AUDIT REPORT

RURAL WATER, SEWER, GAS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #8 MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

DECEMBER 31, 2013



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>NAME</u> <u>POSITION</u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8 McIntosh County, Oklahoma

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8, as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, as listed in the table of contents and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1. This includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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, and in accordance with Oklahoma Statutes. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 District'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 District'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

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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.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

The modified cash basis of accounting requires that items, having substantial support in U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, such as capitalizing assets at historical cost and recording depreciation, be recorded in the financial statements. The District has not maintained accurate capital asset records to support the historical cost of past capital asset purchases and the related depreciation. Documentation supporting historical cost and depreciation was not readily available for our review. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the District is not readily determinable.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the modified cash basis financial position of the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8, McIntosh County, Oklahoma, as of December 31, 2013, and the changes in modified cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

The introductory section listed in the accompanying table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the District. Such additional information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide and assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 9, 2014, on our consideration of the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8'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

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of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in compliance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements that describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Kershaw CPA \$ Associates, P.C.

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May 9, 2014

RURAL WATER, SEWER, GAS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #8 MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2013

	2013	Memo Only 2012
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets:		
Cash Accounts	\$ 240,325	\$ 292,600
Savings Accounts	443,725	540,087
Restricted Construction Account	725,552	-
Inventory	16,163	24,116
Total Current Assets	1,425,765	856,803
Capital Assets:		
Land	27,945	27,945
Work in Progress	300,799	154,030
Water Distribution System & Equipment	3,441,066	3,416,200
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,828,790)	(1,734,981)
Total Capital Assets	1,941,021	1,863,195
Other Assets:		
Future Water Rights	210,794	219,096
Total Other Assets	210,794	219,096
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,577,580	\$ 2,939,095
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION		
Current Liabilities:		
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	\$ 701,112	\$ 53,758
Note Payable - PNB		138,679
Total Current Liabilities	701,112	192,437
Long-term Liabilities:		
Mortgage Payable	1,229,388	539,831
Notes Payable-Future Water Rights	210,794	219,096
Less: Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	(701,112)	(53,758)
Total Long-term Liabilities	739,071	705,169
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,440,183	897,606
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	711,633	1,323,365
Restricted	443,725	-
Unrestricted	982,039	718,125
TOTAL NET POSITION	2,137,397	2,041,490
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	\$ 3,577,580	\$ 2,939,095

See Accountant's Audit Report & Notes Which Accompany These Financial Statements

RURAL WATER, SEWER, GAS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #8 MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	2013	Memo Only 2012
Operating Revenue: Water Sales Other Revenues	\$ 700,965 36,146	\$ 718,976 35,994
Total Operating Revenue	737,110	754,971
Operating Expenses:		
Operating Supplies	73,112	81,527
Salaries & Payroll Tax	235,335	232,312
Automotive	18,046	21,236
Repairs & Maintenance	17,882	6,074
Utilities	28,471	33,948
Office Supplies and Postage	19,031	20,276
Insurance	109,150	106,695
Professional Fees	3,700	4,250
Contracted Services	-	-
Dues & Fees	15,663	16,616
Training	1,998	1,887
Miscellaneous	5,956	948
Water Storage	18,749	18,201
Depreciation Expense	93,809	88,835
Total Operating Expenses	640,900	632,806
Operating Income (Loss)	96,210	122,165
Other Revenues and (Expenses):		
Interest Income	1,821	2,180
Interest Expense	(31,002)	(31,685)
Total Other Revenues and (Expenses)	(29,181)	(29,505)
Net Income (Loss) Before Contributions	67,029	92,660
Capital Contributions - Grants	-	82,072
Capital Contributions - Memberships	28,900	27,900
Change in Net Position	95,929	202,632
Total Net Position, Beginning of Year	2,041,490	1,838,858
Total Net Position, Prior Year Adjustment	(21)	<u> </u>
Total Net Position, End of Year	\$ 2,137,397	\$ 2,041,490

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RURAL WATER, SEWER, GAS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #8 MCINTOSH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	2042	Memo Only
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	2013	2012
Cash Receipts from Customers	\$ 737,110	\$ 754,971
Payments to Suppliers for Goods & Services	(303,804)	(311,314)
Payments to Employees & Laborers	(235,335)	(232,312)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	197,971	211,345
Cash Flows from Capital & Related Financing Activities:		
Additions to Capital Assets	(171,634)	(78,090)
Capital Contributions - Memberships	28,900	27,900
Capital Contributions - Grants	-	82,072
Loan Proceeds	739,071	-
Principal paid on Debt	(188,191)	(51,944)
Interest paid on Debt	(31,002)	(31,685)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital & Related Financing Activities	377,143	(51,747)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Interest Income	1,821	2,180
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	1,821	2,180
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	576,935	161,778
Cash & Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	832,687	670,909
Cash & Cash Equivalents, Prior Year Adjustment	(20)	
Cash & Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 1,409,602	\$ 832,687
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided operating activities: Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 96,210	\$ 122,165
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities		
Depreciation	93,809	88,835
(Increase)Decrease in Inventory	7,953	345
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 197,971</u>	\$ 211,345

See Accountant's Audit Report & Notes Which Accompany These Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES & OPERATIONS

As discussed further in Note 1.C, these financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). These modified cash-basis financial statements generally meet the presentation and disclosure requirements applicable to GAAP, in substance, but are limited to the elements presented in the financial statements and the constraints of the measurement and recognition criteria of the modified cash basis of accounting.

A.Organization & Reporting Entity

The District was organized to sell water to its members. It is not a component unit as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of proprietary fund type, specifically an enterprise fund. activities of this fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise the District's assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues and 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 activity's 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).

C.Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement Focus

The District utilizes an economic resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in

net position (or cost recovery), net financial position, and cash flows. All assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows (whether current or noncurrent or financial or nonfinancial) associated with their activities are generally reported within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP as established by GASB. This basis of accounting involves modifications to the cash basis of accounting to report in the statements of net position cash transactions or events that provide a benefit or result in an obligation that covers a period greater than the period in which the cash transaction or event occurred. Such reported balances include investments, capital assets and related depreciation, and short-term and long-term liabilities arising from cash transactions or events.

This modified cash basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue billed or provided services not yet collected and other accrued revenue and receivables) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received buy not yet paid and other accrued expenses liabilities) are not recorded in these financial In addition, other economic assets, deferred statements. outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows that do not arise from a cash transaction or event are not reported, and the measurement of reported assets and liabilities does involve adjustment to fair value.

If the District utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted in the United States, the fund financial statements for proprietary fund types would use the accrual basis of accounting.

D. <u>Financial Position</u>

<u>Cash and Investments</u>

For purposes of these financial statements, the District considers cash and cash equivalents to be currency on hand and demand deposits with banks. There were no non-monetary transactions.

Inventory

Inventory on hand is valued at cost on the first in first out method.

<u>Capital Assets (Property, Plant & Equipment)</u>

The straight-line method of depreciation is used in computing annual depreciation on the plant and equipment.

<u>Capitalization Policy</u> - Purchases of capital items in excess of \$2,000.00 that increase the capacity or operation efficiency or extend the useful life of any asset are capitalized. Repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Income Taxes

The District is conducting its affairs as a non-profit organization and has made not provisions for federal income tax.

Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt is reported at face value, net of applicable discounts and deferred loss on refunding. Costs related to the issuance of debt are deferred and amortized over the lives of various debt issues.

Equity Classification

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

1. Net investment in capital assets — Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of

accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets and adjusted for any deferred inflows and outflows of resources attributable to capital assets and related debt.

- 2. Restricted Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows or resources related to those assets, with restriction constraints placed on the use either by (a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3. Unrestricted Net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

It is the District's policy to first use restricted net resources prior to the use of unrestricted net resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net resources are available.

Revenues, expenditures & expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. They also include all revenues and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the District requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Compensated Absences

Compensated leave is expensed during the period in which the employee takes such leave.

Memorandum Totals

The "Memorandum Only" captions above the total columns mean that totals are presented for overview information purposes only.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

As a local government unit, the District is subject to various federal, state, and local laws and contractual regulations. In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, the auditor has issued a report on his consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in compliance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of the audit.

<u>Deficit Fund Balance or Retained Earnings</u>

As indicated in the financial statements, there are no fund balance or retained earnings deficits for the District for this fiscal year.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Custodial Credit Risk

At December 31, 2013, the District held deposits of approximately \$1,409,602 at financial institutions. The District's cash deposits, including interest-bearing certificates of deposit are covered by Federal Depository Insurance (FDIC) or direct obligation of the U.S. Government insured or collateralized with securities held by the District or by its agent in the District's name.

Investment Interest Rate Risk

The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Investment Credit Risk

The District has no policy that limits its investment choices other than the limitation of state law as follows:

- a. Direct obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities to which the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government is pledged, or obligations to the payment of which the full faith and credit of the State is pledged.
- b. Certificates of deposits or savings accounts that are either insured or secured with acceptable collateral with in-state financial institutions, and fully insured certificates of deposit or savings accounts in out-of-state financial institutions.
- c. With certain limitation, negotiable certificates of deposit, prime bankers' acceptances, prime commercial paper and repurchase agreements with certain limitations.
- d. County, municipal or school district tax supported debt obligations, bond or revenue anticipation notes, money judgments, or bond or revenue anticipation notes of public trusts whose beneficiary is a county, municipality or school district.
- e. Notes or bonds secured by mortgage or trust deed insured by the Federal Housing Administrator and debentures issued by the Federal Housing Administrator, and in obligations of the National Mortgage Association.
- f. Money market funds regulated by the SEC and in which investments consist of the investments mentioned in the previous paragraphs (a.-d.).

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, was as follows:

	Balance at			Balance at
	Dec. 31, 2012	Additions	Deductions	Dec. 31, 2013
Land	\$ 27,945	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,945
Water System & Equipment	3,416,200	24,866	-	3,441,066
Work-in-progress	154,030	146,768		300,799
Subtotal	3,598,176	171,634		3,769,811
Less: Accum. Depr.	(1,734,981)	(93,809)		(1,828,790)
Total Capital Assets	_			
(Net of Depreciation)	\$ 1,863,195	\$ 77,826	\$ -	\$ 1,941,021

The current year capital asset additions included a new pickup, system improvement engineering fees and legal fees.

NOTE 5 - MORTGAGES PAYABLE

The District has a note payable with an original principal balance of \$1,350,000.00 to Berkadia (formerly Capmark/GMAC Commercial Mortgage), payable in monthly installments of \$6,629 including interest at 5.00%.

The final payment is scheduled for July 14, 2021. Revenues of the District are pledged as collateral. This loan will be paid in full in January 2014 from loan proceeds received from USDA Rural Development.

The District has a note (USDA RD #91-01, dated December 30, 2013, due to USDA Rural Development in the original amount of \$4,024,000 with a fixed interest rate of 2.75% with 480 monthly payments of principal and interest of \$13,843.00 beginning January 28, 2014. The note is secured by the system's assets and revenues. As of December 31, 2013, only \$639,070.75 in loan proceeds have been received for this loan.

The District has a note (USDA RD #91-03), dated December 30, 2013, due to USDA Rural Development in the original amount of \$786,000 with a fixed interest rate of 2.75% with 480 monthly payments of principal and interest of \$2,704.00 beginning January 28, 2014. The note is secured by the system's assets and revenues. As of December 31, 2013, only \$100,000.00 in loan proceeds have been received for this loan.

Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2013:

	Ва	lance at					В	alance at
	Dec	ember 31,					De	cember 31,
		2012	Ac	dditions	De	ductions		2013
Mortgage – Berkadia	\$	539,831	\$	-	\$	49,513	\$	490,318
Mortgage – USDA RD 91–01	\$	-	\$	639,071	\$	-	\$	639,071
Mortgage – USDA RD 91–03	\$	-	\$	100,000	\$		\$	100,000
Total Long-Term Debt	\$	539,831	\$	739,071	\$	49,513	\$	1,229,388

<u>Debt Services Requirements to Maturity</u>

The Berkadia loan will be paid in full in January 2014.

Amortization schedules will be available for the USDA Rural Development loans once all of the loan proceeds have been received.

NOTE 6 - RETIREMENT & DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The District offers employees a 457 retirement plan. The District matches employee contributions up to 3%. Total contributions for the year were \$12,824.66, this includes both employee & employer contributions. The plan is through Southern Financial Group-One America, 301 West Main, Suite 520, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401.

NOTE 7 - FUND EQUITY

As described in Note 1 above, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- 1. Net investment in capital assets
- 2. Restricted
- 3. Unrestricted

NOTE 8 - CONTINGENCIES

<u>Litigation</u>

According to management there were no known contingent liabilities at December 31, 2013, which would have a material effect on the financial statements.

Federally Assisted Programs

In the normal course of operations, the District participates in various federal or state/loan programs from year to year. The grant/loan programs are often subject to additional audits by agents of the granting or loaning agency, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with the specific conditions of the grant or loan. Any liability of reimbursement that may arise as a result of these audits cannot be reasonably determined at this time, although it is believed the amount, if any, would not be material.

NOTE 9 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In January 2014, the District paid the Berkadia Loan in full with a check in the amount of \$494,580.55 and also the Note Payable for Future Water Rights due to USACE, Tulsa District with a check in the amount of \$210,794.45. The funds were received in December 2013 from USDA Rural Development to payoff these loans. However, because the entities did not consider the loans paid off until January 2014, the federal expenditures were not incurred until 2014.

The District did not have any other subsequent events through May 9, 2014, which is the date the financial statements were issued, for events requiring recording or disclosure in the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2013.

NOTE 10 - IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The total estimated costs for the water project are as follows:

Construction	\$4,931,118
Engineering	292,500
Resident Inspection	228,600
Legal fees	52,456
Contingencies	246,436
O&M Manual, etc.	28,000
ODEQ Fee	3,790
Refinancing	803,400
Total	\$6,586,300

The project funding is planned from the following sources and amounts:

Project Funding Sources	<u>Funding Amounts</u>
Applicant Contributions	\$ 220,000
Rural Development Loan	4,024,000
Rural Development Grant	791,300
Rural Development Loan	786,000
Rural Development Grant	640,000
ODEQ Eng Grant	125,000
Total All Sources	\$6,586,300

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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 Board of Directors Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8 McIntosh County, Oklahoma

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, and in accordance with Oklahoma Statutes, the modified cash basis financial statements of the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles, and have issued our report thereon dated May 9, 2014, which was qualified for the improper capital asset recordkeeping.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8'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 Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8'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 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.

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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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas & Solid Waste Management District #8's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of 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.

Purpose of this Report

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results 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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