenues	\$ 83,768	\$ 82,392	\$ 1,376	1.7
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	\$ 3,492	\$ 7,413	\$ (3,921)	(52.9)
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 87,260</u>	<u>\$ 89,805</u>	<u>\$ (2,545)</u>	<u>(2.8)</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 69,451</u>	<u>\$ 66,866</u>	<u>\$ 2,585</u>	<u>3.9</u>
Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions	<u>\$ 17,809</u>	<u>\$ 22,939</u>	<u>\$ (5,130)</u>	<u>(22.4)</u>
Capital Contributions	<u>\$ 929</u>	<u>\$ 2,043</u>	<u>\$ (1,114)</u>	<u>(54.5)</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 18,738</u>	<u>\$ 24,982</u>	<u>\$ (6,244)</u>	<u>(25.0)</u>
Net Position -January 1, as previously reported	\$ 405,638	\$ 405,638		
Restatement (Note 2.D.)	<u>(933)</u>			
Net Position- January1, as restated	<u>404,705</u>			
Net Position - December 31	<u>\$ 423,443</u>			

Revenues

Regional Water's operating revenues are derived primarily from the sale of water. Other sources include services, fees, rents, and leases. Operating revenues increased by \$1.38 million, or 1.7%, to \$83.77 million in 2024, up from \$82.39 million in 2023.

In 2024, the winter and summer rates were set at \$4.00 and \$4.13 per 100 cubic feet (CCF), representing an increase of \$0.34 per CCF from the 2023 average rate of \$3.72 per CCF to \$4.06 per CCF. Water consumption totaled 15.72 million billing units, which is a 8% decrease from the 17.07 million units recorded in 2023. The monthly water service base fee also increased by \$0.65 to \$7.25, up from \$6.60 in 2023. This fee, which varies by meter size, reflects the cost of maintaining sufficient capacity to meet peak demand.

The water main surcharge increased by \$0.02 to \$0.24 per CCF, up from \$0.22 in 2023, to continue funding the main replacement program. The Right-of-Way Recovery Fee remained unchanged at \$1.50 per month for Saint Paul residents, compensating the City for costs associated with maintaining Regional Water's facilities within the public right-of-way.

Overall, the combined impact of rate and fee adjustments resulted in an approximate 9% increase in total water charges for a typical single-family customer compared to 2023.

Non-operating revenues (expenses) decreased by \$3.92 million in 2024, primarily reflecting a reduction in grant revenue associated with the Lead Service Line Replacement Program and an increase in interest expense related to outstanding debt obligations.

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Expenses

Regional Water's total operating expenses increased by \$2.59 million, or 3.9%, to \$69.45 million in 2024, up from \$66.87 million in 2023. The increase was primarily driven by higher salary and benefit costs, which rose by approximately \$2.55 million due to wage adjustments and staffing changes. Service expenses increased by \$1.76 million, largely reflecting increased contracted services and maintenance activity. These increases were partially offset by a \$0.77 million decrease in materials and supplies, reflecting improved budget management and more efficient purchasing practices across the organization.

Economic and Other Factors

Annual water production for 2024 averaged 40.3 million gallons per day, representing a decrease compared to the previous three years. The reduction was largely due to above-average precipitation in the Twin Cities area—5.94 inches above normal for the year and 5.09 inches above normal between May and September. The Mississippi River's mean stream flow also remained elevated throughout much of the year, exceeding 10,000 cubic feet per second from April through August. Additionally, June 2024 ranked as the fourth wettest June on record statewide, further contributing to reduced demand for water.

Inflation moderated slightly to 2.9% in 2024, down from 3.4% in 2023, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Despite the easing trend, inflation continued to exert upward pressure on operating costs and personnel expenses.

The McCarrons Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project, a historic, multi-year capital investment, progressed on schedule and reached approximately 62.5% completion by year-end 2024. This project represents the largest capital undertaking in the history of Saint Paul Regional Water Services and the Board of Water Commissioners. Financially, the project remains on track and within budget expectations, supported by close monitoring and oversight.

Regional Water continues to serve over 450,000 customers across 96,500 utility accounts. Of these service lines, approximately 19,232 contain some portion of lead, including 11,262 private service lines (from the house to the property line) and 7,970 full service lines (from the main to the house). In 2024, Regional Water replaced 1,045 lead service lines through funding provided by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA). Looking ahead, the Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program is expected to remain steady as funding becomes available. Minnesota will receive \$680 million in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding over the next five years, with Regional Water anticipated to receive \$35 million in 2025 in grant funds from the PFA to further advance the Lead-Free Saint Paul initiative.

**SAINT PAUL REGIONAL WATER SERVICES
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Financial Contact

This financial report is intended to provide customers, stakeholders, and creditors with a clear overview of Regional Water's financial condition and to demonstrate the organization's accountability for the resources entrusted to it.

For questions regarding this report or to request additional financial information, please contact the Finance Department, Saint Paul Regional Water Services, 1900 Rice Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55113.

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BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2024
(Amounts in dollars)

Exhibit A

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Investments with Treasurer	3,597,922
Investments	46,533,104
Departmental Cash	318,245
Imprest Funds	2,000
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Restricted for Revenue Note Debt Service	9,606,635
Restricted for Revenue Bond Debt Service	3,933,550
Restricted for Revenue Bond Operations and Maintenance	2,589,876
Receivables	
Accounts (Net of Allowance for Estimated Uncollectibles)	9,491,487
Assessments	
Current	5,310,703
Noncurrent	1,919,927
Delinquent	662,662
Leases	858,719
Accrued Interest Leases	133,505
Accrued Interest Investments	293,080
Due from Primary Government	105,092
Due from Other Governmental Units	715,684
Inventory - Materials and Supplies	3,623,213

Total Current Assets	<u>89,695,404</u>
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Noncurrent Assets

Long-Term Loans Receivable	25,116
Long-Term Leases Receivable	9,628,740
Capital Assets	
Land	4,133,566
Buildings and Structures	59,174,080
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(33,187,859)
Public Improvements	472,401,730
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(184,531,015)
Equipment	74,844,409
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(43,185,232)
Construction in Progress	232,531,221
Sbita Intangible right-to-use Assets	458,604
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(179,162)
Sbita Implementation in Progress	<u>1,331,192</u>

Total Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization)	<u>583,791,534</u>
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Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>593,445,390</u>
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Total Assets	<u>683,140,794</u>
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DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Pension Outflows	1,913,492
Deferred Other Postemployment Benefits Outflows	<u>5,205,016</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>7,118,508</u>

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BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
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Exhibit A

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities (Payable from Current Assets)

Accrued Salaries Payable	1,101,546
Accounts Payable	8,915,089
Contract Retention Payable	4,845,333
Due to Primary Government	4,184,915
Due to Other Governmental Units	5,582,272
Unearned Revenue	118,095
Compensated Absences Payable	262,478
Claims and Judgments Payable	796,109
Other Post Employment Benefits Liability	536,664
Subscription Liability	99,811

Total Current Liabilities (Payable from Current Assets)	<u>26,442,312</u>
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Current Liabilities (Payable from Restricted Assets)

Revenue Notes Payable	6,652,979
Accrued Interest Payable on Revenue Notes	154,171
Accrued Interest Payable on Revenue Bonds	327,796

Total Current Liabilities (Payable from Restricted Assets)	<u>7,134,946</u>
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Noncurrent Liabilities

Grant Anticipation Note Payable	333,058
Revenue Notes Payable	86,366,022
Revenue Bonds Payable	92,015,000
Premium on Revenue Bonds	3,389,799
Compensated Absences Payable	2,556,161
Claims and Judgments Payable	4,632,489
Other Postemployment Benefits Liability	13,458,571
Net Pension Liability	8,905,879
Subscription Liability	243,784

Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>211,900,763</u>
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Total Liabilities	<u>245,478,021</u>
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Pension Inflows	5,929,760
Deferred Other Postemployment Benefits Inflows	5,642,803
Deferred Leases Receivable Inflows	9,765,950

Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>21,338,513</u>
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NET POSITION

Net Investment in Capital Assets	395,344,901
Restricted for Debt Service	15,648,094
Unrestricted	12,449,773

Total Net Position	<u><u>423,442,768</u></u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024
(Amounts in dollars)

Exhibit B

OPERATING REVENUES	
Fees, Sales and Services	81,580,350
Rents and Leases	1,109,927
Miscellaneous	1,077,484
Total Operating Revenues	83,767,761
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries	20,712,447
Employee Fringe Benefits	8,417,742
Services	19,152,490
Materials and Supplies	10,476,203
Depreciation and amortization	10,456,280
Miscellaneous	235,796
Total Operating Expenses	69,450,958
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	14,316,803
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Operating Grants	5,243,364
Gain on Sale of Assets	97,139
Loss on Retirement of Assets	(493,324)
Investment Income	
Interest Earned on Investments	4,530,537
Increase (Decrease) in Fair Value of Investments	(240,681)
Miscellaneous Other Revenue (Expenses)	125,893
Interest Expense on	
Revenue Notes	(1,944,023)
Revenue Bonds	(3,826,882)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	3,492,023
INCOME BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	17,808,826
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	
Capital Acquisitions - Outside Sources	928,334
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	18,737,160
NET POSITION, January 1, as previously reported	405,638,509
RESTATEMENT (Note 2.D.)	(932,901)
NET POSITION, January 1, as restated	404,705,608
NET POSITION, December 31	423,442,768

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024
(Amounts in dollars)

Exhibit C

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Receipts from Customers	78,365,339
Other Operating Receipts	1,109,927
Other Receipts	1,077,484
Payments to Suppliers	(26,872,320)
Payments to Employees	(20,470,860)
Payment for Fringe Benefits and Payroll Taxes	(9,366,566)
Non-Operating Revenue Received	<u>162,942</u>

NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES 24,005,946

CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Operating Grants Received	4,607,318
Non-Operating Loans Repayment Received from Customers	<u>(31,798)</u>

NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES 4,575,520

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Cash Proceeds From Issuance of Debt:	
Revenue Notes	70,521
Grant Anticipation Notes	333,058
Cash Proceeds From Sale of Capital Assets:	
Equipment	97,139
Cash Proceeds from Capital Grants	
From Outside Parties	636,046
Principal Paid on Debt Maturities:	
Revenue Bonds	(900,000)
Revenue Notes	(5,718,864)
Payments for Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets:	
Construction in Progress	(94,772,524)
Interest Paid On:	
Revenue Bonds	(3,978,550)
Revenue Notes	(1,952,299)
Payment of Bond Issuance Costs	<u>(47,877)</u>

NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) IN CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES (106,233,350)

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Purchase of Investment Securities	(1,022,219)
Proceeds From Sale and Maturities of Investment Securities	65,918,180
Interest and Dividends on Investments Received	<u>4,865,945</u>

NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES 69,761,906

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (7,889,978)

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 27,938,206

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR 20,048,228

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
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Exhibit C

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH
PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Income (Loss)		<u>14,316,803</u>
Adjustments To Reconcile Operating Income To Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and Amortization	10,456,280	
Increase (Decrease) in Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(27,986)	
Nonoperating Miscellaneous Other Revenue Received	162,942	
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(1,454,257)	
(Increase) Decrease in Assessments Receivable	(1,401,574)	
(Increase) Decrease in Leases Receivable	862,460	
(Increase) Decrease in Due From Primary Government	(2,924)	
(Increase) Decrease in Due From Other Governmental Units	(110,463)	
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Other Postemployment Benefits Outflows	1,736,977	
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Pension Outflows	1,583,086	
(Increase) Decrease in Inventories	(20,562)	
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Salaries Payable	241,587	
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	1,141,153	
Increase (Decrease) in Due To Primary Government	160,569	
Increase (Decrease) in Due To Other Governmental Units	1,339,715	
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	38,564	
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences Payable	73,073	
Increase (Decrease) in Net Pension Liability	(4,412,673)	
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Pension Inflows	1,605,015	
Increase (Decrease) in Other Postemployment Benefits Liability	(361,280)	
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Other Postemployment Benefits Inflows	(1,173,022)	
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Leases Inflows	(1,118,831)	
Increase (Decrease) in Claims and Judgments Payable	453,502	
Increase (Decrease) in Subscription Liability	<u>(82,208)</u>	
Total Adjustments		<u>9,689,143</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		<u><u>24,005,946</u></u>

DETAILS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and Investments with Treasurer	3,597,922
Departmental Cash	318,245
Imprest Funds	2,000
Restricted Cash for Revenue Note Debt Service	9,606,635
Restricted Cash for Revenue Bond Debt Service	3,933,550
Restricted Cash for Revenue Bond Operation and Maintenance	<u>2,589,876</u>
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u><u>20,048,228</u></u>

NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Loss on Retirement/Deletion of Capital Assets	(493,324)
Increase/(Decrease) in Fair Value of Investments	(240,681)
Capital Assets Purchased on Account - Construction in Progress	12,760,928

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Note 1. Board of Water Commissioners

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul, d/b/a Saint Paul Regional Water Services, hereinafter referred to as Regional Water, is an agency of the City of Saint Paul (City) created pursuant to Minnesota Special Laws for 1885, Chapter 110, to provide safe potable drinking water to Saint Paul and surrounding communities at a reasonable price. The Mayor, with consent of the City Council, appoints five of the seven members of the Board of Water Commissioners. Three members of the Board are City Council members, and two are Citizen members. The other two members are appointed by suburban city councils. The Saint Paul City Council approves Regional Water's water rates and the City has issued bonded debt on behalf of Regional Water.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for government units through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations).

The financial statements of Regional Water have been prepared in conformity with GAAP as applied to government units. A summary of the more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by Regional Water are provided on the following pages.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

In conformance with the application of the criteria set forth in GAAP, Regional Water is part of the City of Saint Paul reporting entity and is shown in the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, as a discretely presented component unit.

B. Business-Type Activities

Regional Water includes business-type activities as an enterprise fund. Business-type activities account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, and the determination of net income is necessary or useful for sound financial administration.

C. Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

The financial statements of Regional Water are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. With this measurement focus, all assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation are included on the Statement of Net Position. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it

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is Regional Water's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources, as they are noted.

D. Change in Accounting Principles

During the year ended December 31, 2024, Regional Water adopted new accounting guidance by implementing the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, which provide clarification on the categories and prescribed accounting for changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, changes to or within the financial entity, and corrections of errors in previously financial statements. Additional disclosures are included for the current year restatement as a result of GASB statement 100.

Regional Water also adopted new accounting guidance by implementing provision of GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, which establishes new criteria for accounting and financial reporting for the compensated absences liability. The implementation of this statement resulted in changing the calculation of the compensated absences liability recorded in the long-term liabilities of the financial statements. Beginning net position was decreased by \$932,901 for the implementation of this standard.

Net Position, January 1, 2024, as previously reported	\$405,638,509
Change in Accounting Principle	(932,901)
Net Position, January 1, 2024, as restated	<u>\$404,705,608</u>

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position

1. Cash and Investments

For its funds the City maintains a general portfolio, which is a pool of investments covering pooled cash and cash equivalents. This pool is also available for use by Regional Water. In addition, the City invests non-pooled Regional Water investments. These investments are reported at fair value on the Statement of Net Position with recognition of the corresponding changes in fair value of investments reported in the operating statement in the year in which the change occurred. Accordingly, investments are stated at their fair value at December 31, 2024. A market approach is used to value all investments other than external investment pools, which are measured at the net asset value or fair value per share. Investments in nonparticipating interest-earning contracts, such as savings accounts and nonnegotiable certificates of deposit, are reported at cost. Money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts (negotiable certificates of deposit) are reported at amortized cost since these investments have a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase. Money market investments are short-term, highly liquid debt instruments including commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, and U.S. Treasury and agency obligations. See Note 4.A.1 for more information.

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

In 2024, Regional Water recorded a “decrease in fair value of investments” of \$240,681 as part of investment income. The non-pooled portion is \$232,778 and the pooled portion is \$7,903. The calculation of realized gains and losses is independent of the calculation of the net change in the fair value of investments. Realized gains and losses on investments that have been held in more than one fiscal year and sold in the current year may have been included as part of the change in the fair value of investments reported in the prior year.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash equivalents are cash on-hand, cash in banks, and highly liquid investments having original maturities (time span from purchase date to maturity date) of three months or less. Included in the classification of cash equivalents are cash and investments with treasurer, departmental cash, imprest funds, and restricted grants and other contributions.

2. Receivables

The Accounts Receivable presented on the Statement of Net Position consists of five accounts: Invoices, which is comprised of billable work for damages to infrastructure, such as a hydrant, main break repairs for other municipalities, the installation of a new water service or the inspection of antennas on water towers; Unbilled, which is comprised of work listed above, which is not completed and therefore not billed; Water Billings, which are for the sale and use of water and related billings; Miscellaneous; and the Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts.

The Assessments Receivable consist of Current, Noncurrent, and Delinquent accounts. Current assessments consist of water mains constructed, lead service replacements, and unpaid water bills assessed for the current year. Noncurrent assessments are made up of water main and lead service replacements to be assessed over ten to twenty years. Delinquent assessments are levied assessments that have not been paid from 2019 through 2023.

The Leases Receivable consist mainly of leases of water towers to various organizations for wireless communication equipment. The leases terms range from 15 to 25 years and vary with each agreement. The leases receivable is measured at the present value of the lease payments expected to be received during the lease term. Deferred inflows of resources are recorded for the leases and are amortized on a straight-line-basis over the term of the leases.

3. Material and Supplies Inventory

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the average cost method. Inventory is either expensed or capitalized as part of infrastructure as the materials and supplies are consumed.

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

4. Restricted Assets

Mandatory segregations of assets are presented as restricted assets. Bond agreements or other external parties require such segregations. Current liabilities payable from these restricted assets are so classified.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

5. Capital Assets

Land, buildings and structures, public improvements, equipment, and construction in progress are recorded as capital assets on the Statement of Net Position. Regional Water defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000, and an estimated useful life in excess of at least three years. Purchased capital assets and capital assets constructed by Regional Water are stated at original cost. Original cost includes material, labor, overhead, an allowance for depreciation for equipment used and an allowance for the cost of funds used during construction when significant. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Contributed water systems for which actual costs are not available have been valued by means that estimate their historical value. Right-to-use subscription-based technology arrangements (SBITAs) are recorded at the present value of future payments, if the net present value of future payment is over the \$385,000 materiality threshold and if the term of the arrangement is greater than 12 months.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation and amortization of all exhaustible capital assets used by Regional Water is charged as an expense. Accumulated depreciation and amortization is offset against the original cost of the capital assets on the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation and amortization have been provided over the estimated useful lives using the following methods:

	<u>Method</u>	<u>Years</u>
Building and Structures	Straight Line	15 - 60
Public Improvements	Straight Line	25 - 100
Equipment	Straight Line	3 - 40
Right-to-use SBITAs	Straight Line	2 - 5

6. Bond Premiums and Issuance Costs

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, bond issuance costs are expensed in the period incurred.

Bond premiums are deferred and amortized using the straight-line method over the term of the related issue and are presented as an addition of the face amount of bonds payable.

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

7. Compensated Absences

The liability for compensated absences consists of vacation leave, sick leave, compensatory time, and paid time off (PTO) that is attributable to services already rendered, it accumulates, and it is more likely than not to be used or settle through cash or noncash means.

Employees earn vacation based on years of service and their bargaining unit. Vacation must be used in the year it is earned, except for 15 days, which may be carried over to the following year. Employees are paid 100 percent of their accumulated vacation pay when they terminate their employment. Some bargaining units have amounts paid to a Postemployment Health Plan (PEHP).

Sick leave is earned based on bargaining unit up to a maximum of 15 days per year and may be accumulated indefinitely. Terminated employees receive severance pay based upon unused sick leave. All severance pay is paid to a PEHP in the year following termination. Eligibility requirements and maximum allowable amounts vary, depending upon an employee's bargaining unit. The Statement of Net Position reports both current and noncurrent portions of compensated absences. The current portion consists of compensatory time and an amount based on a trend analysis of current usage of vacation and sick leave. The noncurrent portion consists of the remaining amount of vacation and sick leave.

8. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employers Retirement Association (PERA) and additions to/deductions from PERA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA, except that PERA's fiscal year end is June 30. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Plan investments are reported at fair value.

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

9. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that time. Regional Water has two items, deferred pension outflows and deferred other postemployment benefits outflows, that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Regional Water has three items, deferred pension inflows, deferred other postemployment benefit inflows and deferred leases receivable inflows, that qualify for reporting in this category.

10. Equity Classifications

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- (a) Net Investment in Capital Assets – Consists of capital assets including infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. It includes deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt.
- (b) Restricted – Consists of assets with constraints placed on their use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Such assets are reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.
- (c) Unrestricted – The net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

Regional Water first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

11. Capital Contributions

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*, capital contributions received from developers, customers, other funds of the City of Saint Paul (external or “outside” sources) or water systems acquired from other cities are reported as a separate item and represent an increase in the net position on the operating statement.

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

12. Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses

Business-type activities distinguish 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 business-type activities principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of Regional Water are charges to customers for goods and services. Operating expenses for business-type activities include the cost of goods and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

13. Use of Estimates

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

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Note 3. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

A. Federal Audit Requirements

As a recipient of federal, state and local financial assistance, Regional Water is responsible for ensuring that adequate internal controls are in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. These internal controls are subject to periodic evaluation by management.

For 2024, Regional Water is required to undergo a separate single audit in conformity with the provisions of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

The Uniform Guidance sets forth the audit requirements for local governments receiving federal awards. It provides for a single independent audit of the financial operations, including compliance with certain provision of federal laws and regulations. The requirements have been established to ensure that audits are made on an organization-wide basis rather than a grant-by-grant basis. This audit requirement was complied with for 2024. An auditor's report on consideration of Regional Water's internal control over financial reporting and on tests of Regional Water's compliance will be issued on a later date.

Grant amounts received or receivable from the federal government are subject to adjustment. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of Regional Water. The amount, if any, of expenses which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, however, Regional Water expects such amounts if any to be immaterial.

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Note 4. Detail Notes

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments

The City's Treasury Division manages Regional Water's deposit and investment functions.

Deposits

Regional Water's deposit functions are managed and maintained by the City of Saint Paul by use of a general portfolio, which is a pool of investments. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes §§ 118A.02 and 118A.03, the City maintains deposits at financial institutions authorized by the City Council, all of which are members of the Federal Reserve System. The Statutes also require that all City deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, collateral, or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by Federal Home Loan Banks. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110 percent of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes treasury bills, notes and bonds; issues of U.S. government agencies; general obligations rated "A" or better, revenue obligations rated "AA" or better; irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank; and certificates of deposit. Minnesota Statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping in a restricted account at the Federal Reserve Bank or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution that is not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to it. As of December 31, 2024, the City's deposits were not exposed to custodial credit risk. All pledged collateral is held in the City's name at third party institutions, pledged at 110 percent of deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Regional Water's deposits of \$14,330,449 (carrying amount) are entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the City of Saint Paul or by its agent in the City's name.

Other Funds on Hand

At December 31, 2024, the total imprest funds were \$2,000. Regional Water also had departmental cash on hand of \$318,245.

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Note 4. A. Assets (continued)

Investments

The City's Investment Policy Statement governs the investment portfolio of the City of Saint Paul. Regional Water adopted the City's Investment Policy Statement. The goals of the City for the portfolio are to preserve financial assets for future operating expenses, maintain reserves to fund unplanned shortfalls and generate income to support the activities of the City. The portfolio is managed in three components as follows:

- (a) **Daily Portfolio:** The daily component represents current operating funds on which draws are made frequently, requiring daily liquidity and preservation of principal. The time horizon on the Daily Portfolio is within a 12-month period.
- (b) **Short-Term Portfolio:** A short-term component serves as a cushion to provide liquidity for possible shortfalls in the Daily Portfolio. Draws against the Short-Term Portfolio are expected to be infrequent. The time horizon on the Short-Term Portfolio is between one and three years.
- (c) **Intermediate-Term Portfolio:** The balance of the Portfolio represents the intermediate-term component, which serves as a reserve for unplanned shortfalls. In general, the Intermediate-Term Portfolio is not expected to experience withdrawals and the time horizon on the Intermediate Portfolio is longer than three years. A portion of the Intermediate-Term Portfolio is managed internally, and the balance is managed by external managers.

Minnesota Statutes §§ 118A.04 and 118A.05, authorize the following types of investments for local governments:

- (a) securities which are direct obligations or are guaranteed or insured issues of the United States, its agencies, its instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress, except mortgage-backed securities defined as "high risk" by Minnesota Statutes Section 118A.04, Subd. 6;
- (b) in shares of an investment company registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 provided the mutual fund receives certain ratings depending on its investments;
- (c) general obligations of the State of Minnesota and its municipalities and in any security, which is a general obligation of any state or local government with taxing powers which is rated "A" or better by a national bond rating service;
- (d) in time deposits insured by the Federal Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, or bankers' acceptances of United States Banks; or

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Note 4. A. Assets (continued)

- (e) in commercial paper issued by United States corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries that is rated in the highest quality category by two nationally recognized rating agencies and matures in 270 days or less.
- (f) Repurchase agreements may be entered into with:
- 1) a bank qualified as a depository;
 - 2) any national or state bank in the United States, which is a member of the Federal Reserve System and whose combined capital and surplus equals or exceeds \$10,000,000;
 - 3) a primary reporting dealer in United States government securities to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; or
 - 4) a securities broker-dealer licensed pursuant to Chapter 80A, or an affiliate of it, regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and maintaining a combined capital and surplus of \$40,000,000 or more, exclusive of subordinated debt.
- (g) Securities lending agreements; and
- (h) Guaranteed investment contracts.

Credit Risk

Generally, 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. It is the City's policy to invest only in securities that meet the ratings requirements set by state statute.

Regional Water's exposure to credit risk as of December 31, 2024, is as follows:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>S&P Global Ratings</u>		<u>Moody's Investor Service</u>	
US Federal Agency Obligations	AAA	\$ -	Aaa	\$ 35,340,526
	AA+	35,340,526	Aa1	-
Total US Federal Agencies		35,340,526		35,340,526
Municipal Bonds	AA+	1,030,581	Aa1	2,982,061
	AA	424,973	Aa2	24,973
	AA-	-	Aa3	327,601
	Not rated	2,279,081	Not rated	400,000
Total Municipal Bonds		3,734,635		3,734,635
Government Money Market Mutual Fund	AAAmG	7,457,943	Aaa-mf	7,457,943
Total Investments		\$ 46,533,104		\$ 46,533,104

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Note 4. A. Assets (continued)

Custodial Credit Risk

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At December 31, 2024, all investment securities were in the City's name and were held in the custody of US Bank under the City's name and therefore are not subject to custodial credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be caused by the City's investment in a single issuer. It is the City's policy that U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. Agency Securities, and obligations backed by U.S. Treasury and/or U.S. Agency securities, may be held without limit. At December 31, 2024, the City does not have investments in any one issuer that represent 5 percent or more of the City's total investments portfolio and therefore, also not subject to concentration of credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in the market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The City's internal portfolio has a shorter overall weighted duration than the benchmarks established for each component portfolio. All else being equal, this would be expected to reduce the risk to adverse effects from rising interest rates.

At December 31, 2024, Regional Water had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>1 Year or less</u>	<u>2 to 5 Years</u>	<u>6 to 10 Years</u>	<u>Greater than 10 Years</u>
U.S. Agencies	\$ 35,340,526	\$ -	\$ 20,957,920	\$ 14,382,606	\$ -
Municipal Bonds	3,734,634	1,542,573	2,192,061	-	-
Government Money Market Mutual Fund	7,457,944	7,457,944	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 46,533,104</u>	<u>\$ 9,000,517</u>	<u>\$ 23,149,981</u>	<u>\$ 14,382,606</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Fair Value Measurements

Regional Water measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- *Level 1:* Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;
- *Level 2:* Observable inputs other than quoted market prices; and
- *Level 3:* Unobservable inputs.

At December 31, 2024, Regional Water had the following recurring fair value measurements.

	12/31/2024	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments by Fair Value Level				
Debt Securities				
U.S. Agencies	\$ 35,340,526	\$ -	\$ 35,340,526	\$ -
Municipal Bonds	3,734,634	-	3,734,634	-
Government Money Market Mutual Fund	7,457,944	-	7,457,944	-
	<u>\$ 46,533,104</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 46,533,104</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Debt securities classified in Level 1 are valued using a market approach quoted in active markets for those securities.

Debt securities classified in Level 2 are valued using a market approach by utilizing quoted prices for identical securities in markets that are not active.

Regional Water invests funds in the City of Saint Paul's investment pool. The fair value of the investment is the fair value per share of the underlying portfolio. Regional Water invests in this pool for the purpose of joint investment with the City in order to enhance investment earnings. There are no redemption limitations.

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Recap

The deposits and investments as described above are recorded in the financial statements as:

Cash and Investments with Treasurer	\$ 3,597,922
Investments	46,533,104
Departmental Cash	318,245
Imprest Funds	2,000
Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments:	
Revenue Note Debt Service	9,606,635
Revenue Bond Debt Service	3,933,550
Revenue Bond Operations and Maintenance	2,589,876
Total	<u>\$ 66,581,332</u>
Deposits	\$ 14,330,449
Investments	46,533,104
Regional Water's Portion of City Cash Pool	5,397,534
Departmental Cash	318,245
Imprest Funds	2,000
Total	<u>\$ 66,581,332</u>

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2. Summary of Receivables

The receivables presented on the Statement of Net Position consists of Accounts Receivable, Assessments, Leases, Accrued Interest and Loan. The balance of those accounts as of December 31, 2024, is as follows:

Current	
Accounts Receivable – Invoices	\$ 145,266
Accounts Receivable – Water Billings	8,753,464
Accounts Receivable – Unbilled	704,888
Accounts Receivable – Miscellaneous	18,427
Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(130,558)
Accounts Receivable (net of Allowance for Estimated Uncollectible)	<u>\$ 9,491,487</u>
Assessments	7,893,292
Leases	992,224
Accrued Interest	293,080
Total Current	<u>\$ 18,670,083</u>
Long-term	
Leases	\$ 9,628,740
Loans	25,116
Total Long-term	<u>\$ 9,653,856</u>

Leases Receivable

Regional Water leases its water towers to various organizations to use for wireless communication equipment. The terms of the leases range between 15 and 25 years and vary with each agreement. The total leases receivable and deferred inflows of resources at December 31, 2024 were \$10,620,964 and \$9,765,950 respectively. Principal and interest totaling \$1,118,831 and \$152,272 respectively, were received during the year ended December 31, 2024.

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Note 4. A. Assets (continued)

3. Summary of Changes in Capital Assets

A summary of changes in capital assets follows:

	01/01/2024	Additions	Deductions	12/31/2024
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated and Amortized:				
Land	\$ 4,133,566	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,133,566
Construction in Progress	155,745,974	93,652,710	(16,867,463)	232,531,221
SBITA Implementation in Progress	804,342	526,850	-	1,331,192
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>\$ 160,683,882</u>	<u>\$ 94,179,560</u>	<u>\$ (16,867,463)</u>	<u>\$ 237,995,979</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated and Amortized:				
Buildings and Structures	\$ 59,107,446	\$ 66,634	\$ -	\$ 59,174,080
Public Improvements	460,656,587	13,172,180	(1,427,037)	472,401,730
Equipment	72,442,877	3,628,602	(1,227,070)	74,844,409
SBITA Right-to-use	472,096	-	(13,492)	458,604
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated or Amortized	<u>\$ 592,679,006</u>	<u>\$ 16,867,416</u>	<u>\$ (2,667,599)</u>	<u>\$ 606,878,823</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization for:				
Buildings and Structures	\$ (32,197,152)	\$ (990,707)	\$ -	\$ (33,187,859)
Public Improvements	(177,690,208)	(7,876,692)	1,035,885	(184,531,015)
Equipment	(41,874,717)	(2,443,272)	1,132,757	(43,185,232)
SBITA Right-to-use	(86,288)	(92,874)	-	(179,162)
Total Accumulated Depreciation* and Amortization	<u>\$ (251,848,365)</u>	<u>\$ (11,403,545)</u>	<u>\$ 2,168,642</u>	<u>\$ (261,083,268)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated and Amortized, Net	<u>\$ 340,830,641</u>	<u>\$ 5,463,871</u>	<u>\$ (498,957)</u>	<u>\$ 345,795,558</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 501,514,523</u>	<u>\$ 99,643,431</u>	<u>\$ (17,366,420)</u>	<u>\$ 583,791,534</u>

*Total Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization is reduced by an allowance of \$947,265 for equipment used to construct capital assets; net depreciation and amortization reported is \$10,456,280 (\$11,403,545- \$947,265).

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Note 4. Detail Notes (continued)

B. Liabilities

1. Debt Obligations of Regional Water

a. Current and Long-Term Debt Maturities

At December 31, 2024, current and long-term debt consisted of:

		Principal	
	Unpaid Balances December 31, 2024	Less Current Maturities	Long-Term Maturities
Revenue Notes	\$ 93,019,001	\$ 6,652,979	\$ 86,366,022
Revenue Bonds	92,015,000	-	92,015,000
Grant Anticipation Note	333,058	-	333,058
Total	<u>\$ 185,367,059</u>	<u>\$ 6,652,979</u>	<u>\$ 178,714,080</u>

b. Changes in Long-Term Debt Liabilities

The following table displays the changes in Regional Water's debt obligations:

	01/01/2024	Additions	Deductions	12/31/2024
Revenue Notes	\$ 98,667,344	\$ 70,521	\$ 5,718,864	\$ 93,019,001
Revenue Bonds	92,915,000	-	900,000	92,015,000
Grant Anticipation Note	-	333,058	-	333,058
Total	<u>\$ 191,582,344</u>	<u>\$ 403,579</u>	<u>\$ 6,618,864</u>	<u>\$ 185,367,059</u>

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c. Principal and Interest Requirements on Debt Obligations

The annual requirements to pay the principal of \$185,034,001 and interest of \$84,843,367 on all Regional Water debt outstanding as of December 31, 2024, are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>2023A REVENUE BONDS</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ -	\$3,933,550	\$3,933,550
2026	\$565,000	\$3,933,550	\$4,498,550
2027	\$590,000	\$3,905,300	\$4,495,300
2028	\$620,000	\$3,875,800	\$4,495,800
2029	\$650,000	\$3,844,800	\$4,494,800
2030-34	\$8,545,000	\$18,358,750	\$26,903,750
2035-39	\$14,325,000	\$15,626,000	\$29,951,000
2040-44	\$30,300,000	\$11,561,400	\$41,861,400
2045-49	\$36,420,000	\$2,810,800	\$39,230,800
	<u>\$92,015,000</u>	<u>\$67,849,950</u>	<u>\$159,864,950</u>

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YEAR	2010A DRINKING WATER REVENUE NOTE			2010B DRINKING WATER REVENUE NOTE		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$510,000	\$39,535	\$549,535	\$1,985,000	\$152,663	\$2,137,663
2026	\$290,000	\$29,524	\$319,524	\$1,105,000	\$113,717	\$1,218,717
2027	\$295,000	\$23,830	\$318,830	\$1,135,000	\$92,038	\$1,227,038
2028	\$300,000	\$18,040	\$318,040	\$1,160,000	\$69,769	\$1,229,769
2029	\$310,000	\$12,151	\$322,151	\$1,185,000	\$47,009	\$1,232,009
2030-34	\$309,000	\$6,066	\$315,066	\$1,211,000	\$23,760	\$1,234,760
2035-39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2040-44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$2,014,000</u>	<u>\$129,146</u>	<u>\$2,143,146</u>	<u>\$7,781,000</u>	<u>\$498,956</u>	<u>\$8,279,956</u>

YEAR	2014 DRINKING WATER REVENUE NOTE			2016 DRINKING WATER REVENUE NOTE		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$112,000	\$12,335	\$124,335	\$373,000	\$48,882	\$421,882
2026	\$113,000	\$11,161	\$124,161	\$376,000	\$45,028	\$421,028
2027	\$115,000	\$9,976	\$124,976	\$380,000	\$41,144	\$421,144
2028	\$116,000	\$8,772	\$124,772	\$384,000	\$37,219	\$421,219
2029	\$117,000	\$7,556	\$124,556	\$388,000	\$33,252	\$421,252
2030-34	\$604,000	\$19,116	\$623,116	\$2,001,000	\$105,314	\$2,106,314
2035-39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$830,000	\$12,882	\$842,882
2040-44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$1,177,000</u>	<u>\$68,916</u>	<u>\$1,245,916</u>	<u>\$4,732,000</u>	<u>\$323,721</u>	<u>\$5,055,721</u>

YEAR	2021 DRINKING WATER REVENUE NOTE			2022 DRINKING WATER REVENUE NOTES		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$675,000	\$116,560	\$791,560	\$1,898,000	\$1,025,296	\$2,923,296
2026	\$682,000	\$109,810	\$791,810	\$1,945,000	\$979,212	\$2,924,212
2027	\$689,000	\$102,990	\$791,990	\$1,992,000	\$931,988	\$2,923,988
2028	\$696,000	\$96,100	\$792,100	\$2,040,000	\$883,622	\$2,923,622
2029	\$703,000	\$89,140	\$792,140	\$2,090,000	\$834,091	\$2,924,091
2030-34	\$3,621,000	\$338,850	\$3,959,850	\$11,234,000	\$3,384,316	\$14,618,316
2035-39	\$3,806,000	\$154,130	\$3,960,130	\$12,666,000	\$1,952,598	\$14,618,598
2040-44	\$784,000	\$7,840	\$791,840	\$8,363,000	\$409,361	\$8,772,361
	<u>\$11,656,000</u>	<u>\$1,015,420</u>	<u>\$12,671,420</u>	<u>\$42,228,000</u>	<u>\$10,400,484</u>	<u>\$52,628,484</u>

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YEAR	2023 DRINKING WATER REVENUE NOTE			2024 DRINKING WATER REVENUE NOTE		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$1,098,000	\$453,591	\$1,551,591	\$1,979	\$1,189	\$3,168
2026	\$1,119,000	\$432,290	\$1,551,290	\$2,029	\$1,142	\$3,171
2027	\$1,141,000	\$410,582	\$1,551,582	\$2,077	\$1,094	\$3,171
2028	\$1,163,000	\$388,446	\$1,551,446	\$2,126	\$1,045	\$3,171
2029	\$1,185,000	\$365,884	\$1,550,884	\$2,177	\$994	\$3,171
2030-34	\$6,281,000	\$1,475,467	\$7,756,467	\$11,686	\$4,167	\$15,853
2035-39	\$6,914,000	\$842,135	\$7,756,135	\$13,144	\$2,709	\$15,853
2040-44	\$4,480,000	\$174,969	\$4,654,969	\$14,783	\$1,071	\$15,854
	<u>\$23,381,000</u>	<u>\$4,543,364</u>	<u>\$27,924,364</u>	<u>\$50,001</u>	<u>\$13,411</u>	<u>\$63,412</u>

YEAR	TOTAL DRINKING WATER REVENUE NOTE		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$6,652,979	\$1,850,051	\$8,503,030
2026	\$5,632,029	\$1,721,884	\$7,353,913
2027	\$5,749,077	\$1,613,641	\$7,362,718
2028	\$5,861,126	\$1,503,013	\$7,364,139
2029	\$5,980,177	\$1,390,077	\$7,370,254
2030-34	\$25,272,686	\$5,357,056	\$30,629,742
2035-39	\$24,229,144	\$2,964,454	\$27,193,598
2040-44	\$13,641,783	\$593,241	\$14,235,024
	<u>\$93,019,001</u>	<u>\$16,993,417</u>	<u>\$110,012,418</u>

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d. Bonds Payable by Issue

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate and Payment Dates</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
Revenue Bond	5.00%; 06/01; 12/01	04/06/23	12/01/47	<u>\$92,015,000</u>
Total				<u>\$92,015,000</u>

Regional Water issued \$93,415,000 of 2023A Revenue Bonds on April 6, 2023. The proceeds of the bonds are for costs associated with the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant. The outstanding principal amount of the bond was \$92,015,000 at December 31, 2024.

e. Notes Payable by Issue

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate and Payment Dates</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
Drinking Water Revenue Note	1.96%; 06/01; 12/01	07/13/10	12/01/30	\$ 2,014,000
Drinking Water Revenue Note	1.96%; 06/01; 12/01	07/13/10	12/01/30	7,781,000
Drinking Water Revenue Note	1.05%; 06/01; 12/01	06/19/14	12/01/34	1,177,000
Drinking Water Revenue Note	1.03%; 06/01; 12/01	11/28/16	12/01/36	4,732,000
Drinking Water Revenue Note	1.00%; 06/01; 12/01	05/27/21	12/01/40	11,656,000
Drinking Water Revenue Note	2.42%; 06/01; 12/01	06/14/22	12/01/42	42,228,000
Drinking Water Revenue Note	1.94%; 06/01; 12/01	08/09/23	12/01/43	23,381,000
Drinking Water Revenue Note	2.38%; 06/01; 12/01	08/09/24	12/01/44	50,001
Total				<u>\$93,019,001</u>

Regional Water entered into an agreement for a long-term note on August 9, 2024 with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MNPFA), a component unit of the State of Minnesota. This is a reimbursement note; interest accrues only on the aggregate amount of the note which has been disbursed. The note was in the amount of \$29,000,000. The proceeds of the note are for construction costs for the new Water Treatment Plant. The outstanding principal amount of the loan at December 31, 2024, was \$50,001.

d. Other Notes by Issue

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
Grant Anticipation Note	0%	10/21/24	06/30/27	\$333,058

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Note 4. B. Liabilities (continued)

2. Claims and Judgements

Claims and judgments expenses and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. These liabilities include an estimate of claims furnished by the City Attorney's Office and City's Risk Management Division that have been incurred but not reported. At December 31, 2024, the claims and judgments total liability was \$5,428,598.

	01/01/2024	Additions	Deductions	12/31/2024
Claims and Judgements	<u>\$ 4,975,096</u>	<u>\$ 901,238</u>	<u>\$ 447,736</u>	<u>\$ 5,428,598</u>
		Balance 12/31/2024	Less Current Liability	Long-Term Liability
Claims and Judgements		<u>\$ 5,428,598</u>	<u>\$ 796,109</u>	<u>\$ 4,632,489</u>

3. Compensated Absences

At December 31, 2024, the compensated absences total liability was \$2,818,638.

	01/01/2024	Additions	Deductions	12/31/2024
Compensated Absences	<u>\$ 2,745,567*</u>	<u>\$ 73,072**</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,818,639</u>
		Balance 12/31/2024	Less Current Liability	Long-Term Liability
Compensated Absences		<u>\$ 2,818,639</u>	<u>\$ 262,478</u>	<u>\$ 2,556,161</u>

*Beginning balance was restated, see Note 2.D.

** The change in compensated absences is presented as a net change.

4. Subscription Liability

Regional Water contracts various subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) from software vendors. The contract terms vary with each agreement ranging between one to five years. The SBITA liability is calculated based on the interest rate charged on the agreement, if available, or by using the Debt Book incremental borrowing rate calculator. SBITAs under the materiality threshold of \$385,000 and those with a lease term of less than 12 months are excluded from the subscription liability. Agreements excluded from the subscription liability are recognized as operating expenses or included in capital projects in the current reporting period. At December 31, 2024, Regional Water recorded the Advanced Metering Infrastructure pilot project subscription agreement as a liability. The term of the agreement is five years.

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At December 31, 2024 Regional Water recognized \$92,873 in subscription principal expense payment and a subscription liability of \$343,595. Outstanding commitments for this project is \$362,057 at December 31, 2024.

Year Ending December 31	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total
2025	\$ 99,811	\$ 8,795	\$ 108,606
2026	113,206	6,295	119,501
2027	130,578	3,372	133,950
Total	<u>\$ 343,595</u>	<u>\$ 18,462</u>	<u>\$ 362,057</u>

At December 31, 2024, Regional Water reported SBITA implementation in progress for the implementation of a work asset management system. A subscription liability will be recorded once this application is completed.

C. Due From Primary Government

At December 31, 2024, Regional Water reported the following receivable from the City of Saint Paul:

<u>City Fund Title</u>	<u>City Fund Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer Utility	Enterprise Fund	\$105,092

D. Due To Primary Government

At December 31, 2024, Regional Water reported the following payable to the City of Saint Paul:

<u>City Fund Title</u>	<u>City Fund Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer Utility	Enterprise Fund	\$4,184,915

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Note 5. Other Information

A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description

All full-time and certain part-time employees of Regional Water are employees of the City of Saint Paul and are covered by a defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA administers the General Employees Retirement Plan (the General Employees Plan), which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plan. The plan is established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapters 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plan is a tax qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The General Employees Plan (accounted for in the General Employees Fund) has multiple benefit structures with members belonging to the Coordinated Plan, the Basic Plan or the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security and Basic Plan and Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund members are not. The Basic Plan was closed to new members in 1967. The Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund was closed to new members during 1978 and merged into the General Employees Plan in 2015. Regional Water is not required to make any contributions to the Basic Plan or the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund, and no Regional Water employees belong to either the Basic Plan or the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan, for which benefits vest after three years of credited service. Information on the City Employee Pension Plan is contained in the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024.

Benefits Provided

PERA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can be modified only by the state legislature. Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January.

General Employees Plan benefit recipients will receive a post-retirement increase equal to 50 percent of the cost-of-living adjustment announced by the Social Security Administration, with a minimum increase of at least 1.00 percent and maximum of 1.50 percent. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase.

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Note 5. A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)

Benefits Provided (continued)

For recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase.

The benefit provisions stated in the following paragraph of this section are current provisions and apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but are not yet receiving them, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

Benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any 60 consecutive months of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. In the General Employees Plan, two methods are used to compute benefits for Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of a step-rate benefit accrual formula (Method 1) or a level accrual formula (Method 2). Under Method 1, the annuity accrual rate for a Coordinated Plan member is 1.20 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years of service and 1.70 percent of average salary for each remaining year. Under Method 2, the annuity accrual rate is 1.70 percent for Coordinated Plan members for each year of service. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989.

For General Employees Plan members hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90, and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66. Disability benefits are available for vested members and are based on years of service and average high-five salary.

Contributions

Pension benefits are funded from member and employer contributions and income from the investment of fund assets. Rates for employer and employee contributions are set by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353. These statutes are established and amended by the state legislature. General Employees Retirement Plan Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.50 percent of their annual covered salary in 2024.

In 2024, Regional Water was required to contribute 7.50 percent of annual covered salary for General Employees Plan Coordinated Plan members. The employee and employer contribution rates did not change from the previous year.

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Note 5. A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)

Contributions (continued)

Regional Water's contributions for the General Employees Plan for the year ended December 31, 2024, were \$1,593,423. The contributions are equal to the contractually required contributions as set by state statute.

Pension Costs

At December 31, 2024, Regional Water reported a liability of \$8,905,879 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. Regional Water's proportion of the net pension liability was based on Regional Water's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. At June 30, 2024, Regional Water's proportion was 0.2409 percent. It was 0.2382 percent measured as of June 30, 2023. Regional Water recognized pension expense \$879,849 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's pension expense.

The State of Minnesota contributed \$170.1 million to the General Employees Plan in the plan fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This contribution was a one-time direct state aid that does not meet the definition of a special funding situation. Regional Water recognized \$409,753 as revenue, which results in a reduction of the net pension liability, for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's on behalf contributions to the General Employee Plan.

Regional Water also recognized \$6,174 as grant revenue and pension expense for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's contributions to the General Employees Plan, which qualifies as a special funding situation. Legislation requires the State of Minnesota to contribute \$16 million to the General Employees Plan annually until September 15, 2031.

Regional Water's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 8,905,879
State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with Regional Water	<u>230,288</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,136,167</u>

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Note 5. A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)

Pension Costs (continued)

Regional Water reported its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 833,677	\$ -
Changes in actuarial assumptions	42,520	3,342,904
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	2,586,856
Changes in proportion	230,067	-
Contributions paid to PERA subsequent to the measurement date	807,228	-
	<u>\$ 1,913,492</u>	<u>\$ 5,929,760</u>

The \$807,228 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31	Pension Expense Amount
2025	\$ (2,674,128)
2026	(416,993)
2027	(1,049,795)
2028	(682,580)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method and the following additional actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.25 percent per year
Active member payroll growth	3.00 percent per year
Investment rate of return	7.00 percent per year

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Note 5. A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors, and disabilitants in the General Employees Plan were based on Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality table, with slight adjustments. The cost of living benefit increases for retirees are assumed to be 1.25 percent.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024, valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The most recent four-year experience study for the General Employees Plan was completed in 2022. A review of inflation and investment assumptions dated June 29, 2023, was utilized.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00 percent. The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness of the long-term expected rate of return on a regular basis using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equities	33.50%	5.10%
International equities	16.50%	5.30%
Fixed income	25.00%	0.75%
Private markets	25.00%	5.90%
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent in 2024, which remain constant with 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rate specified in statute. Based on that assumption, the fiduciary net position of the General Employees Plan was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Note 5. A. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions and Plan Provisions

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred in 2024:

- Rates of merits and seniority were adjusted, resulting in slightly higher rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were adjusted as follows: increase the rate of assumed unreduced retirements, slight adjustments to Rule of 90 retirement rates, and slight adjustments to early retirement rates for Tier 1 and Tier 2 members.
- Minor increase in assumed withdrawals for males and females.
- Lower rates of disability.
- Continued use of Pub-2010 general mortality table with slight rate adjustments as recommended in the most recent experience study.
- Minor changes to form of payment assumptions for male and female retirees.
- Minor changes to assumptions made with respect to missing participant data.

The following changes in plan provisions occurred in 2024:

- The workers' compensation offset for disability benefits was eliminated. The actuarial equivalent factors updated to reflect the changes in assumptions.

Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents Regional Water's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate previously disclosed, as well as what Regional Water's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.00%)
Proportionate share of the General Employees Retirement Plan net pension liability	\$ 19,451,870	\$ 8,905,879	\$ 230,837

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the internet at www.mnpera.org.

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Note 5. B. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions

Plan Description

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note 5.A., Regional Water, through the City of Saint Paul (City) provides other postemployment health care and life insurance benefits (OPEB) for retired employees through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit plan. The authority to provide these benefits is established in Minnesota Statutes Section 471.61, Subd. 2a. The benefit levels, employee contributions and employer contributions are governed by the City and can be amended by the City through the City's collective bargaining agreements with employee groups. The plan is not accounted for as a trust fund, as an irrevocable trust has not been established to account for the plan. The plan does not issue a separate report.

Benefits Provided

Regional Water provides postemployment health care and life insurance benefits to its retirees. To be eligible for benefits, an employee must be collecting a state retirement pension and have been employed by the City for a minimum of 20 years. This coverage may also extend to the retiree's family. Benefits include general inpatient and outpatient medical services; mental and substance abuse care; vision care; preventative dental; and prescriptions.

Life insurance in the amount of \$5,000 to \$20,000 is provided to some retirees under age 65 (early retirees), depending upon collective bargaining agreements. A few over age 65 retirees have varying amounts of life insurance that had been continued due to disability.

The majority of employee benefit amounts have been capped. The benefit amount varies depending upon employment date and bargaining unit agreement as indicated below:

Health Care Benefit

	<u>Under Age 65 (early retiree)</u>	<u>Over Age 65 (regular retiree)</u>
Employees who retired before January 1, 1996	\$250 per month	100%
Employees hired before January 1, 1996 and retiring after January 1, 1996	\$350 per month	\$550 per month
Employees hired after January 1, 1996	\$300 per month	\$300 per month

This benefit has been discontinued for Tri-Council employees hired after January 1, 1996.

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Note 5. B. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (continued)

Benefits Provided (continued)

Life Insurance Benefit

Retirees are eligible to continue on the City's life insurance program until age 65 in amounts that range from \$5,000 - \$20,000.

No assets have been accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph four of GASB 75. The OPEB plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

As of the December 31, 2022 valuation date, the employees covered by the benefit terms consisted of:

Active employees electing coverage	208
Active employees waiving coverage	12
Retired employees electing coverage	<u>123</u>
Total	<u>343</u>

Total OPEB Liability

Regional Water's total OPEB liability of \$13,995,235 was measured as of December 31, 2023. Regional Water has elected to use the GASB 75 "lookback" method where liabilities are measured as of the prior fiscal year-end, but applied to the current fiscal year. The valuation, measurement, and reporting dates are:

a. Valuation date (census)	December 31, 2022
b. Measurement date (assets and liabilities)	December 31, 2023
c. Measurement period	January 1 to December 31, 2023
d. Reporting date (fiscal year end)	December 31, 2024

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Note 5. B. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (continued)

Total OPEB Liability (continued)

The total OPEB liability in the fiscal year-end December 31, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement unless otherwise specified:

Discount rate	The current discount rate is 3.77%. The discount rate was selected from an index rate for 20-year, tax-exempt municipal bonds. (Fidelity 20-year Municipal GO AA Index)
Inflation rate	2.50%
Mortality	
General Employees	From the July 1, 2023 PERA of Minnesota General Employees Retirement Plan actuarial valuation, mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 mortality tables with projected mortality improvements based on scale MP-2021, and other adjustments.
Police and Fire	From the July 1, 2023 PERA of Minnesota General Employees Retirement Plan actuarial valuation, mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 mortality tables with projected mortality improvements based on scale MP-2021, and other adjustments.
Health care cost trend rate	The health care cost trend rate is 7.6% for FY2023, gradually decreasing over several decades to an ultimate rate of 3.9% in FY2075 and later years.
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal level percent of pay.

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Note 5. B. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

The actuarial assumptions are currently based on a combination of historical data and the most recent actuarial valuation for OPEB as of December 31, 2022:

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
OPEB Liability, January 1, 2024	<u>\$ 14,356,515</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	\$ 309,700
Interest	542,832
Differences between expected and actual experience	26,536
Changes in assumptions	394,627
Benefit payments	(744,020)
Change in Proportion	(890,955)
Net change	<u>\$ (361,280)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 13,995,235</u>

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Note 5. B. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (continued)

OPEB Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the total OPEB liability of Regional Water, calculated using the discount rate previously disclosed, as well as what Regional Water's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.00% point lower or 1.00% point higher than the current discount rate:

	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
1% Decrease	2.77%	\$15,562,247
Current	3.77%	\$13,995,235
1% Increase	4.77%	\$12,662,858

The following presents the total OPEB liability of Regional Water, calculated using the health care cost trend previously disclosed, as well as what Regional Water's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are 1.00% point lower or 1.00% point higher than the current health care cost trend rate:

	<u>Health Care Trend Rate</u>	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
1% Decrease	6.60%	\$12,771,830
Current	7.60%	\$13,995,235
1% Increase	8.60%	\$15,281,060

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

Regional Water reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual liability	\$ 1,447,922	\$ 1,789,710
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,077,181	2,190,632
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,085,376	1,662,461
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	594,537	-
Total	<u>\$ 5,205,016</u>	<u>\$ 5,642,803</u>

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Note 5. B. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (continued)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (continued)

The \$594,537 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of OPEB liability in the year ended December 31, 2025. The remaining amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31</u>	<u>OPEB Expense Amount</u>
2025	\$(123,074)
2026	(176,094)
2027	(169,992)
2028	(280,648)
2029	(232,708)
Thereafter	<u>(49,808)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$(1,032,324)</u></u>

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred in 2024:

- The discount rate was changed from 4.05% to 3.77% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

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C. Risk Management

Regional Water is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or natural disasters. Regional Water utilizes the services of the City Attorney's Office and the City's Risk Management Division to manage its risks. Regional Water is self-insured for general liability obligations and unemployment compensation benefits. Commercial insurance or surety bonds are carried for employee faithful performance, fire and all-risk property coverage, and workers' compensation reinsurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance from the prior year. The amount of settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

A complete audit and actuarial analysis is conducted to ensure proper premium, retention, and administrative charges. The following discloses the change in the balance of the claims liability during fiscal years 2023 and 2024:

	Year Ended <u>12/31/2023</u>	Year Ended <u>12/31/2024</u>
Beginning fiscal year liability	\$7,253,419	\$4,975,096
Current year claims and changes in estimates	(300,411)	901,238
Claim payments	<u>(1,977,912)</u>	<u>(447,736)</u>
End of year liability	<u>\$4,975,096</u>	<u>\$5,428,598</u>

Minnesota Statutes § 466.04 limit Regional Water's financial exposure for tort claims arising from general liability or vehicle liability exposures. The limits are \$300,000 per individual and \$750,000 per accident for any number of claims arising out of a single occurrence for claims arising on or after January 1, 1998, and before January 1, 2000. For claims arising on or after January 1, 2000, and before January 1, 2008, the limit per accident for any number of claims arising out of a single occurrence is \$1,000,000 and \$300,000 per individual. For claims arising on or after January 1, 2008 and before July 1, 2009, the limit per accident for any number of claims arising out of a single occurrence is \$1,200,000 and \$400,000 per individual. For claims arising on or after July 1, 2009, the limit per accident for any number of claims arising out of a single occurrence is \$1,500,000 and \$500,000 per individual. The limits double when the claim arises out of the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance. Regional Water does not carry commercial liability and collision insurance for the vehicles it owns.

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D. Construction and Other Significant Commitments

At December 31, 2024, Regional Water had commitments for the following construction project:

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Remaining Construction Commitments</u>
McCarrons Treatment Plant Construction	<u>\$53,888,405</u>

E. Contingent Liabilities

Regional Water, in connection with the normal conduct of its affairs, is involved in various judgments, claims, and litigations; it is expected that the final settlement of these matters will not materially affect the financial statements of Regional Water.

F. Joint Powers

The Ramsey County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Users Group (Users Group) was established in 1995 by a joint powers agreement among public agencies interested in using GIS and data created and maintained by Ramsey County. The agreement was to enable those parties who are part of the Users Group to be represented by the Users Group for the purposes of undertaking negotiations and transactions with Ramsey County and any other body politic. Joining this group provides Regional Water staff the ability to share costs and information with over 23 cities, school districts, watersheds, utilities and other agencies within Ramsey County. Regional Water became part of the Users Group in January 2006. The current agreement is effective through 2025. Financial information can be obtained from the City of Maplewood located at 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood, Minnesota 55109.

The joint powers agreement between Regional Water, the City of Minneapolis, and the City of Saint Cloud was renewed August 11, 2020, it was created to collaboratively implement the Upper Mississippi River Source Water Protection Project (Project). The parties agree to make cash contributions to the Project of up to \$10,000 annually. The agreement is effective through 2030. The City of Saint Cloud administers all aspects of the Project. Financial information can be obtained from the City of Saint Cloud, 400 Second Street South, Saint Cloud, Minnesota 56301.

A Joint powers agreement between Regional Water, The City of Saint Paul and Saint Paul Public Schools was created to establish Saint Paul Public Schools as the designated provider for print and print related services for City of Saint Paul and Regional Water. The agreement is effective January 1, 2021 through January 1, 2026.

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G. Subsequent Events

On August 12, 2025, the Board of Water Commissioners authorized additional \$28,000,000 in revenue note to be issued in 2025 through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund. The proceeds will fund the McCarron's Treatment Plan Construction. On September 18, 2025, Regional Water issued the \$28,000,000 Water Revenue Note, Series 2025. This a reimbursement note, interest accrues only on the aggregate amount of the note which has been disbursed. The interest rate is 2.547%. Principal and interest payments are due June and December.

In the fall of 2025 Regional Water signed the agreement for the \$11,400,000 Lead Service Line Replacement Grant Anticipation Note Series 2025A. The 2025A LSLR GAN is payable from funds received from proceeds of the 2025 LSLR Grant. The proceeds are intended to be sufficient to repay the full amount of the 2025A LSLR GAN, if Regional Water and the City comply with the requirement of the 2025 LSLR Grant.

In the fall of 2025 Regional Water signed the agreement for the \$180,000 Lead Service Line Replacement Grant Anticipation Note Series 2025B. The 2025B LSLR GAN is payable from funds received from proceeds of the 2025 LSLR Grant. The proceeds are intended to be sufficient to repay the full amount of the 2025B LSLR GAN, if Regional Water and the City comply with the requirement of the 2025 LSLR Grant.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Schedule 1

**Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
PERA General Employees Retirement Plan*
Last Ten Years**

Fiscal Year Ending	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/Asset	Employer's Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	Covered Payroll** (b)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (a/b)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the City of Saint Paul (Asset) (c)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the State's Related Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a+c)
June 30, 2015	0.2403%	\$12,451,952	\$14,126,414	88.15%	78.19%	N/A	\$12,451,952
June 30, 2016	0.2410%	19,343,663	14,941,525	129.46%	68.91%	255,613	19,599,276
June 30, 2017	0.2419%	15,439,693	15,569,391	99.17%	75.90%	194,141	15,633,834
June 30, 2018	0.2389%	13,254,123	16,059,160	82.53%	79.53%	434,744	13,688,867
June 30, 2019	0.2346%	12,970,841	16,601,488	78.13%	80.20%	403,136	13,373,977
June 30, 2020	0.2418%	14,499,360	17,247,170	84.07%	79.06%	447,109	14,946,469
June 30, 2021	0.2343%	10,009,130	16,857,526	59.37%	87.00%	305,653	10,314,783
June 30, 2022	0.2356%	18,657,325	17,644,343	105.74%	76.67%	546,969	19,204,294
June 30, 2023	0.2382%	13,318,552	18,940,184	70.32%	83.10%	367,136	13,685,688
June 30, 2024	0.2409%	8,905,879	20,589,684	43.25%	89.10%	230,288	9,136,167

*For Information regarding the pension plan see Note 5.A. on pages 41-46.

**For purposes of this schedule, covered payroll is defined as "pensionable wages."

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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Schedule 2

**Schedule of Pension Contributions
PERA General Employees Retirement Plan*
Last Ten Years**

Fiscal Year Ending	Statutorily Required Contributions (a)	Actual Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	Covered Payroll** (d)	Actual Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/d)
December 31, 2015	\$1,069,877	\$1,069,877	\$ -	\$14,265,031	7.50%
December 31, 2016	1,145,685	1,145,685	-	15,275,800	7.50%
December 31, 2017	1,184,859	1,184,859	-	15,798,124	7.50%
December 31, 2018	1,219,883	1,219,883	-	16,265,107	7.50%
December 31, 2019	1,268,599	1,268,599	-	16,914,659	7.50%
December 31, 2020	1,336,785	1,336,785	-	17,823,800	7.50%
December 31, 2021	1,279,967	1,279,967	-	17,066,229	7.50%
December 31, 2022	1,355,335	1,355,335	-	18,071,135	7.50%
December 31, 2023	1,446,999	1,446,999	-	19,293,324	7.50%
December 31, 2024	1,593,423	1,593,423	-	21,245,643	7.50%

*For Information regarding the pension plan see Note 5.A. on pages 41-46.

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Schedule 3

**Schedule of Changes in Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios*
Last Ten Years****

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total OPEB Liability					
Service cost	\$ 309,700	\$ 467,102	\$ 455,254	\$ 454,794	\$ 272,303
Interest	542,832	292,107	320,128	527,686	491,365
Differences between expected and actual experience	26,536	1,913,427	193,523	(4,814,069)	(11,341)
Changes of assumption or other inputs	394,627	(3,358,993)	311,381	329,215	1,503,670
Benefit payments	(744,020)	(731,014)	(869,662)	(936,791)	(663,908)
Change in Proportion	(890,955)	(622,700)	1,214,673	4,314,075	(1,259,204)
Net change in total OPEB liability	\$ (361,280)	\$ (2,040,071)	\$ 1,625,297	\$ (125,090)	\$ 332,885
Total OPEB Liability – Beginning, as restated	14,356,515	16,396,586	14,771,289	14,896,379	14,563,494
Total OPEB Liability – Ending	\$ 13,995,235	\$14,356,515	\$16,396,586	\$14,771,289	\$14,896,379
Covered Payroll***	\$ 20,334,831	\$18,025,983	\$17,182,724	\$17,368,816	\$15,963,694
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	68.82%	79.64%	95.42%	85.04%	93.31%
	2019	2018			
Total OPEB Liability					
Service cost	\$ 315,981	\$ 286,706			
Interest	439,894	505,484			
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,404,413	-			
Changes of assumption or other inputs	(254,483)	803,838			
Benefit payments	(632,548)	-			
Change in Proportion	(942,542)	(687,667)			
Net change in total OPEB liability	\$ 330,715	\$ 908,361			
Total OPEB Liability – Beginning, as restated	14,232,779	13,324,418			
Total OPEB Liability – Ending	\$ 14,563,494	\$14,232,779			
Covered Payroll***	\$ 15,597,740	\$12,836,507			
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	93.37%	110.88%			

*For Information regarding the plan see Note 5.B. on pages 47-52.

**This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

***For purposes of this schedule, covered employee payroll is defined as "OPEB eligible payroll".

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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Note 1. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

A. Changes in Significant Plan Provisions, Actuarial Methods, and Assumptions

The following changes were reflected in the valuation performed on behalf of the Public Employees Retirement Association for the year ended June 30:

General Employees Retirement Plan

2024

- Rates of merit and seniority were adjusted, resulting in slightly higher rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were adjusted as follows: increase the rate of assumed unreduced retirements, slight adjustments to Rule of 90 retirement rates, and slight adjustments to early retirement rates for Tier 1 and Tier 2 members.
- Minor increase in assumed withdrawals for males and females.
- Lower rates of disability.
- Continued use of Pub-2010 general mortality table with slight rate adjustments as recommended in the most recent experience study.
- Minor changes to form of payment assumptions for male and female retirees.
- Minor changes to assumptions made with respect to missing participant data.
- The workers' compensation offset for disability benefits was eliminated. The actuarial equivalent factors updated to reflect the changes in assumptions.

2023

- The investment return assumption and single discount rate was changed from 6.50% to 7.00%.
- An additional on-time direct state aid contribution of \$170.1 million will be contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.
- The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service.
- The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated.
- A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.50% minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

2022

- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2020 to Scale MP-2021

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General Employees Retirement Plan (continued)

2021

- The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50% to 6.50%.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.

2020

- The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50% to 2.25%.
- The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25% less than previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements.
- Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years two to five and slightly higher thereafter.
- Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 Disabled Annuitant Mortality table to the Pub-2010 General/Teacher Disabled Retiree Mortality table, with adjustments.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019.
- The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older.
- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100% Joint and Survivor option changed from 35% to 45%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint and Survivor option changed from 15% to 30%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.
- Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.00% for the period July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023, and 0.00% thereafter. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

2019

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.

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General Employees Retirement Plan (continued)

2018

- The mortality projection (MP) scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017.
- The assumed benefit rate increase was changed from 1.00% per year through 2044 and 2.50% per year thereafter, to 1.25% per year.
- The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024.
- Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00% to 3.00%, beginning July 1, 2018.
- Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.00%, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply.
- Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed.
- Post-retirement benefit increases were changed from 1.00% per year with a provision to increase to 2.50% upon attainment of 90% funding to 50% of the Social Security cost of living adjustment, not less than 1.00% and not more than 1.50%, beginning January 1, 2019.
- For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches normal retirement age; does not apply to the Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors.
- Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

2017

- The Combined Service Annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.80% for active members and 60% for vested and non-vested deferred members (30% for deferred Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund members). The revised CSA loads are now 0.00% for active member liability, 15.00% for vested deferred member liability, and 3.00% for non-vested deferred member liability.
- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00% per year for all years to 1.00% per year through 2044 and 2.50% per year thereafter.
- Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund plan provisions change the employer supplemental contribution to \$21,000,000 in calendar years 2017 and 2018 and returns to \$31,000,000 through calendar year 2031. The state's required contribution is \$16,000,000 in PERA's fiscal years 2018 and 2019 and returns to \$6,000,000 annually through calendar year 2031.

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General Employees Retirement Plan (continued)

2016

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00% per year through 2035 and 2.50% per year thereafter, to 1.00% for all future years.
- The assumed investment rate was changed from 7.90% to 7.50%. The single discount rate was also changed from 7.90% to 7.50%.
- Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed payroll growth and inflation were decreased by 0.25%. Payroll growth was reduced from 3.50% to 3.25%. Inflation was reduced from 2.75% to 2.50%.

Note 2. Other Postemployment Benefits Plan

In 2018, Regional Water implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. See Note 5.B. in the notes to the financial statements for additional information regarding Regional Water's other postemployment benefits.

A. Employer Contributions to Postemployment Benefits Plan

Assets have not been accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph four of the GASB Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

B. Changes Affecting the Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability

The following changes in the actuarial assumptions occurred:

2024

- The discount rate was changed from 4.05% to 3.77% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

2023

- The discount rate was changed from 1.84% to 4.05% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.
- Healthcare trend rates were reset to reflect updated cost increase expectations.
- Medical per capital claims costs were updated to reflect recent experiences.
- Mortality rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2021 PERA General Employees Plan to the rates used in the 7/1/2023 valuations.
- The general inflation assumption was changed from 2.25% to 2.50% based on an updated historical analysis of inflation rates and forward-looking market expectations.
- The payroll growth assumption was changed from 3.00% to 3.25% due to an update in the underlying inflation assumption.

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B. Changes Affecting the Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability (continued)

2022

- The discount rate was changed from 2.00% to 1.84% based on the 20-year municipal bond rates as of 12/31/2021.

2021

- The discount rate was changed from 2.75% to 2.00% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.
- Healthcare trend rate was reset to reflect updated cost increase expectations.
- Medical per capital claims costs were updated to reflect recent experience.
- Withdrawal, retirement, mortality, disability, and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2019 PERA General Employees Plan valuations to the rates used in the 7/1/2021 valuations.
- The inflation assumption was changed from 2.50% to 2.25% based on an updated historical analysis of inflation rates and forward-looking market expectations.
- The percent of future non-Medicare eligible retirees electing each medical plan changed to reflect recent plan experience.

2020

- The discount rate was changed from 3.71% to 2.75% based on updated 20-year municipal bond rates.

2019

- The discount rate was changed from 3.31% to 3.71% based on 20-year municipal bond rates.
- Healthcare trend rates were reset to reflect updated cost increase expectations, including the repeal of the Affordable Care Act's Excise Tax on high-cost health insurance plans.
- Medical per capita claims costs were updated to reflect recent experience.
- Withdrawal, retirement, mortality, and salary increase rates were updated from the rates used in the 7/1/2016 PERA General Employees Retirement Plan and 7/1/2016 PERA Public Employees Police & Fire Plan valuations to the rates used in the 7/1/2019 valuations.
- The percent of future Medicare eligible retirees electing each medical plan changed to reflect recent plan experience and new plan offerings. (Health Partners Retiree National Choice Plan at 90% and Journey Plan at 10%).
- The inflation assumption was changed from 2.75% to 2.50% based on updated historical analysis of inflation rates and forward-looking market expectations.

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B. Changes Affecting the Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability (continued)

2018

- The discount rate used changed from 3.81% to 3.31%.
- Regional Water has elected to use the GASB 75 “lookback” method where assets and liabilities are measured as of the prior fiscal year end but applied to the current fiscal year.
- The amortization method changed from amortizing the entire Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as a level dollar amount over a 30-year open period to straight-line amortization over a closed 5-year period for Investment Gains and Losses and over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all members that are provided with OPEB through the plan.
- Regional Water is considered a cost-sharing multiple employer plan under GASB 75 rules. GASB 75 mandated that the plan’s costs are calculated for the entire plan and then allocated proportionately to each participating employer (City of Saint Paul and Regional Water).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
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Schedule 4

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Program or Cluster Title	Federal ALN Number	Pass-Through Grant Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of the Treasury Passed through City of St. Paul COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	SLFRP1612	<u>\$4,138,089</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Passed through Minnesota Public Facilities Authority			
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	66.468	MPFA-DWRF- G-064-FY22	\$250,000
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	66.468	MPFA-DWRF- L-042-FY21	\$20,520
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	66.468	MPFA-DWRF- L-073-FY24	\$50,001
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	66.468	MPFA-LSLF- L-046-FY25	\$333,057
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	66.468	MPFA-LSLF- G-046-FY25	<u>\$701,842</u>
Total U.S Environmental Protection Agency			<u>\$1,355,420</u>
Total Federal Awards			<u>\$5,493,509</u>

Regional Water did not pass any federal awards through to subrecipients for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of this schedule.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activities of federal award programs expended by the Saint Paul Regional Water Services (Regional Water), a discretely presented component unit of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota. Regional Water's reporting entity is defined in Note 2.A. to the basic financial statements.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Regional Water under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Regional Water, it is not intended to and does not present the net position, changes in net position, or cash flows of Regional Water.

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the full accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 2. De Minimus Cost Rate

Regional Water has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimus indirect cost rate nor the 15 percent de minimus indirect cost rate, as applicable, under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 3. Reconciliation of Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards to Actual Reimbursements

The Saint Paul Regional Water Services had federal expenses under five federal awards in 2024. The first federal award is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF), of \$16,000,000 for lead pipe replacement. A subrecipient agreement signed and dated May 24, 2022, between the Saint Paul Regional Water Services and the City of Saint Paul with an initial award of \$4,000,000 was amended twice. The first amendment was effective on February 9, 2023, with an additional \$10,500,000 and the second amendment was effective on August 23, 2023, with an additional \$1,500,000. A total of \$4,138,089. was expended during fiscal year 2024, and the unexpended balance carried forward to fiscal year 2025 is \$699,246.

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Note 3. Reconciliation of Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards to Actual Reimbursements (Continued)

The second federal award is a Principal Forgiveness Grant of \$250,000 passed through the MNPFA for lead service lines replacement. The Principal Forgiveness Grant is not required to be repaid with the Saint Paul Regional Water Services' adherence to the terms of the agreement date June 24, 2022. Reimbursement during fiscal year 2024 totaled \$250,000 for expenses incurred.

The third and fourth awards are Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, which are passed through the MNPFA, a component unit of the State of Minnesota. These awards are in the form of Drinking Water Notes Payable secured by Net Revenues of the Saint Paul Regional Water Services repaid over 20-year periods. Reimbursement during fiscal year 2024 totaled \$70,521 for expenses incurred.

The last federal award is the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR). Funds are passed through the MNPFA and are provided as combination of grant and grant anticipation note. SPRWS secured funding of \$15,000,000 in 2023. The grant portion was \$7,500,000 and the note portion was \$7,500,000. The agreements and closing on the note were executed in fall of 2024. Reimbursement during fiscal 2024 totaled \$1,034,899 for expenses incurred.