

Report

of

**South Hopkins Water District
Dawson Springs, Kentucky**

For The Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Commissioners
South Hopkins Water District
Dawson Springs, Kentucky

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of South Hopkins Water District as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of South Hopkins Water District as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the 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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-7 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 3, 2015, on our consideration of South Hopkins 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 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 South Hopkins Water District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Alexander, Toney & Knight PLLC

Madisonville, Kentucky
February 3, 2015

SOUTH HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT
Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2014 and 2013

The discussion and analysis of the South Hopkins Water District's financial performance provides an overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. It should be read in conjunction with the accompanying basic financial statements.

Financial Highlights for the Year 2014

- The District's net position increased \$74.4 thousand from \$2.0414 million to \$2.1158 million.

Overview Of The Financial Statements

This report consists of this management's discussion and analysis, basic financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The basic financial statements are reported using the full accrual basis of accounting.

Basic financial statements:

The Statements of Net Position include information on the District's assets and liabilities and provide information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to District creditors (liabilities). In simple terms, this statement presents a snapshot view of the assets the District owns, the liabilities it owes and the net difference. The net difference is further separated into amounts restricted for specific purposes and unrestricted amounts.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position include the District's revenues and expenses for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. This statement provides information on the District's operations and can be used to determine whether the District has recovered all of its actual and projected costs through user fees and other charges.

The Statements of Cash Flows include information on the District's cash receipts and payments and the changes in cash balances resulting from operating activities, investing activities, and financing activities.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional disclosures required by governmental accounting standards and provide information to assist the reader in understanding the District's financial condition.

District Financial Analysis

A summary of the District's Statements of Net Position is presented below.

Table 1
Condensed Statements of Net Position
(in thousands)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>dollar change</u>	<u>percent change</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>dollar change</u>	<u>percent change</u>
Current assets	\$ 335.6	\$ 445.1	(\$ 109.5)	(24.6%)	\$ 337.9	\$ 107.2	31.7%
Capital assets	2,275.7	2,127.0	148.7	7.0%	2,102.6	24.4	1.2%
Other noncurrent assets	<u>258.8</u>	<u>245.3</u>	13.5	5.5%	<u>390.8</u>	(145.5)	(37.2%)
Total assets	<u>2,870.1</u>	<u>2,817.4</u>	52.7	1.9%	<u>2,831.3</u>	(13.9)	(0.5%)
Current liabilities	85.4	79.7	5.7	7.2%	107.5	(27.8)	(25.9%)
Long-term liabilities	<u>668.9</u>	<u>696.3</u>	(27.4)	(3.9%)	<u>709.2</u>	(12.9)	(1.8%)
Total liabilities	<u>754.3</u>	<u>776.0</u>	(21.7)	(2.8%)	<u>816.7</u>	(40.7)	(5.0%)
Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,709.3	1,544.5	164.8	10.7%	1,471.6	72.9	5.0%
Net position restricted for debt service	11.6	10.1	1.5	14.9%	49.1	(39.0)	(79.4%)
Net position restricted for capital projects	124.6	116.8	7.8	6.7%	228.1	(111.3)	(48.8%)
Unrestricted net position	<u>270.3</u>	<u>370.0</u>	(99.7)	(26.9%)	<u>265.8</u>	104.2	39.2%
Total net position	<u>\$2,115.8</u>	<u>\$2,041.4</u>	\$ 74.4	3.6%	<u>\$2,014.6</u>	\$ 26.8	1.3%

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$2.12 million at the close of the current year.

2013 to 2014

As shown in table 1, the District's total assets increased \$52,700 when compared to the prior year. Current assets decreased \$109,500 or 24.6% primarily due to a \$123,000 decrease in unrestricted cash. Unrestricted cash decreased as the District's annual water cost adjustment with its water supplier increased significantly during the year with a one time payment of \$49,059. The District is allowed to recoup this adjustment from customers but only over a twelve month period. Capital assets increased \$148,700 as new additions outpaced depreciation expense. Other noncurrent assets increased \$13,500 primarily due to transfers of cash to restricted cash accounts.

The District's total liabilities decreased \$21,700. Current liabilities increased \$5,700 or 7.2% primarily due to the estimation of current accumulated compensated absences increases over prior years. Long-term liabilities decreased \$27,400 as the District's bond payments were made as scheduled.

The District's total net position increased \$74,400, which results from the net effect of the increases in total assets and decreases in total liabilities referred to above. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt, increased \$164,800 as debt on capital assets were paid as scheduled and new capital assets outpaced depreciation expense. Net position restricted for capital projects, a component of total net position, increased

\$7,800 as cash was transferred to restricted bond reserve accounts.

2012 to 2013

As shown in table 1, the District's total assets decreased \$13,900 when compared to the prior year. Current assets increased \$107,200 or 31.7% primarily due to a \$80,800 increase in unrestricted cash. Unrestricted cash increased as the District moved a \$123,300 certificate of deposit from a restricted depreciation account to the operations and maintenance account. Capital assets increased \$24,400 as new additions outpaced depreciation expense. Other noncurrent assets increased \$145,500 primarily due to the District moving the above mentioned certificate of deposit to the current assets.

The District's total liabilities decreased \$40,800. Current liabilities decreased \$27,800 or 25.9% primarily due to the timing of bond payments. All of the District's bonds due in 2014 were paid in December 2013. Also, one the District's bond issues was completely paid off during 2013. The long-term liabilities decrease is a reflection of a \$48,500 reduction in revenue bonds payable as bond payments were made as scheduled.

The District's total net position increased \$26,900, which results from the net effect of the decreases in total assets and decreases in total liabilities referred to above. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt, increased \$72,900 as debt on capital assets were paid as scheduled and new capital assets outpaced depreciation expense. Net position restricted for capital projects, a component of total net position, decreased \$111,300 as depreciation funds were moved to the operating account upon payoff of one of the District's bonds. Net position restricted for debt service decreased \$39,000 as the District reduced transfers to the District's sinking fund. Prior balances in the sinking fund allowed enough cash to make principal and interest payments when due.

A summary of the District's Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position is presented below.

Table 2
Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
(in thousands)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>dollar change</u>	<u>percent change</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>dollar change</u>	<u>percent change</u>
Operating revenues	\$1,372.5	\$1,267.2	\$ 102.8	8.2%	\$1,314.0	(\$ 46.8)	(3.4%)
Nonoperating revenues	<u>111.8</u>	<u>12.7</u>	99.5	783.5%	<u>4.3</u>	8.4	2.0%
Total revenues	<u>1,484.3</u>	<u>1,279.9</u>	202.3	15.9%	<u>1,318.3</u>	(38.4)	(2.9%)
Operating expenses	1,439.6	1,311.0	126.0	9.7%	1,239.0	72.0	5.8%
Nonoperating expenses	<u>26.3</u>	<u>28.6</u>	(1.9)	(6.6%)	<u>32.4</u>	(3.8)	(11.7%)
Total expenses	<u>1,465.9</u>	<u>1,339.6</u>	124.1	9.3%	<u>1,271.4</u>	68.2	5.4%
Income before capital contributions	18.4	(59.7)	78.1	130.8%	46.6	(106.3)	(228.1%)
Capital contributions	<u>55.9</u>	<u>86.6</u>	(30.8)	(35.6%)	<u>42.5</u>	44.1	103.8%
Changes in net position	74.3	26.9	47.3	175.8%	88.3	(61.4)	(69.5%)
Beginning net position	<u>2,041.5</u>	<u>2,014.5</u>	27.0	1.3%	<u>1,926.2</u>	88.3	4.6%
Ending net position	<u>\$2,115.8</u>	<u>\$2,041.4</u>	\$ 74.3	3.6%	<u>\$2,014.5</u>	\$ 26.9	1.3%

2013 to 2014

The District's total revenues increased \$202,300 or 15.9%. Water sales increased \$111,310 as the District had a approved rate increase during the year. Nonoperating revenues increased \$99,500 as the District had a significant gain on disposition of its telemetry system which was struck by lightning. Insurance recoveries were in the amount of \$110,300.

The District's operating expenses increased \$126,000. The District's purchased water cost increased \$110,615. The District's annual purchased water cost adjustment was \$49,059. Salaries and wages increased \$23,000 as employees received raises during the year. Materials and supplies cost decreased \$10,000 as lower repair costs were incurred.

Capital contributions decreased \$30,800 due to less received in grant monies passed down from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways and as a pass through from the City of St. Charles.

Changes in net position increased \$47,300 due to the net effect of the increased total revenues and increased total expenses mentioned above.

2012 to 2013

The District's total revenues decreased \$46,800 or 3.4%. Water sales decreased \$55,700 as the District had a purchased water adjustment rate decrease in October 2012. Most of the effect of this rate decrease was felt in the first nine months of 2013. Also in the prior year, the District was recovering a significant water surcharge from customers for approximately nine months. Nonoperating revenues increased \$8,400. Net gains and losses on dispositions of assets were \$9,034, which the District had none in the prior year.

The District's operating expenses increased \$68,200. The District's purchased water cost increased \$9,500 or 1.7%. Salaries and wages increased \$15,600 as employees received raises during the year and an additional employee was added mid-year. Employee benefits cost increased \$5,000 as the District is seeing increasing pension costs due to higher wages and additional employees. Materials and supplies cost increased \$15,500 as higher repair costs were incurred. Contract service cost increased \$6,100 as engineering costs and higher water testing costs were incurred.

Capital contributions increased \$44,100 due to more capital contributions from customers and \$53,909 in grant monies passed down from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways and as a pass through from the City of St. Charles.

Changes in net position decreased \$61,400 due to the net effect of the decreased total revenues and increased total expenses mentioned above.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2014, the District had \$2,125,573 invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, including land, structures, improvements and water system, office furniture and equipment, vehicles, and machinery and equipment. This amount represents a net increase (additions, retirements, depreciation) of \$148,547 from the prior year. The increase includes additions and dispositions of capital assets less \$69,846 of depreciation expense in 2014.

Significant additions during the year included \$111,310 for a new telemetry system, \$34,126 for the purchase of two trucks, and \$34,729 of expenditures for septic tanks.

At December 31, 2013 the District had \$2,127,024 invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, including land, structures, improvements and water system, office furniture and equipment, vehicles, and machinery and equipment. This amount represents a net increase (additions, retirements, depreciation) of \$24,437 from the prior year. The increase includes additions and dispositions of capital assets less \$74,011 of depreciation expense in 2013.

Significant additions during the year included \$51,432 of line relocation costs, \$13,600 of expenditures in meters, \$16,728 for the purchase of a truck, and \$17,008 of expenditures for septic tanks.

A comparison of the District's capital assets over the past three years is presented in Note E of the financial statements.

Long-Term Debt

At December 31, 2014, the District had \$566,300 in revenue bonds outstanding which was a decrease of \$16,200 from the prior year balance of \$582,500. Both of the District's bond issues were paid as scheduled. There were no new borrowings.

At December 31, 2013, the District had \$582,500 in revenue bonds outstanding which was a decrease of \$48,517 from the prior year balance of \$631,017. All three of the District's bond issues were paid as scheduled, including one of which was completely retired during the year. There were no new borrowings.

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note F of the financial statements.

Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions

There are no currently known facts, decisions, or conditions that District management expects to have a significant effect on financial position or results of operations.

Requests For Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the South Hopkins Water District, 129 South Main Street, Dawson Springs, Kentucky 42408.

South Hopkins Water District
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,279	\$ 199,456
Accounts receivable	148,252	138,756
Other receivables	2,012	8,350
Material and parts inventory	71,009	67,132
Prepaid expenses	<u>38,131</u>	<u>31,427</u>
Total current assets	<u>335,683</u>	<u>445,121</u>
Noncurrent assets		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	258,869	245,263
Capital assets:		
Nondepreciable	42,515	40,235
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>2,233,058</u>	<u>2,086,789</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>2,534,442</u>	<u>2,372,287</u>
Total assets	<u>2,870,125</u>	<u>2,817,408</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities payable from current assets		
Accounts payable	55,996	55,800
Accrued taxes and other payables	7,836	7,847
Accumulated compensated absences	<u>14,819</u>	<u>8,916</u>
	<u>78,651</u>	<u>72,563</u>
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Customer deposits	<u>6,762</u>	<u>7,098</u>
	<u>6,762</u>	<u>7,098</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>85,413</u>	<u>79,661</u>
Long-term liabilities		
Bonds payable	566,300	582,500
Customer deposits	94,635	91,454
Accumulated compensated absences	<u>8,017</u>	<u>22,324</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>668,952</u>	<u>696,278</u>
Total liabilities	<u>754,365</u>	<u>775,939</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,709,273	1,544,524
Restricted for:		
Debt service	11,641	10,061
Capital projects	124,556	116,780
Unrestricted	<u>270,290</u>	<u>370,104</u>
Total net position	<u>\$2,115,760</u>	<u>\$2,041,469</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

South Hopkins Water District
 Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
 Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Operating revenues		
Water sales	\$1,313,498	\$1,202,188
Other operating revenues	<u>58,998</u>	<u>65,051</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>1,372,496</u>	<u>1,267,239</u>
Operating expenses		
Purchased water	669,357	558,742
Salaries and wages	323,318	299,802
Depreciation	69,846	74,011
Employee benefits	115,791	113,169
Transportation	29,460	32,829
Contract services	21,170	21,388
Taxes	29,168	25,915
Purchased power	54,131	49,845
Materials and supplies	75,708	85,879
Insurance	34,169	30,952
Miscellaneous	16,972	17,865
Chemicals	<u>446</u>	<u>570</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,439,536</u>	<u>1,310,967</u>
Operating income (loss)	(67,040)	(43,728)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)		
Interest income	3,318	3,604
Interest expense	(26,301)	(28,581)
Gain (loss) on disposition of capital assets	<u>108,448</u>	<u>9,034</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	85,465	(15,943)
Income (loss) before contributions and grants	18,425	(59,671)
Capital contributions-state and local	31,092	53,909
Capital contributions-tap fees	19,784	21,610
Capital contributions-customers	<u>4,990</u>	<u>11,084</u>
Change in net position	74,291	26,932
Total net position - beginning	<u>2,041,469</u>	<u>2,014,537</u>
Total net position - ending	<u><u>\$2,115,760</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,041,469</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

South Hopkins Water District
Statement of Cash Flows
Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Cash flows from operating activities</u>		
Cash received from customers	\$1,292,619	\$1,181,867
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(1,051,965)	(928,375)
Cash payments to employees for services	(323,318)	(299,802)
Other operating revenues	<u>58,998</u>	<u>65,051</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(23,666)	18,741
<u>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities</u>		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(220,006)	(98,444)
Principal paid on bond maturities	(16,200)	(48,600)
Interest paid on bonds	(26,213)	(28,644)
Interest paid on customer deposits	(88)	(143)
Insurance recoveries	110,300	0
Proceeds from dispositions of assets	0	9,280
Capital contributions received from state and local	38,210	46,790
Capital contributions received from customers	<u>24,774</u>	<u>32,694</u>
Net cash provided (used) for capital and related financing activities	(89,223)	(87,067)
<u>Cash flows from investing activities</u>		
Interest earned on bank deposits	<u>3,318</u>	<u>3,604</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	3,318	3,604
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(109,571)	(64,722)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>444,719</u>	<u>509,441</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 335,148</u>	<u>\$ 444,719</u>
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<u>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities</u>		
Operating income (loss)	(\$ 67,040)	(\$ 43,728)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	69,846	74,011
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(9,496)	(11,414)
(Increase) decrease in other receivables	(781)	(750)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(3,877)	(5,143)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(6,704)	(2,032)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(43)	4,423
Increase (decrease) in taxes and other payables	(12)	545
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	2,845	3,964
Increase (decrease) in accumulated compensated absences	<u>(8,404)</u>	<u>(1,135)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>43,374</u>	<u>62,469</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(\$ 23,666)</u>	<u>\$ 18,741</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

South Hopkins Water District
 Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2014 and 2013

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the South Hopkins Water District (the "District") conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The District's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) pronouncements. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

The Financial Reporting Entity

South Hopkins Water District (the "District") was created on May 6, 1965, under the provisions of chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The principal office of the District is located at 129 South Main Street, Dawson Springs, Kentucky. The District is composed of three commissioners who are appointed by the Hopkins County Judge Executive and provides water to its members in and around southern Hopkins County, Kentucky.

In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 14 - *The Financial Reporting Entity*.

Basis of Presentation, Measurement Focus, and Basis of Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized in accordance with the uniform system of accounts adopted by the Public Service Commission of Kentucky. Those accounts are organized on the basis of a proprietary fund type, specifically an enterprise fund. Enterprise Funds account for activities 1) that are financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges of the activity; or 2) that are required by laws or regulations that the activities costs of providing services, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service), be recovered with fees and charges, rather than with taxes or similar revenues; or 3) that the pricing policies of the activity establish fees and charges designed to recover its costs, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service).

The transactions of the District are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities are included on the statement of net position. Net position is required to be displayed in three components: 1) invested in capital assets, net of related debt, 2) restricted, and 3) unrestricted. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt is capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Restricted net assets are those with constraints placed on their use by either: 1) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Net position not otherwise classified as restricted, is shown as unrestricted. The statements of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund net position present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net position.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The accounts of the District are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. Its revenues are recognized when they are earned, and its expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

South Hopkins Water District
 Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2014 and 2013

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues and expenses of the District's enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Unbilled water receivables for utility services provided through December 31 are included in the financial statements.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, the District generally first uses restricted resources, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

All cash except for a small amount kept "on hand" is deposited in financial institutions. Deposits include interest bearing checking accounts and certificates of deposit. Unrestricted cash is available to be expended for normal operating expenses. Restricted cash is limited to payments of bond principal and interest, emergency capital improvements, and other designated purposes. Cash and cash equivalents are defined as being all monies on deposit in banks and investments with a maturity of 90 days or less.

Inventory

Inventory consists primarily of replacement parts and supplies. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined primarily by the first-in, first-out method.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. No interest was capitalized during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Capital assets of the District are depreciated using a straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Structures, improvements and water system	10 to 65 years
Furniture, machinery and equipment	3 to 20 years
Vehicles	5 to 7 years

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Restricted Net Position

Restricted net position is cash set aside for the repayment of debt in compliance with bond covenants and cash restricted for future operations in compliance with escrow reserve agreements.

Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Long-term debt is reported at face value plus applicable issuance premiums and net of applicable discounts and deferred amounts on refunding. Discounts on debt issuances and amounts deferred on refunding are deferred and amortized as interest expense over the remaining life of the old bonds, or the life of the new bonds, whichever is shorter. Premiums on debt issuances are deferred and amortized as a reduction of interest expense over the life of the bonds.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for the deferred outflow of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as a inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Uncollectible Accounts

Accounts receivable are presented net of noncollectible accounts. The allowance for uncollectible accounts was \$7,339 at December 31, 2014 and \$7,303 at December 31, 2013.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principals generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates that affect amounts reported in the financial statements during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B - DEPOSITS

The District maintains deposits with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to law, the depository institution should pledge sufficient securities as collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge of securities should be evidenced by an agreement that is (1) in writing, (2) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (3) an official record of the depository institution. This agreement, signed by both parties, must be sufficient to create an enforceable and perfected security interest in the collateral under Kentucky law.

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NOTE B - DEPOSITS continued

Deposits are categorized to give an indication of risk assumed by the District at the end of the year. Category 1 includes deposits that are insured, Category 2 includes collateralized deposits held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent in the District's name, and Category 3 includes uncollateralized and uninsured deposits.

On December 31, 2014 the reconciled balance of the District's deposits totaled \$333,948 and the bank balances were \$339,100. Of the bank balances \$339,100 was covered by federal depository insurance (category 1).

On December 31, 2013 the reconciled balance of the District's deposits totaled \$443,520 and the bank balances were \$478,272. Of the bank balances \$443,607 was covered by federal depository insurance (category 1). Also of the bank balances, \$34,665 was collateralized by additional securities held by the pledging depository institutions' trust department or agent in the District's name (category 2).

NOTE C - PREPAID EXPENSES

Prepaid expenses include prepaid insurance which represents the amount of unexpired insurance which the District had previously paid for at the balance sheet date and prepaid employee benefits which represents the amount of employee health insurance for the one month subsequent to the balance sheet date but paid by the District as of the balance sheet date.

At December 31, 2014, the District's prepaid expenses consisted of \$32,445 of insurance and \$5,686 of employee benefits. At December 31, 2013, the District's prepaid expenses consisted of \$26,252 of insurance and \$5,175 of employee benefits.

NOTE D - RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The District has cash set aside for the repayment of debt in compliance with bond covenants, cash restricted for future operations in compliance with escrow reserve agreements, cash set aside for future capital assets, and cash set aside for repayment of customer deposits.

Restricted balances as of December 31 are as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Bond and interest redemption fund	\$ 11,641	\$ 10,061
Bond depreciation fund	121,832	114,056
Meter deposit fund	122,672	118,422
Construction fund	<u>2,724</u>	<u>2,724</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 258,869</u>	<u>\$ 245,263</u>

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NOTE E - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activities for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, were as follows:

	<u>Balances</u> <u>12/31/12</u>	<u>Transfers/</u> <u>Additions</u>	<u>Transfers/</u> <u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balances</u> <u>12/13/13</u>	<u>Transfers/</u> <u>Additions</u>	<u>Transfers/</u> <u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balances</u> <u>12/31/14</u>
Business-type activities:							
Capital assets not being depreciated							
Land & land rights	\$ 29,875	\$ 2,040	\$ 0	\$ 31,915	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 31,915
Construction in progress	<u>23,821</u>	<u>57,724</u>	<u>73,225</u>	<u>8,320</u>	<u>47,164</u>	<u>44,884</u>	<u>10,600</u>
Total	<u>53,696</u>	<u>59,764</u>	<u>73,225</u>	<u>40,235</u>	<u>47,164</u>	<u>44,884</u>	<u>42,515</u>
Capital assets being depreciated							
Structures, improvements, & water system	4,885,090	72,965	17,716	4,940,339	33,680	70,444	4,903,575
Office furniture & equipment	46,699	1,566	0	48,265	2,728	0	50,993
Vehicles & equipment	123,586	16,728	14,731	125,583	34,375	0	159,958
Machinery & equipment	111,351	3,887	6,336	108,902	112,453	0	221,355
Other tangible property	<u>0</u>	<u>17,008</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,008</u>	<u>34,729</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>51,737</u>
Total	<u>5,166,726</u>	<u>112,154</u>	<u>38,783</u>	<u>5,240,097</u>	<u>217,965</u>	<u>70,444</u>	<u>5,387,618</u>
Total capital assets	<u>5,220,422</u>	<u>171,918</u>	<u>112,008</u>	<u>5,280,332</u>	<u>265,129</u>	<u>115,328</u>	<u>5,430,133</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:							
Structures, improvements, & water system	2,863,293	60,466	17,716	2,906,043	58,871	68,592	2,896,322
Office furniture & equipment	39,998	1,435	0	41,433	1,734	0	43,167
Vehicles & equipment	111,174	9,568	14,485	106,257	5,014	0	111,271
Machinery & equipment	103,367	2,372	6,336	99,403	3,034	0	102,437
Other tangible property	<u>0</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,363</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>3,117,832</u>	<u>74,011</u>	<u>38,537</u>	<u>3,153,306</u>	<u>69,846</u>	<u>68,592</u>	<u>3,154,560</u>
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$2,102,590</u>	<u>\$ 97,907</u>	<u>\$ 73,471</u>	<u>\$2,127,026</u>	<u>\$ 195,283</u>	<u>\$ 46,736</u>	<u>\$2,275,573</u>

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NOTE F - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liability activity

Long-term liability activity for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, were as follows:

	Balances			Balances			Balances			Amounts
	12/31/12	Additions	Reductions	12/31/13	Additions	Reductions	12/31/14		Due Within	
									One Year	
Revenue Bonds:										
Series 1994A	\$ 522,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000	\$ 508,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000	\$ 494,000	\$	0	
Series 1994B	76,600	0	2,100	74,500	0	2,200	72,300		0	
Series 2004A/B	<u>32,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Total	631,100	0	48,600	582,500	0	16,200	566,300		0	
Less/Add Deferred										
Amounts:										
On Refunding	(299)	0	(299)	(0)	0	(0)	(0)		0	
Issuance Premium	<u>216</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Total Bonds	631,017	0	48,517	582,500	0	16,200	566,300		0	
Customer Deposits	94,589	10,395	6,430	98,554	10,305	7,462	101,397		6,762	
Accumulated										
Compensated										
Absences	<u>32,376</u>	<u>13,009</u>	<u>14,145</u>	<u>31,240</u>	<u>13,105</u>	<u>21,509</u>	<u>22,836</u>		<u>14,819</u>	
Business-type										
Activities Long-										
Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 757,982</u>	<u>\$ 23,404</u>	<u>\$ 69,092</u>	<u>\$ 712,294</u>	<u>\$ 23,410</u>	<u>\$ 45,171</u>	<u>\$ 690,533</u>		<u>\$ 21,581</u>	

Description of debt

Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1993 Series E and 2004 Series A/B

An assistance agreement (Farmers Home Administration Refunding Program) dated June 1, 1988 was entered into between Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and the District authorizing issuance of \$853,052 of refunding bonds. The bonds were to mature in annual installments through the year 2013. Interest was payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1. The interest rate varied over the term of maturity from 5.25% to 7.85%. \$30,515 of proceeds from the issue was capitalized as bond issue cost and was to be amortized using the straight-line method over the term of the bonds. \$75,836 of proceeds from the issue was deposited in a special fund with the bond trustee to provide the District's portion of a debt service reserve fund required by the indenture. Payments for retirement of the debt were subject to adjustment for the amortization of the reserve fund. Interest earned by the reserve fund was credited to interest income.

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NOTE F - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES continued

On April 1, 1993 the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) issued Revenue Refunding Bonds, 1993 Series E, dated April 1, 1993 (the "Refunding Bonds") in order to provide funds to advance refund the issue referred to in the previous paragraph. Due to the decline in interest rates KIA determined that by issuing the refunding bonds the District could realize savings in annual debt service payments. The net present value to the District of this savings would be equal to \$42,506. The loss on extinguishment of debt had been accounted for under APB Opinion No. 26 as amended by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 76. The loss had been classified as extraordinary under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 4 as amended by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 64. The loss had no material bearing on cash flow for the reporting periods.

The "Refunding Bonds" were to mature in annual installments through the year 2013. Interest was payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1. The interest rate varied over the term of maturity from 2.50% to 5.75%. \$12,167 of proceeds from the issue was capitalized as bond issue cost and was being amortized using the straight-line method over the term of the bonds. \$67,590 of proceeds from the issue was deposited in a special fund with the bond trustee to provide the District's portion of a debt service reserve fund required by the indenture. Payments for retirement of the debt were subject to adjustment for the amortization of the reserve fund. Interest earned by the fund was credited to interest income.

An assistance agreement dated July 28, 2004 was entered into between KIA and the District authorizing issuance of \$345,000 of refunding bonds (the Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004 A/B) to provide funds to refund the issue referred to in the previous paragraph. Due to the decline in interest rates KIA determined that by issuing the refunding bonds the District could realize savings in annual debt service payments. Total debt service payments would be reduced over the next nine years by \$69,025. The remaining \$53,582 balance in the District's debt service reserve fund referred to in the previous paragraph was used to pay down the principal on the old issue. The 2004 refunding bonds were sold with a premium of \$17,900, which will be amortized as a reduction of interest expense using the bonds outstanding/straight line method over the term of the new bonds. The difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old bonds was \$5,323 (the deferred amount on refunding). The deferred amount on refunding will be amortized as interest expense using the straight-line method over the term of the bonds.

The "Refunding Bonds 2004" matured in monthly installments through the year 2013. Interest and principal is payable monthly by the District. The interest rate varies over the term of maturity from 2.25% to 5.25%.

The "Refunding Bonds 2004" are presented on the financial statements net of unamortized deferred amount of refunding and include unamortized premium on bonds.

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NOTE F - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES continued

Waterworks Revenue Bonds, 1994 Series A and B

A bond resolution dated November 29, 1994 authorized issuance of \$670,000 (Series A) and \$100,000 (Series B) of waterworks revenue bonds maturing in annual installments through year 2035. Interest is payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1 at 4.5% per annum and principal is payable annually on January 1.

The 1994 Series Bonds were issued and sold to the United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Development (formerly Rural Economic and Community Development). The bond resolutions provide for all revenue receipts to be deposited into a Water Revenue Fund with transfers to the following funds:

- a) Waterworks Bond and Interest Sinking Fund - Prorata monthly transfers of an amount equal to the next principal and/or interest payments.
- b) Depreciation Fund - Monthly transfers of \$380 until the fund equals at least \$45,600.
- c) Operation and Maintenance Fund - Monthly transfers of an amount equal to the monthly expense disbursement of the District.
- d) After meeting all the requirements of a) through c) above, the balance remaining in the Revenue Fund is to be transferred to the Depreciation Fund.

Withdrawals from the Depreciation Fund can be authorized by the commissioners for the cost of unusual or extraordinary maintenance, repairs, renewals, and replacements, including extensions and additions, not included in the annual budget of current expenses.

Debt Maturity

Annual debt service requirements at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	\$ 0	\$ 13,106
2016	17,300	25,484
2017	18,400	24,705
2018	18,500	23,877
2019	20,600	23,045
2020-2024	115,000	100,751
2025-2029	146,700	72,126
2030-2034	187,200	35,592
2035	<u>42,600</u>	<u>1,916</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 566,300</u>	<u>\$ 320,602</u>

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NOTE G - ACCUMULATED COMPENSATED ABSENCES

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused sick leave.

NOTE H - EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN

Plan description

The District and covered employees contribute to the County Employers Retirement System (CERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems.

The plan provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members. Retirement benefits may be extended to beneficiaries of plan members under circumstances. Cost-of-living adjustments are provided at the discretion of the State legislature. Kentucky Revised Statute Section 61.645 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems.

The CERS financial statements and other supplementary information are contained in the publicly available annual financial report of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. Copies of the report are sent to each participating employer as well as distributed to legislative personnel, state libraries and other interested parties. Copies may be obtained by writing to Kentucky Retirement Systems, Perimeter Park West 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 or by calling 1-502-564-4646 or on the internet at www.kyret.com.

Funding policy

Per Kentucky Revised Statute 61.565, normal contribution and past service contribution rates shall be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems on the basis of an annual valuation last preceding the July 1 of a new biennium. The Board may amend contribution rates as of the first day of July of the second year of a biennium, if it is determined on the basis of a subsequent actuarial valuation that amended contribution rates are necessary to satisfy requirements determined in accordance with actuarial bases adopted by the Board.

Plan members hired prior to September 1, 2008 are required to contribute 5% of their annual creditable compensation. Plan members hired subsequent to September 1, 2008 are required to contribute 6% of their annual creditable compensation.

The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The District was required to contribute 17.67% of each employee's creditable compensation for the last six months of the year ended December 31, 2014. The District was required to contribute 18.89% of each employee's creditable compensation for the first six months of the year ended December 31, 2014 and for the final six months of the year ended December 31, 2013. The District was required to contribute 19.55% of each employee's creditable compensation for the first six months of the year ended December 31, 2013 and for the final six months of the year ended December 31, 2012. The District was required to contribute 18.96% of each employee's creditable compensation for the first six months of the year ended December 31, 2012. The District's contributions to CERS for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$56,737, \$54,613, and \$50,155, respectively.

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NOTE I - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and injuries to employees. The District purchases commercial insurance for all risks of losses. Settlements resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE J - MAJOR SUPPLIER

The District purchases 98% of water resold from the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky.

NOTE K - CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

2014

Interstate 69 line relocation project:

The District has incurred \$2,060 of engineering cost in the final year of the project. This cost is being recovered through a utility relocation agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is refunding the costs to the District through pass through grants received from the Federal Highway Administration Cabinet. Costs of \$6,310 was capitalized in 2014 upon completion of the project.

St. Charles Sewer Project:

The District is participating in a pilot program involving the placement of septic tanks. The District is receiving funds as a sub-recipient from the City of St. Charles whom has a grant agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. The District has incurred costs of \$34,504 during the year and \$34,729 costs has been capitalized upon placement into service.

2013

Interstate 69 line relocation project:

The District has incurred \$57,722 in engineering and easement cost associated with two line relocation projects. This cost is being recovered through a utility relocation agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is refunding the costs to the District through pass through grants received from the Federal Highway Administration Cabinet. Costs of \$53,472 were capitalized in 2013 upon completion of one of the projects. The remaining costs of \$4,250 will be capitalized upon completion of the second project.

St. Charles Sewer Project:

The District is participating in a pilot program involving the placement of septic tanks. The District is receiving funds as a sub-recipient from the City of St. Charles whom has a grant agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. The District has incurred costs of \$17,233 of which \$17,008 has been capitalized upon placement into service.

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NOTE L – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING ESTIMATE

The District revised estimates of the useful lives of certain items in the following asset groups: structures, improvements, and water system; vehicles and equipment; and machinery and equipment. The depreciable lives are now extended to better reflect the estimated periods during which the assets will remain in service. The change had the effect of reducing depreciation expense and increasing net income by \$5,213 in the current year.

NOTE M – CHANGES IN PRESENTATION OF COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2014, the District's Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position present uncollectible accounts in miscellaneous expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2013, uncollectible accounts were presented net of water sales. For comparative purposes, the 2013 uncollectible accounts are presented to correspond with 2014.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, the District's Statement of Cash Flows present customer deposits collected and refunded as Cash Flow From Operating Activities. For the year ended December 31, 2013, customer deposits collected and refunded were presented as Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities. For comparative purposes, the 2013 deposit collections and refunds are presented to correspond with 2014.

NOTE N – GAIN ON DISPOSITION OF ASSET

During the current year the District was impacted by a lighting strike and certain capital assets were destroyed. The District suffered the loss of its telemetry system. The District's basis in the telemetry system was \$1,410. The District had purchased commercial insurance to cover its risk of loss and had insurance recoveries in the amount of \$110,300. Accordingly, the District has recorded a net gain on disposition of \$108,890.

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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
South Hopkins Water District
Dawson Springs, Kentucky

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of South Hopkins Water District as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 3, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered South Hopkins 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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of South Hopkins Water District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of South Hopkins Water 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, as discussed below, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

2014-1 Segregation of Duties

Condition: The internal control relating to receipts and disbursements is inadequate due to a lack of segregation of duties.

Criteria: Adequate segregation of duties is essential to an adequate internal control over financial reporting by allocating various duties among employees.

Effect: The lack of proper segregation of duties may permit errors or irregularities to go undetected.

Cause: There is a small number of accounting personnel. The cost versus benefit relationship prevents the District from hiring enough accounting personnel to properly segregate key accounting functions.

Recommendation: While the small number of employees that exist will never provide proper segregation of duties, the District should continually review job responsibilities for better accounting controls.

Response: The District concurs with the recommendation and will continually review job responsibilities to improve accounting controls when possible.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether South Hopkins Water District's financial statements are free of 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*.

South Hopkins Water District's Response to Findings

South Hopkins Water District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described above. South Hopkins 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 purposes.

Alexander, Toney : Bright PUC

Madisonville, Kentucky

February 3, 2015