Cumberland County Water District Burkesville, Kentucky ***** Independent Auditors' Report And Financial Statements For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

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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, 2020 and 2019, 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, 2020 and 2019, 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 24, 2021 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Cumberland County Water District's internal control over financial 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 report over financial report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with matching and compliance.

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March 24, 2021

Cumberland County Water District Statements of Net Position December 31, 2020 and 2019

Assets	<u>2020</u>			<u>2019</u>		
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Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	97,077	\$	169,242		
Receivable, less allowance for doubtful						
accounts of \$58,428 and \$58,428, respectively		69,797		90,766		
Unbilled accounts receivable		53,238		49,114		
Inventories		29,487		48,730		
Prepaid expenses		7,941		7,323		
Total Current Assets		257,540		365,175		
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Noncurrent Assets						
Restricted Assets		10 555		40.007		
Customer deposits		13,555		13,287		
Depreciation reserves Debt and interest funds		409,871		297,437		
		93,511		154,969		
Total Restricted Assets		516,937		465,693		
Capital Assets						
Land and improvements		55,313		55,313		
Buildings and improvements		233,837		233,837		
Equipment		341,500		341,500		
Other water system assets	1	1,354,746		10,421,775		
Transportation		368,066		314,373		
Office furniture and equipment		62,445		62,445		
Construction in progress		-		149,244		
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,593,146)		(4,263,541)		
Net Capital Assets		7,822,761		7,314,946		
Total Noncurrent Assets		8,339,698		7,780,639		
Total Assets	\$	8,597,238	\$	8,145,814		

Cumberland County Water District Statements of Net Position (Continued) December 31, 2020 and 2019

Liabilities	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Current Liabilities Current portion of long-term debt Accounts payable Accrued interest payable Accrued salaries and taxes payable Customer deposits Other liabilities Total Current Liabilities	\$ 109,473 364,378 47,069 44,272 34,005 - - 599,197	\$ 165,833 75,702 78,360 42,366 33,030 66,258 461,549
Noncurrent Liabilities Long-term debt, less current portion included in current liabilities Unamortized bond premium Total Noncurrent Liabilities	4,838,240 68,758 4,906,998	4,514,108 4,514,108
Total Liabilities	5,506,195	4,975,657
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted Total Net Position	2,806,290 516,937 (232,184) \$ 3,091,043	2,635,005 465,693 69,459 \$ 3,170,157

Cumberland County Water District Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Operating Revenues Water sales	\$ 1,373,185	\$ 1,325,236
Service charges	6,849	\$ 1,323,230 18,889
Other revenues	48,836	77,991
Other revenues	40,030	11,991
Total Operating Revenues	1,428,870	1,422,116
Operating Expenses		
Salaries and wages	295,483	321,836
Employee benefits	86,643	74,077
Purchased water	471,708	445,581
Utilities	63,110	58,359
Materials and supplies	171,111	112,404
Contracted services	40,052	34,387
Vehicle and equipment expenses	26,254	37,806
Insurance	21,282	24,099
Office expenses	59,706	53,782
Directors fees	10,550	9,350
Depreciation	329,605	326,059
Other operating expenses	11,891	10,641
Total Operating Expenses	1,587,395	1,508,381
Operating Income (Loss)	(158,525)	(86,265)
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)		
Interest income	2,216	3,851
Grant revenue	211,029	72,273
Interest expense	(133,834)	(134,256)
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	79,411	(58,132)
Change in Net Position	(79,114)	(144,397)
Net Position, Beginning of Year	3,170,157	3,314,554
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 3,091,043	\$ 3,170,157

Cumberland County Water District Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities Receipts from customers	\$ 1,446,690	\$ 1,427,499
Payments to employees	(293,577)	(302,795)
Payments to suppliers	(721,264)	(794,830)
Payments for other activities		(9,350)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	431,849	320,524
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(837,420)	(127,786)
Principal payments on debt	(1,839,663)	(160,716)
Interest payments on debt	(165,125)	(134,806)
Proceeds from debt	2,107,435	66,258
Bond premium	68,758	-
Grants	211,029	72,273
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(454,986)	(284,777)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities Interest income	2,216	3,851
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	2,216	3,851
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(20,921)	39,598
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	634,935	595,337
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 614,014	\$ 634,935
Reconciliation of cash per Statement of Net Position to cash per Statement of Cash Flows:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 97,077	\$ 169,242
Customer deposits	13,555	13,287
Depreciation reserves	409,871	297,437
Debt and interest funds	93,511	154,969
Cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Cash Flows	\$ 614,014	\$ 634,935

Cumberland County Water District Statements of Cash Flows (Continued) For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash				
Provided by Operating Activities:				
Operating Income (Loss)	3	(158,525)	\$	(86,265)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net				
cash provided by operating activities				
Depreciation		329,605		326,059
(Increase) Decrease in operating assets				
Accounts receivable		20,969		10,015
Unbilled receivables		(4,124)		(5,557)
Inventory		19,243		(1,244)
Prepaid expenses		(618)		1,674
Increase (Decrease) in operating liabilities				
Accounts payable		288,676		55,876
Accrued salaries and taxes payable		1,906		19,041
Customer deposits		975		925
Other liabilities		(66,258)		-
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	5	431,849	\$	320,524

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. 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, 2020 and 2019, the allowance for doubtful accounts was \$58,428 and \$58,428, 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:

Water and sewer system utility plants20-40 yearsBuildings and improvements10-40 yearsTrucks and equipment3-10 yearsOffice equipment3-10 years	Asset Classification	Range of Lives
	Buildings and improvements Trucks and equipment	10-40 years 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 2.64% 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. Beginning during the year ended December 31, 2019, accumulated sick leave of up to 20 days will be paid to the employee upon termination.

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, 2020 and 2019 was \$93,511 and \$154,969, 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, 2020 and 2019 was \$409,871 and \$297,437, respectively.

The balances of customer deposits held at December 31, 2020 and 2019 were \$13,555 and \$13,287, 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, 2020 and 2019, the District's total deposits at banks of \$651,386 and \$638,043, respectively, were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$ -	\$ -
Uninsured and collateral held by pledging bank	183,527	291,479
Uninsured and collateral held by pledging bank's trust		
department not in the District's name	-	-
Total	\$ 183,527	\$ 291,479

Note 5 - Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital asset transactions for the year ended December 31, 2020:

o y i	Balance	2		Balance		
	<u>Dec. 31, 2019</u>	Additions	Dispositions	<u>Dec. 31, 2020</u>		
Land and improvements	\$ 55,313	\$-	\$-	\$ 55,313		
Building and improvements	233,837	÷ _	÷ -	233,837		
Equipment	341,500	_	-	341,500		
Other water system assets	10,421,775	932,971	-	11,354,746		
Transportation	314,373	53,693	-	368,066		
Office furniture and equipment	62,445	-	-	62,445		
Construction in process	149,244	(149,244)	-	-		
Totals at historical cost	11,578,487	837,420	-	12,415,907		
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Building and improvements	145,318	14,936	-	160,254		
Equipment	300,187	9,599	-	309,786		
Other water system assets	3,509,664	282,159	-	3,791,823		
Transportation	245,927	22,911	-	268,838		
Office furniture and equipment	62,445	-	-	62,445		
Total accumulated depreciation	4,263,541	329,605	-	4,593,146		
					
	\$ 7,314,946	\$ 507,815	\$ -	\$ 7,822,761		

Note 5 - Capital Assets (Continued)

The following is a summary of capital asset transactions for the year ended December 31, 2019:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2018	Additions	Dispositions	Balance Dec. 31, 2019
Land and improvements	\$ 55,313	\$-	\$ -	\$ 55,313
Building and improvements	204,437	29,400	-	233,837
Equipment	341,500	_	-	341,500
Other water system assets	10,421,775	-	-	10,421,775
Transportation	298,973	15,400	-	314,373
Office furniture and equipment	62,445	-	-	62,445
Construction in process	-	149,244	-	149,244
Totals at historical cost	11,384,443	194,044	-	11,578,487
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	130,371	14,947	-	145,318
Equipment	289,948	10,239	-	300,187
Other water system assets	3,233,325	276,339	-	3,509,664
Transportation	221,627	24,300	-	245,927
Office furniture and equipment	62,211	234	-	62,445
Total accumulated depreciation	3,937,482	326,059		4,263,541
	\$ 7,446,961	\$ (132,015)	\$-	\$ 7,314,946

Note 6 – Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2020:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2019	Additions	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 2020	Due Within One Year
Loan payable to Kentucky 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	\$ 65,000	\$-	\$ 4,001	\$ 60,999	\$ 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	762,783	-	42,550	720,233	42,550
Various bond issues payable to United States Department of Agriculture, principal and interest payable annually in varying amounts, interest rates ranging from 1.875% to 5.0%, with final payment due in 2058, secured by water distribution system	3,852,158	2,053,742	1,786,400	4,119,500	49,500
Loan payable to equipment vendor, principal (0% interest) payable monthly, with final	0,002,100	_,000,11_	.,	.,,	
payment due June 2024		53,693	6,712	46,981	13,423
	\$ 4,679,941	\$ 2,107,435	\$ 1,839,663	\$ 4,947,713	\$ 109,473

Note 6 - Long-Term Debt (Continued)

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2019:

Loan payable to Kentucky 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,	 Balance <u>c. 31, 2018</u>	<u>Add</u>	itions	<u>Pa</u>	<u>yments</u>	Balance <u>c. 31, 2019</u>	e Within <u>ne Year</u>
2031	\$ 68,999	\$	-	\$	3,999	\$ 65,000	\$ 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	804,700		_		41,917	762,783	42,233
Various bond issues payable to United States Department of Agriculture, principal and interest payable annually in varying amounts, interest rates ranging from 1.875% to 5.0%, with final payment due in 2058, secured by water distribution system	 3,900,700				114,800	 3,785,900	 119,600
	\$ 4,774,399	\$	-	\$	160,716	\$ 4,613,683	\$ 165,833

During 2019, the District began a construction project to expand their current water system. This project is financed with a loan in the amount of \$560,000 through the United States Department of Agriculture. The construction loan will be amortized over 40 years at an interest rate of 3.1%. At December 31, 2019, draws against the loan totaled \$66,258. The provisions of the loan require annual interest payments until the loan is fully drawn and an amortization schedule is finalized. The loan was fully drawn and finalized in 2020.

Note 6 – Long-Term Debt (Continued)

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

Year Ending							
<u>December 31,</u>	F	Principal		Interest		Total	
2021	\$	109,473	\$	108,098	\$	217,571	
2022		206,294		108,732		315,026	
2023		213,615		103,079		316,694	
2024		212,729		97,418		310,147	
2025		208,343		91,994		300,337	
2026-2030		908,608		393,311		1,301,919	
2031-2035		912,760		301,443		1,214,203	
2036-2040		658,891		244,339		903,230	
2041-2045		575,500		194,731		770,231	
2046-2050		473,500		157,568		631,068	
2051-2055		298,500		43,997		342,497	
2026-2059		169,500		37,890		207,390	
Total	\$	4,947,713	\$	1,882,600	\$	6,830,313	

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 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$0 each year.

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

The world-wide outbreak of COVID-19 is having a major impact on the normal business activities in the United States and the state of Kentucky. Measures taken by various government entities to contain the virus have affected economic activity. Management has taken several measures to monitor and mitigate the effects of COVID-19, such as safety and health measures for our employees and customers and securing the supply of materials that are essential to our operations. The Organization will continue to follow the various government policies and advice and will do its utmost to continue operations in the best and safest way possible without jeopardizing the health of its employees and customers. It is uncertain what, if any, effect future developments in the pandemic will have on the District. As a result, management has not yet determined the impact it may have on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Management of the District has evaluated subsequent events through March 24, 2021, 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, 2020, 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 24, 2021.

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 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 2020-1, 2020-2, and 2020-3).

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*.

Cumberland County Water District's Response to Findings

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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March 24, 2021

Cumberland County Water District Schedule of Findings and Responses December 31, 2020

A. Findings – Financial Statement Audit

2020-1

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.

2020-2

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.

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2020-3

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.