Cumberland County Water District Burkesville, Kentucky

Independent Auditors' Report And Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Commissioners Cumberland County Water District Burkesville, Kentucky

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Cumberland County Water District (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

## Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of Cumberland County Water District, as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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## **Other Matters**

## Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 29, 2018 on our consideration of Cumberland County Water District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Cumberland County Water District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Christian Sturgeon + Associates, PSC

Christian Sturgeon & Associates, PSC London, Kentucky

March 29, 2018

## Cumberland County Water District Statements of Net Position December 31, 2017 and 2016

Assets	<u>2017</u>			
Current Assets Cash and cash equivalents Receivable, less allowance for doubtful	\$	137,763	\$	143,091
accounts of \$56,055 and \$52,415, respectively Unbilled accounts receivable Inventories		90,501 54,120		89,847 43,320
Prepaid expenses		21,620 8,000		26,610 6,968
Total Current Assets		312,004		309,836
Noncurrent Assets Restricted Assets				
Customer deposits  Depreciation reserves		10,084 218,663		20,074 163,543
Debt and interest funds		358,329		292,635
Total Restricted Assets		587,076		476,252
Capital Assets  Land and improvements		55,313		55,313
Buildings and improvements		204,437		204,437
Equipment Other water system assets		328,770 9,491,293		328,770 9,491,293
Transportation		298,973		265,325
Office furniture and equipment  Less: accumulated depreciation	(	62,445 (3,624,756)	(	62,445 (3,319,015)
Net Capital Assets		6,816,475		7,088,568
Total Noncurrent Assets		7,403,551		7,564,820
Total Assets	\$	7,715,555	\$	7,874,656

## Cumberland County Water District Statements of Net Position (Continued) December 31, 2017 and 2016

Liabilities	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 149,805	\$ 103,600
Accounts payable	62,838	57,884
Accrued interest payable	79,084	81,939
Accrued salaries and taxes payable	18,262	29,586
Customer deposits	31,055	28,430
Other liabilities	57,000	
Total Current Liabilities	398,044	301,439
Noncurrent Assets		
Construction loan	846,305	887,600
Long-term debt, less current portion		
included in current liabilities	3,228,095	3,377,900
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	4,074,400	4,265,500
Total Liabilities	4,472,444	4,566,939
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	2,592,270	2,719,468
Restricted	587,076	476,252
Unrestricted	63,765	111,997
Total Net Position	\$ 3,243,111	\$ 3,307,717

# Cumberland County Water District Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

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Operating Revenues Water sales	ф	1 260 E74	Φ	1 200 720
	\$	1,269,574	\$	1,288,739
Service charges Other revenues		18,479 42,356		18,799
Other revenues		42,330		57,602
Total Operating Revenues		1,330,409		1,365,140
Operating Expenses				
Salaries and wages		261,732		247,858
Employee benefits		70,349		69,391
Purchased water		362,861		366,296
Utilities		40,330		41,154
Materials and supplies		80,428		55,970
Contracted services		38,569		35,678
Vehicle and equipment expenses		20,093		19,656
Insurance		21,900		18,346
Office expenses		41,408		43,462
Directors fees		9,725		8,375
Bad debt expense, net of recoveries		3,640		4,615
Depreciation		305,741		273,961
Other operating expenses		8,998		11,246
Total Operating Expenses		1,265,774		1,196,008
Operating Income		64,635		169,132
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)				
Interest income		2,960		2,128
Grant revenue		_,000		214,875
Interest expense		(132,201)		(135,246)
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)		(129,241)		81,757
Change in Not Regition		(64,606)		250 000
Change in Net Position		(04,000)		250,889
Net Position, Beginning of Year		3,307,717		3,056,828
Net Position, End of Year	\$	3,243,111	\$	3,307,717

## Cumberland County Water District Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

Cook Flows From Operating Activities		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities Receipts from customers	\$	1,374,940	\$	1,351,634
Payments to employees		(273,056)		(237,117)
Payments to suppliers		(676,024)		(653,589)
Payments for other activities		(9,725)		(8,375)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		416,135		452,553
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(33,648)		(849,848)
Principal payments on debt		(144,895)		(109,885)
Interest payments on debt		(135,056)		(138,543)
Proceeds from debt		-		501,376
Grants		-		214,875
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities		(313,599)		(382,025)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities				
Interest income		2,960		2,128
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities		2,960		2,128
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		105,496		72,656
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year		619,343		546,687
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$	724,839	\$	619,343
Reconciliation of cash per Statement of Net Position to cash per Statement of Cash Flows:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	137,763	\$	143,091
Customer deposits	•	10,084	-	20,074
Depreciation reserves		218,663		163,543
Debt and interest funds		358,329		292,635
Cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Cash Flows	\$	724,839	\$	619,343

## Cumberland County Water District Statements of Cash Flows (Continued) For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash			
Provided by Operating Activities:			
Operating Income	\$ 64,635	\$ 169,132	
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net			
cash provided by operating activities			
Depreciation	305,741	273,961	
(Increase) Decrease in operating assets			
Accounts receivable	(654)	(676)	
Unbilled receivables	(10,800)	-	
Inventory	4,990	339	
Prepaid expenses	(1,032)	(256)	
Increase (Decrease) in operating liabilities			
Accounts payable	4,954	7,527	
Accrued salaries and taxes payable	(11,324)	10,741	
Customer deposits	2,625	(8,215)	
Other liabilities	57,000	-	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 416,135	\$ 452,553	

## Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

## Reporting Entity

Cumberland County Water District (the District) was organized on November 29, 1995, from the merger of Marrowbone Water District and South Cumberland Water District. The merger was carried out in accordance with a Merger Agreement authorized by respective Resolutions of the Board of Water Commissioners of South Cumberland and Marrowbone, approved by Order of the Public Service Commission of Kentucky entered on February 24, 1995 under the provisions of Section 74.363 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes ("KRS") and approved by an Ordinance passed and adopted by the Fiscal Court of Cumberland County, Kentucky on May 9, 1995, and is exempt from federal income tax under 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The District is governed by a five-person board of Commissioners appointed by the Cumberland County Fiscal Court. The District is regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

The District is a rural water utility system whose purpose is to establish, develop and operate a water supply and distribution system for its members and customers in Cumberland County, Kentucky. The District's primary source of revenue is from water sales to its customers, including public bodies and local businesses in its service area.

## Basis of Accounting, Financial Presentation and Measurement Focus

The basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units.

The District applies all relevant Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. In addition, the District applies all applicable FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except those that conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all funds of the District.

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Operating income reported by the District includes revenues and expenses related to the continuing operation of water service for its customers. Principal operating revenues are charges to customers for services. Principal operating expenses are the costs of providing the services and include administrative expenses and depreciation of capital assets. Other revenues and expenses are classified as non-operating in the financial statements.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District considers demand deposits and certificates of deposit to be cash equivalents.

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### Accounts Receivable

Receivables include amounts due from customers for water services. These receivables are due at the time the services are billed and are considered past due on the first day of the following month. Accounts receivable are presented net of uncollectible accounts. The allowance amount is estimated using a percentage of accounts past due more than 30 days. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the allowance for doubtful accounts was \$56,055 and \$52,415, respectively.

## Unbilled Accounts Receivable

Estimated unbilled revenues from water sales are recognized at the end of each fiscal year on a pro rata basis. The estimated amount is based on billing during the month following the close of the fiscal year.

## Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption stated on a first-in, first-out basis. They are reported at cost and are recorded as an expense at the time individual items are used. Prepaid expenses represent payments to vendors that benefit future reporting periods and are reported on the consumption basis.

## Capital Assets

The District's property, plant and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

Estimated useful lives for depreciable assets are as follows:

Asset Classification	Range of Lives
Water and sewer system utility plants	20-40 years
Buildings and improvements	10-40 years
Trucks and equipment	3-10 years
Office equipment	3-10 years

## **Customer Deposits**

The District collects and holds in escrow a \$75 deposit from customers to ensure collection of its water charges. Interest at an annual rate of 0.66% is paid on these deposits.

### Compensated Absences

Full-time employees receive vacation leave based on their years of continuous service. The District allows employees to accumulate and carry over a maximum of 30 days of vacation time. Employees are paid for any unused vacation time earned in excess of 30 days at the end of the calendar year. Full-time employees receive 6 days of sick leave per year. Up to 20 days of sick leave may be accrued. Upon termination, accumulated vacation leave will be paid to the employee. Sick leave is not paid upon termination, but will be paid only upon illness while in the employment of the District.

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

## **Net Position**

Net position is comprised of the various net earnings from operating income, non-operating revenues and expenses, and capital contributions. Net position is classified in the following three components:

Net investment in capital assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted – This component of net position consists of restricted assets less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Restricted assets are those with limits on their use that are externally imposed constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – This component of net position consists of net amounts of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of the net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the Commission would typically use restricted assets first, but reserves the right to selectively spend unrestricted assets first.

## **Use of Estimates**

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

## Note 2 – Restricted Assets

Under the terms of all loan resolutions, the District is required to maintain certain accounts and funds for the benefit and protection of the creditors. The balance of these accounts at December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$358,329 and \$292,635, respectively. In addition, the District is also required to collect reasonable and sufficient rates and charges for services rendered, prohibited from selling, leasing or mortgaging any part of the system without prior approval, required to maintain the operating system in good condition and to carry adequate insurance on all properties to protect against loss or damage.

The resolutions require the District to establish a depreciation fund or reserve to be used to finance the cost of unusual repairs, renewals and replacements not included in the annual budget and to pay for future system extensions. The balance of these accounts at December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$218,663 and \$163,543, respectively.

The balances of customer deposits held at December 31, 2017 and 2016 were \$10,084 and \$20,074, respectively.

## Note 3 - Kentucky Revised Statute

In accordance with Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 91A.060, the deposits are to be insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized to the extent uninsured by any obligations permitted by KRS 41.240(4). According to KRS 41.240(4), the financial institution shall either pledge or provide as collateral securities or other obligations having an aggregate current face value or current quoted market value at least equal to the deposits. According to KRS 66.480, the District is allowed to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, repurchase agreements, obligations of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its agencies, interest bearing deposits of insured savings and loans, or interest bearing deposits of insured national or state banks. For additional cash descriptive information, see Note 1.

## Note 4 – Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the District's total deposits at banks of \$766,110 and \$625,903, respectively, were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	2016
Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ -	\$ -
Uninsured and collateral held by pledging bank	425,292	275,904
Uninsured and collateral held by pledging bank's trust		
department not in the District's name	-	-
Total	\$ 425,292	\$ 275,904

## Note 5 - Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital asset transactions for the year ended December 31, 2017:

		Balance						Balance
	De	ec. 31, 2016	Additions		itions Dispositions		De	ec. 31, 2017
		_						
Land and improvements	\$	55,313	\$	-	\$	-	\$	55,313
Building and improvements		204,437		-		-		204,437
Equipment		328,770		-		-		328,770
Other water system assets		9,491,293		-		-		9,491,293
Transportation		265,325		33,648		-		298,973
Office furniture and equipment		62,445		-		-		62,445
Totals at historical cost		10,407,583	33,648					10,441,231
Less accumulated depreciation for:								
Building and improvements		102,946		13,712		-		116,658
Equipment		271,466		9,204		-		280,670
Other water system assets		2,721,359		253,075		-		2,974,434
Transportation		164,200		28,166		-		192,366
Office furniture and equipment		59,044		1,584		-		60,628
Total accumulated depreciation		3,319,015		305,741		_		3,624,756
Capital assets - net	\$	7,088,568	\$	(272,093)	\$	-	\$	6,816,475

## Note 5 - Capital Assets (Continued)

The following is a summary of capital asset transactions for the year ended December 31, 2016:

		Balance					Balance	
	Dec. 31, 2015		 Additions		spositions	De	c. 31, 2016	
Land and improvements	\$	55,313	\$ -	\$	-	\$	55,313	
Building and improvements		179,437	25,000		-		204,437	
Equipment		311,010	17,760		-		328,770	
Other water system assets		8,271,793	1,219,500		-		9,491,293	
Transportation		193,903	71,422		-		265,325	
Office furniture and equipment		62,445	-		-		62,445	
Construction in progress		850,162	349,923		1,200,085		-	
Totals at historical cost		9,924,063	1,683,605 1,20		1,200,085	10,407,583		
Less accumulated depreciation for:								
Building and improvements		90,149	12,797		-		102,946	
Equipment		261,530	9,936		-		271,466	
Other water system assets		2,491,674	229,685		-		2,721,359	
Transportation		144,239	19,961		-		164,200	
Office furniture and equipment		57,462	1,582		-		59,044	
Total accumulated depreciation		3,045,054	 273,961				3,319,015	
Capital assets - net	\$	6,879,009	\$ 1,409,644	\$	1,200,085	\$	7,088,568	

## Note 6 – Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2017:

Loan payable to Kentucky	De	Balance c. 31, 2016	Add	<u>itions</u>	<u>Pa</u>	yments	Balance c. 31, 2017	Due Within One Year		
Rural Water Finance Corporation, principal and interest, at the rate of 4% to 4.5%, payable on a semi- annual basis, with final payment due January 1, 2031	\$	77,000	\$	_	\$	4,000	\$ 73,000	\$	4,000	
Loan payable to Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, principal and interest, at the rate of 0.75%, payable on a semi-annual basis, with final payment due										
December 1, 2036		887,600		-		41,295	846,305		41,605	
Various bond issues payable to United States Department of Agriculture, principal and interest payable annually in varying amounts, interest rates ranging from 2.25% to 5.0%, with final payment due in 2053, secured by water distribution system		3,404,500		_		99,600	3,304,900		104,200	
water distribution system		0,404,000					 5,504,500		104,200	
	\$	4,369,100	\$		\$	144,895	\$ 4,224,205	\$	149,805	

## Note 6 – Long-Term Debt (Continued)

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Loan payable to Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation, principal and interest, at the rate of 4% to 4.5%, payable on a semi-	Finance principal and he rate of 4% /able on a semi-		Balance Payments Dec. 31, 2016				e Within ne Year			
annual basis, with final payment due January 1, 2031	\$	80,000	\$	-	\$	3,000	\$	77,000	\$	4,000
Loan payable to First & Farmers Bank, principal and interest, at a rate of 2.3%, payable at maturity on June 15, 2016		9,785		-		9,785		-		-
Loan payable to Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, principal and interest, at the rate of 0.75%, payable on a semi-annual basis, with final payment due December 1, 2036		386,224	50	1,376		_		887,600		-
Various bond issues payable to United States Department of Agriculture, principal and interest payable annually in varying amounts, interest rates ranging from 2.25% to 5.0%, with final payment due in 2053, secured by										
water distribution system		3,501,600				97,100		3,404,500		99,600
	\$	3,977,609	\$ 50	1,376	\$ 1	109,885	\$	4,369,100	\$ 1	103,600

## Note 6 - Long-Term Debt (Continued)

The aggregate annual principal repayments on long-term debt are summarized as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 149,805	5 \$ 131,662	\$ 281,467
2019	148,718	127,125	275,843
2020	153,833	122,669	276,502
2021	157,150	118,059	275,209
2022	164,270	113,276	277,546
2023-2027	833,530	489,004	1,322,534
2028-2032	737,590	380,620	1,118,210
2033-2037	686,809	288,363	975,172
2038-2042	472,500	214,631	687,131
2043-2047	415,000	155,810	570,810
2048-2052	284,000	97,387	381,387
2053-2057	21,000	578	21,578
	\$ 4,224,205	\$ 2,239,184	\$ 6,463,389

## Note 7 – Retirement Plan

The District participates in a defined contribution retirement plan through Kentucky Public Employees & Deferred Compensation Authority. Prior to 2015, the District contributed 1% during the first year of employment, adding 1% each year up to a maximum of 5%. Starting in 2015, the District no longer contributes to the employees' plan. Retirement plan expense for 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$0, \$0, and \$1,224, respectively.

## Note 8 – Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage for the year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

## Note 9 - Subsequent Events

## **Date of Management Evaluation**

Management of the District has evaluated subsequent events through March 29, 2018, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.



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

To the Commissioners Cumberland County Water District Burkesville, Kentucky

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of Cumberland County Water District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Cumberland County Water District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 29, 2018.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Cumberland County Water District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses (See items 2017-1, 2017-2, and 2017-3).

## Compliance and Other Matters

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

## <u>Cumberland County Water District's Response to Findings</u>

Cumberland County Water District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Cumberland County Water District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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London, Kentucky

March 29, 2018

## Cumberland County Water District Schedule of Findings and Responses December 31, 2017

## A. Findings – Financial Statement Audit

2017-1

#### Criteria:

As discussed in *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* published by the General Accounting Office of the United States, internal control is an integral component of an organization's management that provides reasonable assurance that an objective of reliable financial reporting is being achieved. Organizations should implement procedures to ensure this objective is achieved.

#### Condition:

During the audit procedures performed, instances of this objective not being completely achieved were noted.

#### Cause:

The District's limited internal resources prevents the preparation of financial statements and related note disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

#### Effect:

The District was unable to prepare their financial statements and related note disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

## Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions:

The District feels that it would not be cost beneficial to hire the personnel required to complete these tasks.

2017-2

### Criteria:

As discussed in *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* published by the General Accounting Office of the United States, internal control is an integral component of an organization's management that provides reasonable assurance that an objective of reliable financial reporting is being achieved. Organizations should implement procedures to ensure this objective is achieved.

#### **Condition:**

During the audit procedures performed, instances of this objective not being completely achieved were noted.

#### Cause:

The size of the Water District's office staff does not allow proper segregation of duties in the areas of cash receipts, billing, accounts receivable, and payroll.

## Effect:

This condition creates a weakness in internal controls which could result in unauthorized transactions being processed.

## Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions:

The District feels that it would not be cost beneficial to hire the personnel required to complete these tasks.

## Cumberland County Water District Schedule of Findings and Responses (Continued) December 31, 2017

### 2017-3

#### Criteria:

As discussed in *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* published by the General Accounting Office of the United States, internal control is an integral component of an organization's management that provides reasonable assurance that an objective of reliable financial reporting is being achieved. Organizations should implement procedures to ensure this objective is achieved.

## **Condition:**

During the audit procedures performed, instances of this objective not being completely achieved were noted.

#### Cause:

Due to limited internal resources, the District's general ledger accounts are not being reviewed and adjusted to supporting detail on a regular monthly basis to ensure that all transactions are being recorded and account balances are accurate.

## Effect:

This condition prevents management and the Board from having accurate, reliable financial information on an ongoing basis in order to make informed decisions about the financial affairs of the District.

## Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions:

The District agrees that improvements need to be made in financial accounting and reporting and will consider hiring someone to review the general ledger balances on a quarterly basis and provide training to the current staff until they can maintain the general ledger accurately on their own.