Rural Water District No. 5 Coal County, Oklahoma Coalgate, Oklahoma

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Board of Trustee Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma'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.

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. 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 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 the Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma as of September 30, 2014, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year 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 through 6 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 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 December 26, 2014 on our consideration of Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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December 26, 2014

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

September 30, 2014

Unaudited

Our discussion and analysis of the Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which begin on page 7.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's net position decreased 2.79% (\$18,316) from \$656,885 at September 30, 2013 to \$638,569 at September 30, 2014.
- The District's total revenues decreased 13.49% (\$20,541) from \$152,280 at September 30, 2013 to \$131,739 at September 30, 2014.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position (on pages 7 and 8) provide information about the activities of the District and present a longer-term view of the District's finances.

Reporting the District as a Whole

Our analysis of the District begins on page 4. One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is, *"Is the District as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?"* The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position report information about the District and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred inflows, liabilities and deferred outflows using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net position and changes in them. You can think of the District's net position – the difference between assets, deferred inflows, liabilities and deferred outflows – as one way to measure the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the District's long-term debt and the condition of the District's water distribution system, to assess the overall health of the District.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position, the District performs one type of activity:

• Business-Type Activity – The District charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of the service it provides. The District's water system is reported here.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

September 30, 2014

Unaudited

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Our analysis of the District's major fund begins on page 4. The District utilizes one type of fund.

Proprietary Fund – When the District charges customers for the services it provides, these services are
generally reported in proprietary funds. Generally, proprietary funds are reported in the same way that
all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses
and Changes in Fund Net Position.

THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net Position

The District's net position decreased 2.79% from \$656,885 to \$638,569. (See Table 1)

TABLE 1 – NET POSITION

		Business-Type Activity	
	09/30/14	<u>09/30/13</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Capital Assets	\$ 378,677	\$ 349,678	8.29%
Current and Other Assets Total Assets	<u>265,818</u> \$ <u>644,495</u>	<u>312,460</u> <u>\$662,138</u>	<u>-14.93</u> % <u>2.66</u> %
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$0	\$0	<u>0.00</u> %
Current Liabilities	\$ <u>5,926</u>	\$ <u>5,253</u>	<u>12.81</u> %
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>5,926</u>	\$ <u>5,253</u>	<u> 12.81</u> %
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	<u> 0.00</u> %
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 378,677	\$ 349,678	8.29%
Unrestricted	259,892	307,207	<u>-15.40</u> %
Total Net Position	\$ <u>638,569</u>	\$ <u>656,885</u>	<u>-2.79</u> %

Changes in Net Position

The District's total revenues decreased by 13.49% (\$20,541). (See Table 2)

TABLE 2 – CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	В	usiness-Type Activity	
	09/30/14	09/30/13	% Change
Operating Revenues:			-
Water charges	\$ 124,790	\$ 130,757	-4.56%
Water Taps	3,643	19,118	-80.97%
General Revenues:			
Interest Revenue	2,373	1,471	61.32%
Other	933	904	<u> </u>
Total Revenues	<u>131,739</u>	152,280	<u>-13.49</u> %

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

September 30, 2014

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TABLE 2 - CHANGES IN NET POSITION, CONTINUED

	E	Business-Type Activity	
	09/30/14	09/30/13	<u>% Change</u>
Operating Expenses: Operating Expenses	<u> 150,055</u>	_155,658	<u>-3.60</u> %
Total Expenses	150,055	155,658	<u>-3.60</u> %
Changes in Net Position	\$ <u>(18,316</u>)	\$ <u>(3,378</u>)	<u>-442.21</u> %

Revenues of the District's business type activity decreased by 13.49% (\$131,739 in 2014 compared to \$152,280 in 2013) and expenses decreased by 3.60% (\$150,055 in 2014 compared to \$155,658 in 2013).

The District had 258 customers at September 30, 2014 and 257 customers at September 30, 2013. An increase of 0.39%.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of September 30, 2014, the District had \$1,049,622 invested in capital assets, including water distribution systems and equipment. (See table below). Capital assets increased 5.55% during the current year.

	Business-Type Activity 09/30/14 09/30/13 % Cha		
Water Distribution System Equipment	\$ 1,047,757 <u>1,865</u>	\$ 992,564 <u>1,865</u>	5.56% 0.00%
Total	\$ <u>1,049,622</u>	\$ <u>994,429</u>	5.55%

More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 1 and Note 2 of the financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

September 30, 2014

Unaudited

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our customers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact the Manager's Office at Route 1 Box 1145, Coalgate, Oklahoma.

Frank Cometti Manager

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

PROPRIETARY FUND

September 30, 2014

	Water
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	¢ 054.040
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 254,340
Accounts Receivable	11,478
Total Current Assets Non-Current Assets:	265,818
Property, Plant and Equipment:	
Water Distribution System	1,047,757
Equipment	1,865
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(670,945)
Total Non-Current Assets	378,677
Total Assets	644,495
	011,100
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	0
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	5,926
Total Current Liabilities	5,926
	0,020
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	0
NET POSITION:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	378,677
Unrestricted	259,892
	<u>,</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ <u>638,569</u>

* The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION

PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

	_	Water
Operating Revenues: Water Charges	\$	124,790
Water Taps	Ŧ	3,643
Other		933
Total Operating Revenues		129,366
Operating Expenses:		
Contractual Services		46,472
Repairs and Maintenance		5,357
Materials and Supplies		41,640
Other Services and Charges		30,392
Depreciation		26,194
Total Operating Expenses		150,055
Operating Income (Loss)	_	(20,689)
Non-Operating Revenue (Expense):		
Interest Revenue		2,373
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expense)		2,373
Income (Loss) Before Contributions	_	(18,316)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Capital Contributions		0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		0
Change in Net Position		(18,316)
Net Position, September 30, 2013	_	656,885
NET POSITION, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014	\$	638,569

* The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

Orach Elever Errore Oracretian Activities	_	Water
Cash Flows From Operating Activities: Receipts from customers	\$	133,355
Other receipts		933
Payments to suppliers Payments for labor		(76,715) (46,472)
	-	(10,112)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	_	11,101
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Non-Capital		
Financing Activities	_	0
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchase of Capital Assets	_	(55,193)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	_	(55,193)
Cash Flows Provided by Investing Activities:		
Interest earned	_	2,373
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	_	2,373
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and		
Cash Equivalents		(41,719)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, September 30, 2013	-	296,059
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014	\$_	254,340
Cash Consists of:		
Demand Deposits	\$	71,032
Certificates of Deposit	-	183,308
TOTAL CASH, END OF YEAR	\$_	254,340

* The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

		Water
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities: Operating income (loss)	\$	(20,689)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation expense Change in assets and liabilities:		26,194
Receivables Accounts payable	_	4,924 672
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$_	11,101

^{*} The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2014

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma operates under the Nontaxable Governmental Entity form of government. The District was formed in 1979, pursuant to the Oklahoma Rural Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Management District Act for the purpose of constructing and operating a water supply and distribution system serving the members of the district. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies of the District.

The District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (*Statements and Interpretations*). The more significant accounting policies in GAAP and used by the District are discussed in subsequent sections.

<u>Reporting Entity</u> - For financial reporting purposes, the District complies with *Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)* Cod. Sec. 2100, in defining the District's financial reporting entity. All of the officials and activities described above are included in the District's reporting entity.

<u>Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements</u> - The financial transactions of the District are reported in an individual fund in the fund financial statements. The fund is accounted for by providing a set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, deferred inflows, liabilities, deferred outflows, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses.

The following fund type is used by the District:

Proprietary Fund – The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The following is a description of the proprietary fund of the District.

Enterprise Funds are required to be used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity (a) is financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of the net revenues. (b) has third party requirements that the cost of providing services, including capital costs, be recovered with fees and charges or (c) establishes fees and charges based on a pricing policy designed to recover similar costs.

<u>Basis of Accounting</u> - Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual - Business-type activity in the proprietary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2014

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Financial Statement Amounts:

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> – For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, demand deposits and certificates of deposit are considered cash equivalents. At September 30, 2014, all deposits were fully insured by the FDIC.

<u>Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources</u> – In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows 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 thus, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Additionally, that statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Corporation has no items that qualified for reporting in these categories.

<u>Operating Revenues and Expenses</u> – Operating revenues and expenses consist of charges for services and the cost of providing those services, including depreciation. All other revenues and expenses are reported as non-operating.

Expenditures – Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

<u>Capital Assets</u> – Capital assets purchased or acquired with a useful life in excess of one year are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlay that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives.

Water Distribution Systems	40 years
Equipment	5 years

<u>Proprietary Fund Net Position</u> – Fund net position is divided into three components:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets.
- Restricted Net Position consist of assets that are restricted by the Corporation's creditors (for example, through debt covenants), by the state enabling legislation (through restrictions on shared revenues), by grantors (both federal and state), and by other contributors as applicable.
- Unrestricted all other net position is reported in this category.

<u>Restricted Resources</u> – When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources (Net Position), the Corporation's policy is to first apply the expense toward restricted resources and then toward unrestricted resources.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2014

NOTE 2: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2014 was as follows:

	Balance 09/30/13	Additions	Disposals	Balance _09/30/14
Business Type Activity:				
Water Distribution System	\$ 992,564	\$ 55,193	\$0	\$ 1,047,757
Equipment	1,865	0	0	1,865
Total	994,429	0	0	1,049,622
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(644,751)</u>	<u>(26,194</u>)	0	<u>(670,945</u>)
Net Business Type Capital Assets	\$ <u>349,678</u>	\$ <u>(26,194</u>)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>378,677</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to activities as follows:

Proprietary Fund	
Operating Expense	

\$<u>26,194</u>

NOTE 3: LITIGATION

At September 30, 2014 the District was not involved in any pending or threatened litigation, which would have a material impact on these financial statements.

NOTE 4: WATER CONTRACT

The District and the City of Coalgate have jointly negotiated a contract whereby the District agrees to purchase its water needs from the City of Coalgate. The current price is \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons used.

NOTE 5: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable of \$11,478 represents amounts billed to customers for water use and not received as of September 30, 2014.

NOTE 6: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ended September 30, 2014, the District carried insurance through various commercial carriers to cover all risks of losses. The District has had no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded its commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 7: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management of Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County Oklahoma has evaluated subsequent events through December 26, 2014, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Trustees Rural Water District No. 5, Coal 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, the financial statements of Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statement of net position as of September 30, 2014, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 26, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma'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 Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma'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.

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. 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.

However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 07-1 that we consider to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting. 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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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma'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*.

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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Rural Water District No. 5, Coal County, Oklahoma's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Sounders Passociates PLLC

SAUNDERS & ASSOCIATES, PLLC Certified Public Accountants Ada, Oklahoma

December 26, 2014

STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

September 30, 2014

07-1 SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

<u>Condition</u>: Due to the limited number of personnel involved in the operating of the fiscal office, most of those aspects of internal accounting control, which rely upon an adequate segregation of duties, are, for all practical purposes, missing in the organization. However, we recognize that the organization's administration is not large enough to make the employment of additional persons, for the purpose of segregating duties practical from a cost-benefit standpoint.

Current Status: See current audit findings.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

07-1 SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

<u>Criteria</u>: Effective internal controls rely upon proper segregation of duties to detect and prevent possible fraudulent activities. It is the responsibility of Rural Water District No. 5 to safeguard its assets and one of the best methods to establish good internal controls is to develop and implement adequate segregation of duties. One of the effective methods to establish good internal controls is to develop and implement adequate segregation of duties.

<u>Condition</u>: Due to the limited number of personnel involved in the operating of the fiscal office, most of those aspects of internal accounting control, which rely upon an adequate segregation of duties, are, for all practical purposes, missing in the organization. However, we recognize that the organization's administration is not large enough to make the employment of additional persons, for the purpose of segregating duties practical from a cost-benefit standpoint.

<u>Cause/Effect</u>: Inappropriate, inaccurate and/or fraudulent transactions could be made and not be detected during the normal course of business.

<u>Recommendation</u>: SAUNDERS & ASSOCIATES, PLLC recommends increased oversight by the Board over all financial activities.

<u>Response</u>: Management will work closely with the Board to mitigate weaknesses noted within internal control functions.