

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [ ] a multiemployer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE... B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report... [X] an amended return/report [ ] a short plan year return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... [ ] D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] the DFVC program... [ ] special extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here... [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2019
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 82-4649867
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 503-226-4211
2d Business code (see instructions): 237100

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name JUSTIN PALFREYMAN/FRANK BURKHA <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	188
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	168
	<b>6a(2)</b>	174
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	15
	<b>6d</b>	189
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	189
	<b>6g(1)</b>	173
	<b>6g(2)</b>	183
<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3H

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

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**11a** If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

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**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUST</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>82-4649867</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....  Yes  No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

<b>PAYCHEX SECURITIES CORPORATION</b>	<b>225 KENNETH DRIVE ROCHESTER, NY 14623</b>
<b>16-1486352</b>	

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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237 S. WESTMONTE AVE  
STE 30  
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714

26-4477125

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	9844	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26	ADVISOR	14924	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

**4** Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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Explanation:

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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	13870	10778
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	56672	87846
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	0	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	2293337	3321771
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>	0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	2363879	3420395
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	2363879	3420395

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	402762	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	690209	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	28863	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		1121834
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	659	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	3626	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		4285
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	83508	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		83508
(3) Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		267105
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		1476732

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	392064	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		392064
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		0
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>	11918	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	0	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	16234	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>	0	
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		28152
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		420216

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		1056516
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1)  Unmodified (2)  Qualified (3)  Disclaimer (4)  Adverse

**b** Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1)  DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2)  DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3)  neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

**c** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **ALDRICH CPAS AND ADVISORS LLP**

(2) EIN: **93-0623286**

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2)  It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		2000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> PN(s)

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUST</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>82-4649867</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

**1** Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... 

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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 27-3169253

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

**3** Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year..... 

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

**5** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
**If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	<b>6c</b>	

**If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.**

**7** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....  Yes  No  N/A

**8** If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....  Yes  No  N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**9** If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....  Increase  Decrease  Both  No

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....  Yes  No

**11 a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....  Yes  No

**b** If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....  Yes  No

**12** Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....  Yes  No

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

<b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14a</b>	
<b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14b</b>	
<b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14c</b>	

**15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

**16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	<b>16b</b>	

**17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment .....

**Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment .....

**19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:  
 Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%  
 High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:  
 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-15 years  15 years or more

**20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

**a** Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero?  Yes  No

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:  
 Yes.  
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. Other. Provide explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**21a** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?  Yes  No

**21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).  
 Design-based safe harbor method  
 "Prior year" ADP test  
 "Current year" ADP test  
 N/A

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 08 / 31 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704150A.

# NW Natural Water Company LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled)



# NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

## Financial Statements with Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled)

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Governance  
NW Natural Water Company LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust  
Portland, Oregon

### Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the 2024 financial statements of NW Natural Water Company LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the 2024 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the 2024 financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, CONTINUED

### Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 2024 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 2024 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the 2024 financial statements.

In preparing the 2024 financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 2024 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 it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2024 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, CONTINUED

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements, continued

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

### 2024 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. 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 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### Report on the Compiled 2023 Financial Statement

Plan management is responsible for the accompanying 2023 financial statement of the Plan, which comprises the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the 2023 financial statement, nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by Plan management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the 2023 financial statement.

*Aldrich CPAs + Advisors LLP*

Lake Oswego, Oregon  
October 15, 2025

# NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

## Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled)

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	2024 (Audited)	2023 (Compiled)
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Investments, at fair value	\$ 3,332,549	\$ 2,307,207
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Employer contribution	16,122	13,959
Notes receivable from participants	<u>87,846</u>	<u>56,672</u>
Total Receivables	<u>129,443</u>	<u>95,577</u>
Total Assets	<u>3,461,992</u>	<u>2,402,784</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 3,461,992</u>	<u>\$ 2,402,784</u>

## NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Audited)

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Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$	267,105
Interest and dividends		<u>84,167</u>

Total Investment Income 351,272

Interest on notes receivable from participants 3,626

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Change in Net Assets 1,059,208

Net Assets Available for Benefits at Beginning of Year 2,402,784

Net Assets Available for Benefits at End of Year \$ 3,461,992

# NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled)

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### Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the NW Natural Water Company LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of NW Natural Water Company LLC (the Company) and its participating subsidiaries: NW Natural Water Services LLC; T&W Water Service Company; NW Natural Water of Oregon LLC; NW Natural Water of Arizona LLC; NW Natural Water of Idaho LLC; and NW Natural Water of Washington LLC. The Plan provides participants with a salary deferral option pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan engages Mid Atlantic Trust Company (the Custodian) to hold and invest Plan assets and execute Plan transactions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

The Plan is a Qualified Automatic Contribution Arrangement (QACA) safe harbor plan, which exempts the Plan from anti-discrimination requirements on accounts of highly compensated employees, while mandating that the Company make minimum contributions to all participant accounts making elective contributions.

#### Contributions

Each year, participants may elect to contribute up to 92% of pretax and after-tax compensation, subject to limits of the tax law as defined in the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Plan has an automatic enrollment feature whereby a participant who meets the eligibility requirements of the Plan will have 3% of their pay withheld, unless the participant affirmatively elects to defer a smaller or larger percentage. Under the provisions of automatic enrollment, a participant's initial contribution level of 3% will increase by 1% for each subsequent year of participation up to a maximum of 6% of eligible compensation. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participant contributions are made through payroll deductions.

The Company has elected to make QACA safe harbor matching contributions equal to 100% on the first 3% of eligible earnings that a participant defers and an additional 50% on the next 2% of eligible earnings that the participant defers. The Company made safe harbor matching contributions of \$404,925 for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Company may provide a discretionary profit-sharing contribution, which is allocated in accordance with the Plan document provisions. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company did not contribute any discretionary profit-sharing contributions.

#### Investment Elections

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants have the opportunity to change their investment combinations on a daily basis.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution and (b) Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are made in a manner which recognizes each participant's account balance, investment selection, and timing of contributions and withdrawals. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions, QACA safe harbor match, and profit sharing contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

# NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

## Notes to Financial Statements

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### Note 1 - Description of the Plan, continued

#### Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years, or up to 10 years for the purchase of a principal residence. Principal and interest is paid ratably through biweekly payroll deductions. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with rates charged by commercial lenders for loans made under similar circumstances. The interest rates ranged from 4.25% to 9.50% for the year ended December 31, 2024.

#### Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to any reason, participants with vested account balances of less than \$7,000 receive an automatic cash distribution paid in lump sum. Participants with vested account balances of \$7,000 or more may elect to receive a single lump-sum amount or choose to roll over their balance into another qualified retirement plan or individual retirement account (IRA).

### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Investments Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

#### Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based on the terms of the Plan document.

#### Payments of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

# NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

## Notes to Financial Statements

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### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Administrative Expenses

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. The Plan permits the payment of Plan expenses to be made from the Plan's assets. Fees are charged to participants on a pro rata basis, equally to participant accounts, or specifically to a participant account for transactions specifically related to that participant.

#### Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

#### Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

### Note 3 - Information Certified by Custodian

The Plan's investments are held by Mid Atlantic Trust Company, the Custodian of the Plan. Investment decisions are made at the direction of the participants. The investments are credited for earnings thereon and charged for withdrawals and expenses as charged by the Custodian. The Plan Administrator has obtained a certification from the Custodian as of December 31, 2024, and for the year then ended, that the following information provided to the Plan Administrator by the Custodian is complete and accurate:

- Investments, at fair value
- Net appreciation in fair value of investments
- Interest and dividends

### Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities required to be recorded at fair value, the Plan considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact and considers assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, such as inherent risk, transfer restrictions, and risk of nonperformance.

The Plan follows a fair value hierarchy to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. A financial instrument's categorization within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Three levels of input may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

## NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled)

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#### Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements, continued

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

*Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds):* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. Mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Interest-bearing cash:* Valued at the closing balance plus accrued interest.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value:

	Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024 (Audited)			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 3,321,771	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,321,771
Interest-bearing cash	10,778	-	-	10,778
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 3,332,549</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,332,549</u>

	Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023 (Compiled)			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 2,293,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,293,337
Interest-bearing cash	13,870	-	-	13,870
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 2,307,207</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,307,207</u>

#### Note 5 - Plan Termination

NW Natural Water Company LLC has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts. See Note 9, Subsequent Events.

#### Note 6 - Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined by an opinion letter dated August 31, 2020, that the Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan with CODA sponsored by Paychex Inc., which has been adopted by the Plan, is acceptable pursuant to Section 401 of the IRC and in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has not requested its own determination letter from the IRS. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

**NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**Note 6 - Tax Status, continued**

U.S. GAAP require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**Note 7 - Party-in-Interest Transactions**

Paychex Retirement Services provides third-party administration services to the Plan; 401(k) Generation, Inc. provides investment advisory services to the Plan; and Mid Atlantic Trust Company provides custodian services to the Plan. Transactions with these entities qualify as party-in-interest transactions and are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules under ERISA.

**Note 8 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500**

Net assets on the Form 5500 are reported on the modified cash basis. The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024 (Audited)</u>	<u>2023 (Compiled)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 3,461,992	\$ 2,402,784
Less: Participant contributions receivable	(25,475)	(24,946)
Less: Employer contributions receivable	<u>(16,122)</u>	<u>(13,959)</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 3,420,395</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,879</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net income per the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 1,059,208
Add: Prior year contributions receivable	38,905
Less: Current year contributions receivable	<u>(41,597)</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,056,516</u>

**Note 9 - Subsequent Events**

Subsequent to year-end, the Company decided to transfer all Plan assets to another qualified retirement plan maintained by their parent company. The asset transfer is scheduled to take place by December 31, 2025, however no such transfer has taken place as of the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

# NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

EIN: 82-4649867 Plan: 001

## Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, and par or maturity value	(d)** Cost	(e) Current value
<b>Registered Investment Companies:</b>				
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2050 Fund Class K Shares	-	\$ 570,021
	iShares	S&P 500 Index K	-	545,667
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2040 Fund Class K Shares	-	475,497
	BlackRock	LifePath Index Retirement Fund Class K Shares	-	445,121
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2055 Fund Class K Shares	-	286,217
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2035 Fund Class K Shares	-	270,429
	American Funds	New Perspective Fund Class R-6	-	157,714
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2060 Fund Class K Shares	-	144,708
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2030 Fund Class K Shares	-	142,130
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2065 Fund Class K Shares	-	140,279
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2045 Fund Class K Shares	-	90,912
	Columbia Threadneedle	Small Cap Index Fund Institutional 2 Class	-	27,789
	TCW	MetWest Total Return Bond Fund Plan Class	-	11,720
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2055 Fund	-	7,268
	iShares	U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Fund Class K	-	6,299
<b>Interest-Bearing Cash</b>				
	T. Rowe Price	U.S. Treasury Money Fund	-	10,778
<b>Notes Receivable from Participants:</b>				
	* Participant Loans	Interest rates from 4.25% to 9.50% and maturities ranging from April 2025 to November 2027	-	87,846

\* Designates a party-in-interest to the Plan

\*\* Cost information is omitted for participant-directed investments

# NW Natural Water Company LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled)



# NW NATURAL WATER COMPANY LLC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

## Financial Statements with Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2024 (Audited) and 2023 (Compiled)

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Governance  
NW Natural Water Company LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust  
Portland, Oregon

### Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the 2024 financial statements of NW Natural Water Company LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the 2024 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the 2024 financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, CONTINUED

### Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 2024 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 2024 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the 2024 financial statements.

In preparing the 2024 financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 2024 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 it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2024 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, CONTINUED

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements, continued

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

### 2024 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. 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 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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Plan management is responsible for the accompanying 2023 financial statement of the Plan, which comprises the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the 2023 financial statement, nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by Plan management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the 2023 financial statement.

*Aldrich CPAs + Advisors LLP*

Lake Oswego, Oregon  
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The following description of the NW Natural Water Company LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of NW Natural Water Company LLC (the Company) and its participating subsidiaries: NW Natural Water Services LLC; T&W Water Service Company; NW Natural Water of Oregon LLC; NW Natural Water of Arizona LLC; NW Natural Water of Idaho LLC; and NW Natural Water of Washington LLC. The Plan provides participants with a salary deferral option pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan engages Mid Atlantic Trust Company (the Custodian) to hold and invest Plan assets and execute Plan transactions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

The Plan is a Qualified Automatic Contribution Arrangement (QACA) safe harbor plan, which exempts the Plan from anti-discrimination requirements on accounts of highly compensated employees, while mandating that the Company make minimum contributions to all participant accounts making elective contributions.

#### Contributions

Each year, participants may elect to contribute up to 92% of pretax and after-tax compensation, subject to limits of the tax law as defined in the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Plan has an automatic enrollment feature whereby a participant who meets the eligibility requirements of the Plan will have 3% of their pay withheld, unless the participant affirmatively elects to defer a smaller or larger percentage. Under the provisions of automatic enrollment, a participant's initial contribution level of 3% will increase by 1% for each subsequent year of participation up to a maximum of 6% of eligible compensation. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participant contributions are made through payroll deductions.

The Company has elected to make QACA safe harbor matching contributions equal to 100% on the first 3% of eligible earnings that a participant defers and an additional 50% on the next 2% of eligible earnings that the participant defers. The Company made safe harbor matching contributions of \$404,925 for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Company may provide a discretionary profit-sharing contribution, which is allocated in accordance with the Plan document provisions. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company did not contribute any discretionary profit-sharing contributions.

#### Investment Elections

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants have the opportunity to change their investment combinations on a daily basis.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution and (b) Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are made in a manner which recognizes each participant's account balance, investment selection, and timing of contributions and withdrawals. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions, QACA safe harbor match, and profit sharing contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

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### Note 1 - Description of the Plan, continued

#### Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years, or up to 10 years for the purchase of a principal residence. Principal and interest is paid ratably through biweekly payroll deductions. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with rates charged by commercial lenders for loans made under similar circumstances. The interest rates ranged from 4.25% to 9.50% for the year ended December 31, 2024.

#### Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to any reason, participants with vested account balances of less than \$7,000 receive an automatic cash distribution paid in lump sum. Participants with vested account balances of \$7,000 or more may elect to receive a single lump-sum amount or choose to roll over their balance into another qualified retirement plan or individual retirement account (IRA).

### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Investments Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

#### Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based on the terms of the Plan document.

#### Payments of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

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### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Administrative Expenses

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. The Plan permits the payment of Plan expenses to be made from the Plan's assets. Fees are charged to participants on a pro rata basis, equally to participant accounts, or specifically to a participant account for transactions specifically related to that participant.

#### Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

#### Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 15, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

### Note 3 - Information Certified by Custodian

The Plan's investments are held by Mid Atlantic Trust Company, the Custodian of the Plan. Investment decisions are made at the direction of the participants. The investments are credited for earnings thereon and charged for withdrawals and expenses as charged by the Custodian. The Plan Administrator has obtained a certification from the Custodian as of December 31, 2024, and for the year then ended, that the following information provided to the Plan Administrator by the Custodian is complete and accurate:

- Investments, at fair value
- Net appreciation in fair value of investments
- Interest and dividends

### Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities required to be recorded at fair value, the Plan considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact and considers assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, such as inherent risk, transfer restrictions, and risk of nonperformance.

The Plan follows a fair value hierarchy to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. A financial instrument's categorization within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Three levels of input may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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#### Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements, continued

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

*Registered Investment Companies (Mutual Funds):* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. Mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Interest-bearing cash:* Valued at the closing balance plus accrued interest.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value:

	Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024 (Audited)			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 3,321,771	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,321,771
Interest-bearing cash	10,778	-	-	10,778
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 3,332,549</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,332,549</u>

	Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023 (Compiled)			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 2,293,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,293,337
Interest-bearing cash	13,870	-	-	13,870
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 2,307,207</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,307,207</u>

#### Note 5 - Plan Termination

NW Natural Water Company LLC has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts. See Note 9, Subsequent Events.

#### Note 6 - Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined by an opinion letter dated August 31, 2020, that the Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan with CODA sponsored by Paychex Inc., which has been adopted by the Plan, is acceptable pursuant to Section 401 of the IRC and in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has not requested its own determination letter from the IRS. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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**Note 6 - Tax Status, continued**

U.S. GAAP require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**Note 7 - Party-in-Interest Transactions**

Paychex Retirement Services provides third-party administration services to the Plan; 401(k) Generation, Inc. provides investment advisory services to the Plan; and Mid Atlantic Trust Company provides custodian services to the Plan. Transactions with these entities qualify as party-in-interest transactions and are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules under ERISA.

**Note 8 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500**

Net assets on the Form 5500 are reported on the modified cash basis. The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024 (Audited)</u>	<u>2023 (Compiled)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 3,461,992	\$ 2,402,784
Less: Participant contributions receivable	(25,475)	(24,946)
Less: Employer contributions receivable	<u>(16,122)</u>	<u>(13,959)</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 3,420,395</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,879</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net income per the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 1,059,208
Add: Prior year contributions receivable	38,905
Less: Current year contributions receivable	<u>(41,597)</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,056,516</u>

**Note 9 - Subsequent Events**

Subsequent to year-end, the Company decided to transfer all Plan assets to another qualified retirement plan maintained by their parent company. The asset transfer is scheduled to take place by December 31, 2025, however no such transfer has taken place as of the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

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## Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

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(a)	(b) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, and par or maturity value	(d)** Cost	(e) Current value
<b>Registered Investment Companies:</b>				
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2050 Fund Class K Shares	-	\$ 570,021
	iShares	S&P 500 Index K	-	545,667
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2040 Fund Class K Shares	-	475,497
	BlackRock	LifePath Index Retirement Fund Class K Shares	-	445,121
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2055 Fund Class K Shares	-	286,217
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2035 Fund Class K Shares	-	270,429
	American Funds	New Perspective Fund Class R-6	-	157,714
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2060 Fund Class K Shares	-	144,708
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2030 Fund Class K Shares	-	142,130
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2065 Fund Class K Shares	-	140,279
	BlackRock	LifePath Index 2045 Fund Class K Shares	-	90,912
	Columbia Threadneedle	Small Cap Index Fund Institutional 2 Class	-	27,789
	TCW	MetWest Total Return Bond Fund Plan Class	-	11,720
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2055 Fund	-	7,268
	iShares	U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Fund Class K	-	6,299
<b>Interest-Bearing Cash</b>				
	T. Rowe Price	U.S. Treasury Money Fund	-	10,778
<b>Notes Receivable from Participants:</b>				
	* Participant Loans	Interest rates from 4.25% to 9.50% and maturities ranging from April 2025 to November 2027	-	87,846

\* Designates a party-in-interest to the Plan

\*\* Cost information is omitted for participant-directed investments