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Management Report

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Board of Directors
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Dear Members of the Board:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Westborough Water District (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited period described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weakness. Given these limitations during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Summary of Current Year Comments and Recommendations

Our comments, all of which have been discussed with the appropriate members of management, are summarized as follows:

Disclosure of Audit Adjustments and Reclassifications

As your external auditor, we assume that the books and records of the District are properly adjusted before the audit begins. In many cases, however, audit adjustments and reclassifications are made in the normal course of the audit process to present the District's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America or for comparison purposes with the prior year. For the Board of Directors to gain a full and complete understanding and appreciation of the scope and extent of the audit process we have presented these audit adjustments and reclassifications as an attachment to this letter. There can be very reasonable explanations for situations of having numerous adjustments as well as having no adjustments at all. However, the issue is simply disclosure of the adjustments and reclassifications that were made and to provide the Board of Directors with a better understanding of the scope of the audit.

Management's Response

We have reviewed and approved all of the audit adjustment and reclassification entries provided by the auditor and have entered those entries into the District's accounting system to close-out the District's year-end trial balance at June 30, 2019.

Summary of Prior Year Comments and Recommendations

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Management's Response

We have reviewed and approved all of the audit adjustment and reclassification entries provided by the auditor and have entered those entries into the District's accounting system to close-out the District's year-end trial balance at June 30, 2018.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Directors of the District. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this letter, which is a matter of public record.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us during our examination. We would be pleased to discuss the contents of this letter with you at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Cypress, California
January 9, 2020

APPENDIX

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Audit/Finance Committee Letter

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We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities, of the Westborough Water District (District) for the year ended June 30, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated March 26, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in Note 1 to the basic financial statements.

We noted no transactions entered into by the District during fiscal year 2019 for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates play an integral part in the preparation of basic financial statements by management and are based upon management's knowledge, experience and current judgment(s) about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the basic financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the position in the basic financial statements are:

Management's estimate of the fair value of cash and investments is based on information provided by financial institutions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value of cash and investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the allowance for delinquent/doubtful accounts is based on historical write-offs of past due delinquent/doubtful customer accounts, customer creditworthiness, and calculated assumptions of expected future write-offs. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance for delinquent/doubtful accounts in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of capital assets depreciation is based on historical estimates of each capitalized item's useful life expectancy or cost recovery period. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the capital asset depreciation calculations in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Significant Audit Matters, continued

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices, continued

Management's estimate of the other post-employment benefits (OPEB) plan: deferred outflows of resources, net OPEB liability, and deferred inflows of resources are based on the alternative measurement method to determine the liability balance. This alternative measurement method was determined and prepared by the District's third-party actuary. We evaluated the basis, methods and assumptions used by the actuary to calculate the annual required contribution for the District to determine that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the defined benefit pension plan's: deferred outflows of resources, net pension liability, and deferred inflows of resources are based on an actuarial evaluation of these amounts which was conducted by a third-party actuary. We evaluated the basis, actuarial methods and assumptions used by the actuary to calculate these amounts for the District to determine that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain basic financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the basic financial statements are:

The disclosure of fair value of cash and investments in Note 2 to the basic financial statements represents amounts susceptible to market fluctuations.

The disclosure of the District's allowance for delinquent/doubtful accounts in Note 3 to the basic financial statements represents amounts susceptible to external factors the District has no control over, such as, the state of the economy in the District's service area.

The disclosure of capital assets, net in Note 4 to the basic financial statements is based on historical information which could differ from actual useful lives of each capitalized item.

The disclosure of the District's other post-employment benefits plan, in Note 6 to the basic financial statements is based on information which could differ from those in future periods.

The disclosure of the District's defined benefit pension plan in Note 7 to the basic financial statements is based on actuarial assumptions which could differ from actual costs.

The disclosures in the basic financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional Standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, except those that are considered trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. (See Page 4)

Disagreements with Management

For the purpose of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction that could be significant to the basic financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit of the District.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the Management Representational Letter to the Auditor dated January 9, 2020.

Significant Audit Matters, continued

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves the application of an accounting principle to the District’s basic financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the District’s auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Conclusion

We appreciate the cooperation extended us by Darryl Barrow, General Manager and Patricia Mairena, Assistant General Manager, in the performance of our audit testwork.

We will be pleased to respond to any question you have about the foregoing. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the District.

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