# ST. MARY PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 4

Charenton, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended September 30, 2012

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Commissioners St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 Charenton, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 (hereinafter "Commission"), a component unit of the Parish of St. Mary, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's management. 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Commission, as of September 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 20, 2013, on our consideration of the Commission'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 and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. The comparative financial statements on pages 30 through 40 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of the Commission's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012 have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2012, taken as a whole.

We also have previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the Commission's basic financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2011 which are not presented with the accompanying financial statements. In our report dated March 13, 2012, we expressed unqualified opinions on the respective financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund. That audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's financial statements as a whole. The financial statements of St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4, Waterworks District No 6 of the Parish of St. Mary, and Sewerage District No. 9 of the Parish of St. Mary on pages 30 through 40 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2011. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of those financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the financial statements of St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4, Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Mary, and Sewerage District No. 9 of the Parish of St. Mary are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements from which they have been derived.

The other supplementary information on pages 41 through 44 has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide and assurance on them.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

Morgan City Louisiana March 20, 2013 GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Statement of Net Assets September 30, 2012

|   | Business-type<br>Activities |
|---|-----------------------------|
| ASSETS  |                             |
| Current assets:                                 |                             |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits              | \$ 450,471                  |
| Receivables:                                    |                             |
| Accounts  | 145,091                     |
| Prepaid expenses                                | 28,317                      |
| Restricted assets:                              |                             |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits              | 657,060                     |
| Total current assets                            | 1,280,939                   |
| Noncurrent assets:                              |                             |
| Restricted assets:                              |                             |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits              | 154,840                     |
| Capital assets:                                 |                             |
| Capital asset not being depreciated             | 24,728                      |
| Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation | 10,783,481                  |
| Total noncurrent assets                         | 10,963,049                  |
| Other assets:                                   |                             |
| Deferred bond issue costs, net                  | 19,471                      |
| Total assets                                    | <u>\$ 12,263,459</u>        |
|   | (continued)                 |

# Statement of Net Assets (continued) September 30, 2012

|   | Business-type<br>Activities |
|---|-----------------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                      |                             |
| Current liabilities:                            |                             |
| Accounts payable                                | \$ 68,652                   |
| Accrued liabilities                             | 34,013                      |
| Accrued interest                                | 7,837                       |
| Current maturities of bonds payable             | 223,378                     |
| Due to other governmental units                 | 49,159                      |
| Payable from restricted assets:                 |                             |
| Current maturities of bonds payable             | 66,000                      |
| Accrued interest                                | 5,122                       |
| Refundable deposits                             | 143,368                     |
| Total current liabilities                       | 597,529                     |
| Noncurrent liabilities:                         |                             |
| Bonds payable                                   | 4,089,710                   |
| Compensated absences                            | 92,879                      |
| Total noncurrent liabilities                    | 4,182,589                   |
| Total liabilities                               | 4,780,118                   |
| Net assets:                                     |                             |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 6,793,885                   |
| Restricted for debt service                     | 396,692                     |
| Unrestricted                                    | 292,764                     |
| Total net assets                                | 7,483,341                   |
| Total liabilities and net assets                | \$ 12,263,459               |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# Statement of Activities Year Ended September 30, 2012

|  | Business-type<br>Activities |
|--|-----------------------------|
| OPERATING REVENUES                     |                             |
| Water sales                            | \$ 833,518                  |
| Sewer user and inspection fees         | 372,670                     |
| Commissions and fees for services      | 37,315                      |
| Total operating revenues               | 1,243,503                   |
| OPERATING EXPENSES                     |                             |
| Salaries and related benefits          | 617,696                     |
| Supplies and materials                 | 11,157                      |
| Operation and maintenance              | 542,248                     |
| Other services and charges             | 178,215                     |
| Plant operation                        | 295,403                     |
| Depreciation                           | 807,056                     |
| Total operating expenses               | 2,451,775                   |
| Operating loss                         | (1,208,272)                 |
| NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)       |                             |
| Ad valorem taxes, net                  | 892,050                     |
| Bond interest and fiscal charges       | (151,955)                   |
| Bond issue costs                       | (1,435)                     |
| Interest expense                       | (43,435)                    |
| Interest income                        | 5,453                       |
| Miscellaneous income                   | 12,129                      |
| Total nonoperating revenues (expenses) | 712,807                     |
| Net loss                               | (495,465)                   |
| NET ASSETS, beginning                  | 7,978,806                   |
| NET ASSETS, ending                     | \$ 7,483,341                |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Balance Sheet September 30, 2012

| ASSETS  | Operating          | Waterworks<br>District No. 6 | Sewerage<br>District No. 9 | Total               |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Current assets:                                 |                    |                              |                            |                     |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits              | \$ 214,683         | \$ 235,488                   | \$ 300                     | \$ 450,471          |
| Receivables:                                    |                    |                              |                            |                     |
| Accounts  | 145,091            | -                            | 10000<br>100 - 5           | 145,091             |
| Due from other funds                            | -                  | 133,587                      | 5,403                      | 138,990             |
| Prepaid expenses                                | 28,317             | -                            |                            | 28,317              |
| Restricted assets:                              |                    |                              |                            |                     |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits              | 535,183            | 54,808                       | 67,069                     | 657,060             |
| Total current assets                            | 923,274            | 423,883                      | 72,772                     | 1,419,929           |
| Noncurrent assets:                              |                    |                              |                            |                     |
| Restricted assets:                              |                    |                              |                            |                     |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits              | 83,371             | 71,469                       |                            | 154,840             |
| Capital assets:                                 |                    |                              |                            |                     |
| Capital assets not being depreciated            | 17,802             | 6,926                        | <b></b> )                  | 24,728              |
| Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation | 1,756,034          | 3,775,749                    | 5,251,698                  | 10,783,481          |
| Total noncurrent assets                         | 1,857,207          | 3,854,144                    | 5,251,698                  | 10,963,049          |
| Other assets:                                   |                    |                              |                            |                     |
| Deferred bond issue costs, net                  | 19,471             | 3                            |                            | 19,471              |
| Total assets                                    | <u>\$2,799,952</u> | <u>\$4,278,027</u>           | <u>\$5,324,470</u>         | <u>\$12,402,449</u> |
|   |                    |                              |                            | N 7471 BBS          |

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# Balance Sheet (continued) September 30, 2012

| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                      | Ope          | rating | 10.000      | terworks<br>rict No. 6 |      | Sewerage<br>strict No. 9 | <u></u> | Total     |
|---|--------------|--------|-------------|------------------------|------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|
|   |              |        |             |                        |      |                          |         |           |
| Current liabilities:                            |              |        | 12200       |                        | 1740 |                          |         |           |
| Accounts payable                                |              | 68,652 | \$          | <del></del> 01         | \$   | -                        | \$      | 68,652    |
| Accrued liabilities                             |              | 34,013 |             |                        |      |                          |         | 34,013    |
| Accrued interest                                |              |        |             | 7,837                  |      |                          |         | 7,837     |
| Current maturities of bonds payable             |              | -      | 5<br>9      | 206,129                |      | 17,249                   |         | 223,378   |
| Due to other funds                              | 1            | 38,990 |             | <b>-</b> U             |      | -                        |         | 138,990   |
| Due to other governmental units                 | Ĩ            | 49,159 |             | -                      |      | -                        |         | 49,159    |
| Payable from restricted assets:                 |              |        |             |                        |      |                          |         |           |
| Current maturities of bonds payable             | 1            | 66,000 |             | <b>.</b>               |      |                          |         | 66,000    |
| Accrued interest                                |              | 5,122  |             | <del></del>            |      |                          |         | 5,122     |
| Refundable deposits                             | 1            | 45,322 | ~           | 98,046                 |      | -                        |         | 143,368   |
| Total current liabilities                       | 4            | 07,258 | -           | 312,012                |      | 17,249                   |         | 736,519   |
| Noncurrent liabilities:                         |              |        |             |                        |      |                          |         |           |
| Bonds payable                                   | 1,2          | 39,000 | 1,          | 911,702                |      | 939,008                  |         | 4,089,710 |
| Compensated absences                            |              | 27,994 |             | 64,885                 | _    |                          | _       | 92,879    |
| Total noncurrent liabilities                    | 1,2          | 66,994 | 1,          | 976,587                | 3    | 939,008                  |         | 4,182,589 |
| Total liabilities                               | _1,6         | 74,252 | 2,          | 288,599                | -    | 956,257                  | -       | 4,919,108 |
| Net assets:                                     |              |        |             |                        |      |                          |         |           |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 8            | 33,600 | 1,          | 664,844                |      | 4,295,441                |         | 6,793,885 |
| Restricted for debt service                     | 2            | 03,346 |             | 126,277                |      | 67,069                   |         | 396,692   |
| Unrestricted                                    |              | 88,754 |             | 198,307                | 14   | 5,703                    | ÷       | 292,764   |
| Total net assets                                | 1,1          | 25,700 | 1,          | 989,428                |      | 4,368,213                |         | 7,483,341 |
| Total liabilities and net assets                | <u>\$2,7</u> | 99,952 | <u>\$4,</u> | 278,027                | \$   | 5,324,470                | \$ 1    | 2,402,449 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended September 30, 2012

|  |             | Waterworks     | Sewerage       | T ( 1        |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | Operating   | District No. 6 | District No. 9 | Total        |
| OPERATING REVENUES                       |             |                |                |              |
| Water sales                              | \$ 833,518  | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ 833,518   |
| Sewer user and inspection fees           | 372,670     | -              |                | 372,670      |
| Commission and fees for services         | 37,315      |                | -              | 37,315       |
| Total operating revenues                 | 1,243,503   |                |                | 1,243,503    |
| OPERATING EXPENSES                       |             |                |                |              |
| Salaries and related benefits            | 617,696     | -              | -              | 617,696      |
| Supplies and materials                   | 11,157      | ÷              |                | 11,157       |
| Operation and maintenance                | 542,248     | -              | -              | 542,248      |
| Other services and charges               | 168,833     | 9,382          |                | 178,215      |
| Plant operation                          | 295,403     |                | _              | 295,403      |
| Depreciation                             | 91,925      | 345,371        | 369,760        | 807,056      |
| Total operating expenses                 | 1,727,262   | 354,753        | 369,760        | 2,451,775    |
| Operating loss                           | (483,759)   | (354,753)      | (369,760)      | (1,208,272)  |
| NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)         |             |                |                |              |
| Ad valorem taxes, net                    | 626,295     | 265,755        | .=*            | 892,050      |
| Bond interest and fiscal charges         | (53,470)    | (98,485)       | -              | (151,955)    |
| Bond issue costs                         | (1,435)     | (iii)          |                | (1,435)      |
| Interest expense                         | -           | -              | (43,435)       | (43,435)     |
| Interest income                          | 4,138       | 1,315          | -              | 5,453        |
| Miscellaneous income                     | 12,129      | -              | -              | 12,129       |
| Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)   | 587,657     | 168,585        | (43,435)       | 712,807      |
| Income (Loss) before operating transfers | 103,898     | (186,168)      | (413,195)      | (495,465)    |
| Transfers in                             | -           | 56,543         | 66,923         | 123,466      |
| Transfers out                            | (123,466)   |                |                | (123,466)    |
| Change in net assets                     | (19,568)    | (129,625)      | (346,272)      | (495,465)    |
| NET ASSETS, beginning                    | 1,145,268   | 2,119,053      | 4,714,485      | 7,978,806    |
| NET ASSETS, ending                       | \$1,125,700 | \$ 1,989,428   | \$ 4,368,213   | \$ 7,483,341 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended September 30, 2012

|  | Operating     | Waterworks<br>District No. 6 | Sewerage<br>District No. 9 | Total              |
|--|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES                                 |               |                              |                            |                    |
| Revenue collected                                    | \$ 1,269,936  | \$-                          | \$-                        | \$1,269,936        |
| Payments for goods and services                      | (1,003,075)   | (9,382)                      | 19 <del>13</del> )         | (1,012,457)        |
| Payments to employees                                | (614,502)     | <u> </u>                     |                            | (614,502)          |
| Net cash used by operating activities                | (347,641)     | (9,382)                      |                            | (357,023)          |
| NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES                      |               |                              |                            |                    |
| Proceeds from customer deposits                      | 7,276         | -                            | -                          | 7,276              |
| Miscellaneous receipts                               | 12,129        | -                            | -                          | 12,129             |
| Receipts from other funds                            | . <del></del> | 56,543                       | 66,923                     | 123,466            |
| Payments to other funds                              | (123,466)     | -                            |                            | (123,466)          |
| Receipts from nonoperating taxes                     | 626,295       | 265,755                      |                            | 892,050            |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities | 522,234       | 322,298                      | 66,923                     | 911,455            |
| CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES             |               |                              |                            |                    |
| Acquisition of capital assets                        | (47,865)      |                              | 5 <del></del>              | (47,865)           |
| Interest and fiscal charges paid                     | (53,642)      | (98,922)                     | (43,435)                   | (195,999)          |
| Principal payments on bonds                          | (60,000)      | (201,560)                    | (16,493)                   | (278,053)          |
| Net cash provided (used) by capital and related      |               |                              |                            |                    |
| financing activities                                 | (161,507)     | (300,482)                    | (59,928)                   | (521,917)          |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES                                 |               |                              |                            |                    |
| Interest received                                    | 4,138         | 1,315                        | -                          | 5,453              |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 17,224        | 13,749                       | 6,995                      | 37,968             |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning                 | 816,013       | 348,016                      | 60,374                     | 1,224,403          |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end                       | \$ 833,237    | <u>\$ 361,765</u>            | <u>\$ 67,369</u>           | <u>\$1,262,371</u> |

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# Statement of Cash Flows (continued) Year Ended September 30, 2012

|   | Operating           | Waterworks<br>District No. 6 | Sewerage<br>District No. 9 | Total         |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Reconciliation of operating income to net cash        |                     | 2 <b></b> 7                  |                            |               |
| provided (used) by operating activities:              |                     |                              |                            |               |
| Operating income (loss)                               | \$ (483,759)        | \$ (354,753)                 | \$(369,760)                | \$(1,208,272) |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash |                     |                              |                            |               |
| provided (used) by operating activities-              |                     |                              |                            |               |
| Depreciation  | 91,925              | 345,371                      | 369,760                    | 807,056       |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:                    |                     |                              |                            |               |
| Increase in receivables                               | 14,571              | -                            | 3 <del>10</del>            | 14,571        |
| Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets         | 8,020               | -                            | 3 <del></del>              | 8,020         |
| Decrease in accounts payable                          | 6,992               | -                            | 2 <u>123</u> 6             | 6,992         |
| Increase in accrued liabilities                       | 12,550              | -                            | -                          | 12,550        |
| Decrease in due to other governmental entities        | 2,060               | -                            |                            | 2,060         |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities      | <u>\$ (347,641)</u> | \$ (9,382)                   | <u>\$ -</u>                | \$ (357,023)  |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 ("Commission") was created under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:7831 by ordinance issued by the St. Mary Parish Council on January 10, 2007. The Commission is authorized to operate, maintain, improve, extend and/or dispose of all works and facilities for water, sewer, and sewerage treatment or disposal facilities and systems within a designated territory of St. Mary Parish. The Commission is governed by seven board members appointed by the St. Mary Parish Council.

#### (1) <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

The accompanying financial statements of the Commission have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989 have been applied unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

#### A. Financial Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the St. Mary Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for St. Mary Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (parish council), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the St. Mary Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

This criteria includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a) The ability of the Parish to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - b) The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Parish.
- 2. Organizations for which the Parish does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Parish council.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the Parish Council appoints the Commission's governing body, the Commission was determined to be a component unit of the Parish of St. Mary, the financial reporting entity. Also, based upon the criteria described above, Waterworks District No 6 of the Parish of St. Mary and Sewerage District No. 9 of the Parish of St. Mary were determined to be components of the Commission and have been blended in these financial statements. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Commission and its blended components and do not present information on the Parish Government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

## B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Commission have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

The accounts of the Commission are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The proprietary fund is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on major funds. Nonmajor funds, if any, are summarized into a single column. GASB Statement No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues or expenses of enterprise funds combined) for the determination of major funds. The Commission may determine as a major fund any fund whose classification as a nonmajor fund may be misleading to the reader. The funds classified as major are as follows:

- 1. Operating fund
- 2. Waterworks District No. 6 enterprise fund
- 3. Sewerage District No. 9 enterprise fund

#### Proprietary Funds -

Proprietary funds are used to account for ongoing operations and activities that are similar to those often found in the private sector. The measurement focus is based upon determination of net income, financial position, and cash flows. The two types of proprietary funds are enterprise and internal service funds. The Commission's funds are enterprise funds.

#### **Enterprise Funds**

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

### C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

#### Measurement Focus

Business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net assets.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### Basis of Accounting

The proprietary fund utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used.

#### D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

#### Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the Statement of Net Assets, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit. For the purpose of the cash flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

#### Receivables

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Unbilled utility service receivables resulting from utility services rendered between the date of meter reading and billing and the end of the month, are recorded at year end.

#### Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond year end, are recorded as prepaid items.

### **Restricted Assets**

Certain proceeds of enterprise fund bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the statement of net assets. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Commission maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 for capitalizing assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation.

The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

| Water system           | 20-50 years |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Sewer System           | 50 years    |
| Buildings              | 40 years    |
| Improvements           | 20 years    |
| Equipment and vehicles | 5-20 years  |

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary fund is charged as an expense against its operations.

### Bad Debts

Uncollectible amounts due for customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts by direct write-off at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. Use of this method does not result in a material difference from the valuation method required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable.

#### Compensated Absences

The Commission adopted an annual vacation and sick leave policy for all full time employees. Vacation varies with the length of service and cannot be carried forward. Sick leave is accrued at a rate of one day per month and is allowed to accumulate up to 120 days. Up to 90 days of sick leave may be paid as a termination benefit upon retirement.

#### Long-term Debt

All long-term debt to be repaid from business-type resources is reported as liabilities. The long-term debt consists primarily of bonds payable.

#### Bond Issue Costs

Bond issue costs are being amortized by the straight-line method over the life of the related bond issue.

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## **Equity Classifications**

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

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt 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 borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets Consists of net assets with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".
- E. Revenues and Expenses

**Operating Revenues and Expenses** 

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

## Expenses

Expenses are classified by function for business-type activities. Expenses are further classified as operating and nonoperating.

Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

## F. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Enterprise funds are not required under Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1301 et seq. to adopt a budget and the Commission has elected to not formally adopt a budget. Accordingly, budgeted figures are not presented in this financial report.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### G. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### (2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the Commission may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Commission may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At September 30, 2012, the Commission has cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$1,262,371 as follows:

| Cash on hand    | \$<br>4,487     |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Demand deposits | 716,409         |
| Time deposits   | <br>541,475     |
| Total cash      | \$<br>1,262,371 |

Under state law, deposits, (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the Commission or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at September 30, 2012, are secured as follows:

| Bank balances | \$1,333,622 |
|---------------|-------------|
|               |             |
|               |             |

At September 30, 2012, the deposits are secured as follows:

| Federal deposit insurance | 1,115,369   |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Pledged securities        | 218,253     |
| Total                     | \$1,333,622 |

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Commission's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Commission does not have a policy to monitor or attempt to reduce exposure to custodial credit risk. Since the Commission's total bank balances were fully insured or collateralized, the deposits are not exposed to custodial credit risk.

### (3) Restricted Assets

Restricted assets consisted of the following at September 30, 2012:

|  | <br>Cash      |
|--|---------------|
| St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 |               |
| Water improvement bonds                          | \$<br>535,183 |
| Customer security deposits                       | 83,371        |
|  | <br>618,554   |
| St. Mary Parish Waterworks District No. 6        |               |
| Revenue bond reserve fund                        | 27,404        |
| Capital additions and contingencies fund         | 27,404        |
| Customer security deposits                       | 71,469        |
|  | 126,277       |
| St. Mary Parish Sewer District No. 9             | <br>          |
| Sinking fund                                     | 7,722         |
| Reserve fund                                     | 29,672        |
| Contingency fund                                 | <br>29,675    |
|  | <br>67,069    |
| Total  | \$<br>811,900 |

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## (4) Interfund Receivables/Payables

|                                      | Interfund<br>Receivables |       | Interfund<br>Payables |               |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Business-type activities:            |                          |       |                       |               |
| Operating fund                       | \$                       | -     | \$                    | 138,990       |
| Waterworks District No. 6            | 13                       | 3,587 |                       | 3             |
| Sewerage District No. 9              |                          | 5,403 |                       | . <del></del> |
| Total interfund receivables/payables | <u>\$ 13</u>             | 8,990 | \$                    | 138,990       |

Theses receivables and payables reverse in the normal course of operations. All remaining balances resulted from time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payment between the funds are made.

## (5) <u>Ad Valorem Taxes</u>

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem tax millages:

|   | Authorized/<br>Levied |
|---|-----------------------|
|   | Millage               |
| Commission taxes:                                   |                       |
| Debt millage  | 3.5                   |
| Operating millage                                   | 14.80                 |
| District taxes:                                     |                       |
| Bond and Interest-                                  |                       |
| Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Mary | 7.54                  |

Levied millages for debt taxes and bond and interest taxes are restricted to payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds and are reported as nonoperating revenue on the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets.

Ad valorem taxes for the operation and maintenance millage are reported as operating revenue on the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets.

Total taxes of \$895,228 were levied on property having assessed taxable valuations totaling \$69,747,620.

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## (6) <u>Capital Assets</u>

# Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2012 was as follows:

|   | Beginning<br>Balance | Additions         | Deletions     | Ending<br>Balance |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Capital assets not being depreciated:       |                      | 19 <del>1</del> 8 | 1 <del></del> |                   |
| Land and improvements                       | \$ 6,926             | \$ -              | \$ -          | 6,926             |
| Construction in progress                    | 562,557              | 24,194            | 568,949       | 17,802            |
| Total capital assets not being depreciated  | 569,483              | 24,194            | 568,949       | 24,728            |
| Capital assets being depreciated:           |                      |                   |               |                   |
| Water system                                | 10,149,056           | 568,949           | 15,645        | 10,702,360        |
| Sewer system                                | 7,153,993            | 9,716             |               | 7,163,709         |
| Buildings                                   | 244,859              | 1755              |               | 244,859           |
| Improvements                                | 375,609              | 10,959            |               | 386,568           |
| Equipment and vehicles                      | 1,791,610            | 2,995             | R             | 1,794,605         |
| Total capital assets being depreciated      | 19,715,127           | 592,619           | 15,645        | 20,292,101        |
| Less accumulated depreciation for:          |                      |                   |               |                   |
| Water system                                | 5,711,343            | 371,467           | 15,645        | 6,067,165         |
| Sewer system                                | 2,553,693            | 360,145           | 1775          | 2,913,838         |
| Buildings                                   | 12,273               | 4,878             | H             | 17,151            |
| Improvements                                | 66,758               | 18,174            |               | 84,932            |
| Equipment and vehicles                      | 373,142              | 52,392            |               | 425,534           |
| Total accumulated depreciation              | 8,717,209            | 807,056           | 15,645        | 9,508,620         |
| Total capital assets being depreciated, net | 10,997,918           | (214,437)         |               | 10,783,481        |
| Capital assets, net                         | <u>\$ 11,567,401</u> | \$ (190,243)      | \$ 568,949    | \$ 10,808,209     |

Depreciation expense charged to the Commission's business-type activities for the year ended September 30, 2012 totaled \$807,056.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## (7) Deferred Bond Issue Costs

As described in Note 9, the Commission issued General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008 and Water Improvement Bonds, Series 2007 in a preceding year. Expenses, primarily legal fees, were incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds. Accounting principles require such costs to be reported as deferred charges on the balance sheet and amortized from the date of sale until the maturity of the obligation.

At September 30, 2012, the Commission has unamortized deferred bond issue costs as follows:

|                         | 27  | Water     | 0  | General   |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------|----|-----------|
|                         | Imp | rovement  | O  | bligation |
|                         | Bor | nds, 2007 | Bo | nds, 2008 |
| Bond issue costs        | \$  | 5,600     | \$ | 21,422    |
| Amortization recognized |     | (2,240)   | 10 | (5,311)   |
|                         | \$  | 3,360     | \$ | 16,111    |

For the year ended September 30, 2012, amortization recognized for the Water Improvement and GO Bonds was \$373 and \$1,062 respectively.

### (8) <u>Changes in Long-Term Debt</u>

The following is a summary of bond transactions of the Commission for the year ended September 30, 2012:

|                                       | Beginning<br>Balance | Additions Deletions |            |             |            | Due Within<br>One Year |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|
| Water Improvement Bonds, Series 2007  | \$ 275,000           | \$-                 | \$ 20,000  | \$ 255,000  | \$ 21,000  |                        |
| General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008 | 1,090,000            | -                   | 40,000     | 1,050,000   | 45,000     |                        |
| General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 | 1,500,000            | -                   | 190,000    | 1,310,000   | 195,000    |                        |
| \$900,000 Water revenue notes payable | 819,391              | 8                   | 11,560     | 807,831     | 11,129     |                        |
| \$1,000,000 Sewer revenue bonds       | 884,318              | 17 <u>11</u>        | 14,993     | 869,325     | 15,681     |                        |
| \$100,000 Sewer revenue bonds         | 88,432               | -                   | 1,500      | 86,932      | 1,568      |                        |
| Compensated absences                  | 89,685               | 3,194               | . <u> </u> | 92,879      | <u> </u>   |                        |
|                                       | \$4,746,826          | \$ 3,194            | \$ 278,053 | \$4,471,967 | \$ 289,378 |                        |

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Bonds payable at September 30, 2012 are comprised of the following individual issues:

| \$350,000 Water Improvement Bonds, Series 2007, dated 09/05/07; due in annual installments of \$16,000-\$30,000 through August 1, 2022; interest rate of 4.119% per annum, secured by system revenue.  | <u>\$ 255,000</u> |
|--|-------------------|
| \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008, dated 03/01/08; due in annual installments of \$35,000-\$95,000 through March 1, 2028; interest rate of 3.94% per annum, secured by ad valorem taxation.  | \$1,050,000       |
| \$1,290,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004, issued March 2004, payable in annual installments of \$5,000 to \$160,000 from 2005 to 2015, semi-annual interest payable at 3.40% per annum. The bonds maturing March 2010 and thereafter are callable in full, or in part after March 2009; secured by ad valorem tax revenues.   | 450,000           |
| \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, issued March 2004 for construction improvements to the waterworks plant and system, payable in annual installments of \$35,000 to \$95,000 from 2005 to 2024, semi-annual interest payable at 1.00% to 6.00% per annum. The bonds maturing March 2015 and thereafter are callable for redemption in full, or in part, after March 2014; secured by ad valorem tax revenues. | 860,000           |
| Total General Obligation bonds, Series 2004  | \$1,310,000       |
| \$900,000 Water Revenue Notes Payable, issued for constructing improvements to the waterworks plant and system, payable in Monthly installments of \$4,230 from 2003 to 2043, with interest at 4.75% per annum; secured by system revenues   | \$ <u>807,831</u> |
| \$1,000,000 Sewerage Revenue Bonds; due in monthly installments of<br>\$4,540 beginning January 5, 2002; one payment of interest of \$45,000<br>due December 5, 2001; bond is payable over 40 years; interest rate of<br>4.50% per annum   | <u>\$ 869,325</u> |
| \$100,000 Sewerage Revenue Bonds; due in monthly installments of \$454 beginning January 5, 2002; one payment of interest of \$4,500 due December 5, 2001; bond is payable over 40 years; interest rate of 4.50%   |                   |
| per annum  | \$ 86,932         |

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

The bonds are due as follows:

| Year Ending                | Water Improve       | ement Bonds         | General Oblig         | ation Bonds         | Revenue I           | Bonds/Notes         |                        |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| September 30,              | Principal           | Interest            | Principal             | Interest            | Principal           | Interest            | TOTAL                  |
| 2013<br>2014               | \$ 21,000<br>22,000 | \$ 11,092<br>10,179 | \$ 240,000<br>250,000 | \$ 93,320<br>83,592 | \$ 28,378<br>31,768 | \$ 82,310<br>78,920 | \$ 476,100<br>476,459  |
| 2015                       | 23,000              | 9,222               | 265,000               | 73,670              | 32,224              | 78,464              | 481,580                |
| 2016<br>2017               | 24,000<br>25,000    | 8,221<br>7,178      | 110,000<br>120,000    | 66,588<br>61,878    | 33,747<br>35,344    | 76,941<br>75,344    | 319,497<br>324,744     |
| 2018 - 2022<br>2023 - 2027 | 140,000             | 18,706              | 690,000<br>590,000    | 227,172<br>70,383   | 203,440<br>256,348  | 350,000<br>297,092  | 1,629,318<br>1,213,823 |
| 2028 - 2032<br>2033 - 2037 | -                   | <b>.</b>            | 95,000                | 1,872               | 323,037<br>407,100  | 230,403<br>146,340  | 650,312<br>553,440     |
| 2038 - 2042<br>2043 - 2044 | -                   |                     |                       | 2 <del></del>       | 400,083<br>12,619   | 44,712<br>102       | 444,795<br>12,721      |
| 2010 2011                  | \$ 255,000          | \$ 64,598           | \$ 2,360,000          | \$ 678,475          | \$1,764,088         | \$ 1,460,628        | \$6,582,789            |

### (9) Interfund Transfers

|                           | Transfers |         | I  | Transfers |  |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------|----|-----------|--|
|                           | _         | In      |    | Out       |  |
| Operating Fund            | \$        | \$ -    |    | 123,466   |  |
| Waterworks District No. 6 |           | 56,543  |    |           |  |
| Sewerage District No. 9   |           | 66,923  | 9  | -         |  |
| Total                     | \$        | 123,466 | \$ | 123,466   |  |

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other founds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### (10) Employee Retirement

All full-time employees of the Commission participate in the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan B). This system is a multiple-employer public retirement system (PERS) and is controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.0 percent of their annual covered salary to the system while the Commission is required to contribute the statutory rate of 10 percent of the total annual covered salary. The Commission's contributions to the system for the years ended September 30, 2012, 2011, and 2010, were \$51,816.44, \$49,384, and \$42,699, respectively.

A publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental financial information may be obtained by writing to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System, P. O. Box 14619, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-4619.

### (11) <u>Contingencies</u>

The Commission operates a water and sewerage plant, which are regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency. In the opinion of the Board of Commissioners, all applicable regulations have received full compliance, however, due to the complexity of the regulations, differing interpretations of the regulations by DEQ and/or the EPA may result in instances of noncompliance.

#### (12) Compensation Paid to Board Members

The schedule of compensation paid to the board of commissioners is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Louisiana Revised Statute 33:7833 limits compensation paid to board members, with the approval of the board, for per diem and travel allowance to an amount not to exceed \$250 per month.

| Thomas Ducote, President          | \$ 2,400  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Anthony Darden, Vice President    | 2,700     |
| Willie Scott, Secretary/Treasurer | 2,750     |
| Julius Hebert                     | 2,700     |
| Clarence Mathews                  | 2,700     |
| Stephanie Burney                  | 2,475     |
| Camile Punch                      | 2,700     |
|                                   | \$ 18,425 |

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### (13) <u>Related Party Activity</u>

Parish of St. Mary ("Parish"):

The Commission collects garbage fees and mosquito charges on behalf of the Parish. The Commission gets 4.333% of each month's collections for their services.

#### (14) Intergovernmental Agreement

On March 1, 1995, the Sewerage District No. 9 of the Parish of St. Mary entered into an agreement with the Sovereign Nation of the Chitimacha (Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana) for the construction, operation and maintenance of sanitary sewerage collection and treatment facilities. The agreement shall be binding on the District and Tribe for a period of 40 years unless renewed upon mutual consent or terminated by agreement between the parties. The agreement provides for the designation of the components of the proposed sewerage works as joint-service components and non joint-service components. Non joint-service components service either the District or the Tribe, but not both parties. Joint-service components service both the District and the Tribe. The agreement provides that the District and the Tribe will each be responsible for the construction, maintenance and operation of the non joint-service components that service their customers only. The District is responsible for the construction, administration, operation and maintenance of the joint service components. The costs associated with the construction of the sewer treatment facility shall be shared equally by the District and the Tribe up to \$425,000 each. If actual construction costs exceed 10 percent of the projected cost to construct the facility, the parties shall have the right to renegotiate the cost sharing arrangements. The Tribe shall contribute a lump sum amount of \$35,000 as its share of costs related to the construction of other joint service components such as regional pump stations and regional force mains to be constructed under the agreement and that may be constructed in the future over an anticipated 20 year period. For the treatment facility and the other joint service components, ownership shall vest to the District and the Tribe in relation of their cost contribution in proportion to the total costs of the construction.

Subject to the direction of the Management Committee, made up of one representative from the District and one from the Tribe, the District shall be responsible for the proper physical operation and maintenance of all joint service components constructed under the agreement. The District shall determine, establish and institute an equitable system of user charges for the users of the facilities for the payment of the necessary costs of operation and maintenance of the joint service components. The Tribe shall, on a monthly basis, pay to the District their pro-rata share of the costs of operating and maintaining the joint service components. The pro-rata share of the costs shall be determined based on the proportionate burden placed on the facility by the sewer customers of each of the parties as indicated by flow measurements. The District shall pay all costs of operation and maintenance of the facility as they become due and payable and shall submit to the Tribe, monthly, following such payment, an itemized statement showing such costs.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### (15) <u>New Accounting Pronouncements</u>

In June 2011, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) approved Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position.* The statement changes how governments will organize their statements of financial position (such as the current government-wide statement of net assets). Under this standard, financial statements will include deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, in addition to assets and liabilities, and will report net position instead of net assets. The provisions of GASB No. 63 must be implemented by the Commission for the year ending September 30, 2013. The effect of implementation on the Commission's financial statements has not yet been determined.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# Operating Fund Balance Sheet September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals as of September 30, 2011

| ASSETS  | 2012        | 2011        |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| A35L15  |             |             |
| Current assets                                  |             |             |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits              | \$ 214,683  | \$ 212,633  |
| Receivables                                     |             |             |
| Accounts  | 145,091     | 159,662     |
| Due from other governmental units               |             | 11,862      |
| Prepaid expenses                                | 28,317      | 24,475      |
| Restricted assets                               |             |             |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits              | 535,183     | 527,605     |
| Total current assets                            | 923,274     | 936,237     |
| Noncurrent assets                               |             |             |
| Restricted assets                               |             |             |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits              | 83,371      | 75,775      |
| Capital assets                                  |             |             |
| Capital assets not being depreciated            | 17,802      | 562,557     |
| Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation | 1,756,034   | 1,255,339   |
| Total noncurrent assets                         | 1,857,207   | 1,893,671   |
| Other assets                                    |             |             |
| Deferred bond issue costs, net                  | 19,471      | 20,906      |
| Total assets                                    | \$2,799,952 | \$2,850,814 |
|   |             | (continued) |

# Operating Fund Balance Sheet (continued) September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals as of September 30, 2011

|   | 2012         |         | 2011                 |           |
|---|--------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                      |              |         |                      |           |
| Current liabilities                             |              |         |                      |           |
| Accounts payable                                | \$           | 68,652  | \$                   | 61,660    |
| Due to other funds                              |              | 138,990 |                      | 138,990   |
| Due to other governmental units                 |              | 49,159  |                      | 47,099    |
| Accrued liabilities                             |              | 34,013  |                      | 24,657    |
| Payable from restricted assets                  |              |         |                      |           |
| Current maturities of bonds payable             |              | 66,000  |                      | 60,000    |
| Accrued interest                                |              | 5,122   |                      | 5,294     |
| Refundable deposits                             |              | 45,322  |                      | 38,046    |
| Total current liabilities                       | -            | 407,258 | 8<br>2               | 375,746   |
| Long-term liabilities                           |              |         |                      |           |
| Water improvement bonds payable                 |              | 234,000 |                      | 255,000   |
| General obligation bonds payable                |              | 005,000 |                      | 1,050,000 |
| Compensated absences                            | 1            | 27,994  |                      | 24,800    |
| Total long term liabilities                     | 1,           | 266,994 | 3 <del>0</del><br>20 | 1,329,800 |
| Total liabilities                               | 1,           | 674,252 |                      | 1,705,546 |
|   |              |         | 5                    |           |
| Net assets                                      |              |         |                      |           |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt |              | 833,600 |                      | 844,075   |
| Restricted for debt service                     |              | 203,346 |                      | 168,861   |
| Unrestricted                                    |              | 88,754  |                      | 132,332   |
| Total net assets                                | 1,           | 125,700 |                      | 1,145,268 |
| Total liabilities and net assets                | <u>\$ 2,</u> | 799,952 | <u>\$</u>            | 2,850,814 |

## Operating Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended September 30, 2011

|  | 2012                | 2011                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| OPERATING REVENUES                               |                     |                     |
| Water sales                                      | \$ 833,518          | \$ 866,644          |
| Sewer user and inspection fees                   | 372,670             | 378,805             |
| Commissions and fees for services                | 37,315              | 37,682              |
| Total operating revenues                         | 1,243,503           | 1,283,131           |
| OPERATING EXPENSES                               |                     |                     |
| Salaries and related benefits                    | 617,696             | 681,485             |
| Supplies and materials                           | 11,157              | 8,454               |
| Operation and maintenance                        | 542,248             | 332,546             |
| Other services and charges                       | 168,833             | 162,444             |
| Plant operation                                  | 295,403             | 276,528             |
| Depreciation                                     | 91,925              | 80,759              |
| Total operating expenses                         | 1,727,262           | 1,542,216           |
| Operating income                                 | (483,759)           | (259,085)           |
| NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)                 |                     |                     |
| Ad valorem taxes - debt service                  | 626,295             | 582,292             |
| Bond interest and fiscal charges                 | (53,470)            | (55,401)            |
| Bond issue costs                                 | (1,435)             | (1,435)             |
| Interest income                                  | 4,138               | 4,122               |
| Intergovernmental revenue                        |                     | 11,862              |
| Miscellaneous income                             | 12,129              | 11,873              |
| Total nonoperating revenue (expense)             | 587,657             | 553,313             |
| Income (Loss) before contributions and transfers | 103,898             | 294,228             |
| Transfers out                                    | (123,466)           | (124,268)           |
| Change in net assets                             | (19,568)            | 169,960             |
| NET ASSETS, beginning                            | 1,145,268           | 975,308             |
| NET ASSETS, ending                               | <u>\$ 1,125,700</u> | <u>\$ 1,145,268</u> |

## Operating Fund Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended September 30, 2011

|  | 2012              | 2011              |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES   | . <u> </u>        |                   |
| Revenue collected  | \$ 1,269,936      | \$ 1,260,876      |
| Payments for goods and services                                      | (1,003,075)       | (1,367,795)       |
| Payments to employees  | (614,502)         | (681,485)         |
| Net cash used by operating activities                                | (347,641)         | (788,404)         |
| NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES                                      |                   |                   |
| Proceeds from customer deposits                                      | 7,276             | 13,850            |
| Miscellaneous receipts   | 12,129            | 11,873            |
| Receipts from other funds  | -                 | 138,990           |
| Payments to other funds  | (123,466)         | (124,268)         |
| Receipts from nonoperating taxes                                     | 626,295           | 582,292           |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities                 | 522,234           | 622,737           |
| CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES                             |                   |                   |
| Acquisition of capital assets  | (47,865)          | 114,838           |
| Intergovernmental revenues   | -                 | 11,862            |
| Interest and fiscal charges paid                                     | (53,642)          | (55,610)          |
| Principal payments on bonds  | (60,000)          | (60,000)          |
| Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities | (161,507)         | 11,090            |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES   |                   |                   |
| Interest received  | 4,138             | 4,122             |
| Net decrease in cash   | 17,224            | (150,455)         |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning                                 | 816,013           | 966,468           |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end                                       | <u>\$ 833,237</u> | <u>\$ 816,013</u> |
|  |                   | (continued)       |

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# Operating Fund Statement of Cash Flows (continued) Year Ended September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended September 30, 2011

|  |    | 2012      | 2011                |
|--|----|-----------|---------------------|
| Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) | 20 |           | 2                   |
| by operating activities:                                       |    |           |                     |
| Operating income   | \$ | (483,759) | \$ (259,085)        |
| Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash           |    |           |                     |
| provided (used) by operating activities -                      |    |           |                     |
| Depreciation   |    | 91,925    | 80,759              |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:                             |    |           |                     |
| Decrease (Increase) in receivables                             |    | 14,571    | (16,448)            |
| Increase (Decrease) in prepaid expenses and other assets       |    | 8,020     | (8,789)             |
| Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable                        |    | 6,992     | (467,401)           |
| Increase in accrued liabilities                                |    | 12,550    | 3,939               |
| Increase (Decrease) in due to other governmental entities      | 12 | 2,060     | (121,379)           |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities               | \$ | (347,641) | <u>\$ (788,404)</u> |
## Waterworks District No. 6 Enterprise Fund Balance Sheet September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals as of September 30, 2011

|   | 2012        | 2011        |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS  |             | » <u> </u>  |
| Current assets:                                 |             |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents                       | \$ 235,488  | \$ 227,938  |
| Receivables:                                    |             |             |
| Due from other funds                            | 133,587     | 133,587     |
| Restricted assets:                              |             |             |
| Cash  | 54,808      | 49,420      |
| Total current assets                            | 423,883     | 410,945     |
| Noncurrent assets:                              |             |             |
| Restricted assets                               |             |             |
| Cash  | 71,469      | 70,658      |
| Capital assets:                                 |             |             |
| Capital assets not being depreciated            | 6,926       | 6,926       |
| Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation | 3,775,749   | 4,121,120   |
| Total noncurrent assets                         | 3,854,144   | 4,198,704   |
| Total assets                                    | \$4,278,027 | \$4,609,649 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                      |             |             |
| Current liabilities:                            |             |             |
| Current maturities of bonds payable             | \$ 206,129  | \$ 201,560  |
| Accrued interest                                | 7,837       | 8,274       |
| Payable from restricted assets:                 |             |             |
| Refundable deposits                             | 98,046      | 98,046      |
| Total current liabilities                       | 312,012     | 307,880     |
| Noncurrent liabilities:                         |             |             |
| Bonds payable                                   | 1,911,702   | 2,117,831   |
| Compensated absences                            | 64,885      | 64,885      |
| Total noncurrent liabilities                    | 1,976,587   | 2,182,716   |
| Total liabilities                               | 2,288,599   | 2,490,596   |
| Net Assets:                                     |             |             |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 1,664,844   | 1,808,655   |
| Restricted                                      | 126,277     | 120,078     |
| Unrestricted                                    | 198,307     | 190,320     |
| Total net assets                                | 1,989,428   | 2,119,053   |
| Total liabilities and net assets                | \$4,278,027 | \$4,609,649 |

## Waterworks District No. 6 Enterprise Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended September 30, 2011

|   | 2012   | 2011                                     |
|---|--|--|
| OPERATING EXPENSES<br>Other services and charges<br>Depreciation<br>Total operating expenses  | \$ 9,382<br><u>345,371</u><br><u>354,753</u> | \$ 9,081<br>347,231<br>356,312           |
| Operating loss  | (354,753)                                    | (356,312)                                |
| NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)<br>Ad valorem taxes<br>Bond interest and fiscal charges<br>Interest income<br>Total non-operating revenues (expenses) | 265,755(98,485)1,315168,585                  | 260,025<br>(104,902)<br>1,652<br>156,775 |
| Loss before operating transfers   | (186,168)                                    | (199,537)                                |
| Transfers in  | 56,543                                       | 56,895                                   |
| Change in net assets  | (129,625)                                    | (142,642)                                |
| NET ASSETS, beginning   | 2,119,053                                    | 2,261,695                                |
| NET ASSETS, ending  | \$1,989,428                                  | \$2,119,053                              |

# Waterworks District No. 6 Enterprise Fund Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended September 30, 2011

|  | 2012                               | 2011                                     |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES<br>Payments for goods and services  | <u>\$ (9,382)</u>                  | \$ (9,081)                               |
| NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES   |                                    |  |
| Receipts from other funds<br>Payments to other funds<br>Receipts from non-operating taxes<br>Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities | 56,543<br>                         | 56,895<br>(37,505)<br>260,282<br>279,672 |
| CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES   |                                    |  |
| Interest and fiscal charges paid<br>Principle paid on bonds<br>Net cash used for capital and related financing activities                          | (98,922)<br>(201,560)<br>(300,482) | (105,429)<br>(191,018)<br>(296,447)      |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES   |                                    |  |
| Interest received  | 1,315                              | 1,652                                    |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents   | 13,749                             | (24,204)                                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning   | 348,016                            | 372,220                                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents, ending  | <u>\$ 361,765</u>                  | \$ 348,016                               |
| Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used for operating activit<br>Operating loss<br>Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash    | ties:<br>\$ (354,753)              | \$ (356,312)                             |
| provided by operating activities -<br>Depreciation   | 345,371                            | 347,231                                  |
| NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES   | <u>\$ (9,382)</u>                  | <u>\$ (9,081)</u>                        |

## Sewerage District No. 9 Enterprise Fund Balance Sheet September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals as of September 30, 2011

|   | 2012   | 2011   |
|---|--|--|
| ASSETS  |  | 3.   |
| Current assets:                                 |  |  |
| Cash and interest-bearing deposits              | \$ 300   | \$         600   |
| Due from other funds                            | 5,403  | 5,403  |
| Restricted assets:                              | 5,105  | -,   |
| Cash - contingency, reserve, and sinking funds  | 67,069   | 59,774   |
| Total current assets                            | 72,772   | 65,777   |
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| Noncurrent assets:                              |  |  |
| Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation | 5,251,698  | 5,621,458  |
|   |  |  |
| Total assets                                    | \$5,324,470  | \$5,687,235  |
|   |  |  |
| LIABILITIES                                     |  |  |
| Current liabilities:                            |  |  |
| Current portion of revenue bonds payable        | \$ 17,249  | \$ 16,492  |
| Noncurrent liabilities:                         | S.   | 6  |
| Revenue bonds payable                           | 939,008  | 956,258  |
| Total liabilities                               | 956,257  | 972,750  |
| NET ASSETS                                      |  | 3-   |
| NEI ASSEIS                                      |  |  |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 4,295,441  | 4,648,708  |
| Restricted for debt service                     | 67,069   | 59,774   |
| Unrestricted                                    | 5,703  | 6,003  |
| Total net assets                                | 4,368,213  | 4,714,485  |
| Total liabilities and net assets                | \$5,324,470  | \$5,687,235  |

# Sewerage District No. 9 Enterprise Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended September 30, 2011

|  | 2012        | 2011        |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| OPERATING REVENUES<br>Miscellaneous                  | <u>\$</u> - | \$ 922      |
| OPERATING EXPENSES<br>Depreciation                   | 369,760     | 369,759     |
| Operating loss                                       | (369,760)   | (368,837)   |
| NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)<br>Interest expense | (43,435)    | (44,161)    |
| Loss before operating transfers                      | (413,195)   | (412,998)   |
| Transfers in   | 66,923      | 67,373      |
| Change in net assets                                 | (346,272)   | (345,625)   |
| NET ASSETS, beginning                                | 4,714,485   | 5,060,110   |
| NET ASSETS, ending                                   | \$4,368,213 | \$4,714,485 |

### Sewerage District No. 9 Enterprise Fund Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended September 30, 2012 With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended September 30, 2011

|   | 2012             | 2011                     |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES  |                  |                          |
| Receipts from customers and users                           | <u>\$</u> -      | <u>\$ 922</u>            |
| NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES                             |                  |                          |
| Receipts from other funds                                   | 66,923           | 67,373                   |
| Payments to other funds                                     | <b>-</b> 1       | (5,403)                  |
| Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities | 66,923           | 61,970                   |
| CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES                    |                  |                          |
| Principal paid on capital debt                              | (16,493)         | (15,767)                 |
| Interest paid on capital debt                               | (43,435)         | (44,161)                 |
| Net cash used in capital and related financing activities   | (59,928)         | (59,928)                 |
| Net increase in cash  | 6,995            | 2,964                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning                        | 60,374           | 57,410                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end                              | <u>\$ 67,369</u> | \$ 60,374                |
| Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided       |                  |                          |
| by operating activities:                                    |                  |                          |
| Operating loss  | \$ (369,760)     | \$ (368,837)             |
| Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash          |                  |                          |
| provided by operating activities -                          |                  | KORO PROTOTO - LA MARCON |
| Depreciation  | 369,760          | 369,759                  |
| NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES            | <u>\$</u> -      | <u>\$ 922</u>            |

### Schedule of Number of Customers (Unaudited) September 30, 2012

On January 12, 2007, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1753 creating St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 and providing the commission jurisdiction over all works and facilities for water, sewer, and sewerage disposal and treatment facilities now owned or operated by Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Mary, Sewerage District No. 9 of the Parish of St. Mary, Sewerage District No. 7 of the Parish of St. Mary and portions of the boundaries of the previously abolished Sewerage District No. 10 of the Parish of St. Mary. Effective July 1, 2007, Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 began operations and effectively terminated the operations of Waterworks District No. 6, Sewerage District No. 9, and Sewerage District No. 7.

Records maintained by the Commission indicate the following number of residential and non-residential water customers were being served during the month of September, 2012 were as follows:

|                 | Water | Sewer |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Residential     | 2,274 | 500   |
| Non-residential | 150   | 15    |
| Total           | 2,424 | 515   |

Schedule of Insurance in Force (Unaudited) September 30, 2012

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The insurance for the District is now accounted for in Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 and is as follows:

| Description of Coverage                                 | Expiration Date | Cover  | Coverage Amounts |  |
|---|-----------------|--------|------------------|--|
| General Liability                                       | 2/25/2013       | \$     | 300,000.00       |  |
| Surety Bonds-<br>Blanket coverage of Board of Directors |                 |        | 60,000           |  |
| Public Officials and Employees                          |                 |        | 3,000,000        |  |
| Employee Theft  | 3/6/2013        | 42,000 | per occurrence   |  |
| Real and Personal Property                              | 2/26/2013       | Rq     | placement Cost   |  |

### Schedule of Aged Accounts (Unaudited) September 30, 2012

On January 12, 2007, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1753 creating St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 and providing the commission jurisdiction over all works and facilities for water, sewer, and sewerage disposal and treatment facilities now owned or operated by Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Mary, Sewerage District No. 9 of the Parish of St. Mary, Sewerage District No. 7 of the Parish of St. Mary and portions of the boundaries of the previously abolished Sewerage District No. 10 of the Parish of St. Mary. Effective July 1, 2007, Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 began operations and effectively terminated the operations of Waterworks District No. 6, Sewerage District No. 9, and Sewerage District No. 7.

Billings and collections relative to revenues and receivables are being accounted for in Water and Sewer Commission No. 4. Aged receivables were as follows at September 30, 2012:

| Under 30 days                    | \$<br>98,917  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 31 to 60 days                    | 2,508         |
| 61 to 90 days                    | 802           |
| 91 to 120 days                   | (480)         |
| Over 120 days                    | <br>(3,290)   |
| Subtotal                         | 98,457        |
| Accrual for unbilled receivables | <br>46,634    |
| Total receivables                | \$<br>145,091 |

Schedule of Water and Sewer Rates (Unaudited) September 30, 2012

On January 12, 2007, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1753 creating St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 and providing the commission jurisdiction over all works and facilities for water, sewer, and sewerage disposal and treatment facilities now owned or operated by Waterworks District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Mary, Sewerage District No. 9 of the Parish of St. Mary, Sewerage District No. 7 of the Parish of St. Mary and portions of the boundaries of the previously abolished Sewerage District No. 10 of the Parish of St. Mary. Effective July 1, 2007, Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 began operations and effectively terminated the operations of Waterworks District No. 6, Sewerage District No. 9, and Sewerage District No. 7.

Residential and non-residential: \$12.50 per month for the first 2,000 gallons \$2.50 per thousand or part thereof over 2,000 gallons

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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

The Board of Commissioners St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4 Charenton, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4, (hereinafter "Commission"), a component unit of the Parish of St. Mary as of and for the year ended September 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2013. 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.

### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management of the Commission is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 Commission's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of audit results and findings, we identified a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a material weakness.

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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 Commission's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of audit results and findings as item 2012-1 to be a material weakness.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission'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*.

The Commission's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying corrective action plan for current year findings. We did not audit the Commission's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners, management and others within the organization, the St. Mary Parish Council, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Although the intended use of this report may be limited under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 44:6.

### Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

Morgan City Louisiana March 20, 2013

### Schedule of Audit Results and Findings Year Ended September 30, 2012

#### Part I. Summary of auditor's results:

An unqualified opinion was issued on the financial statements of the Commission's business-type activities and each major fund (Operating fund, Waterworks District No. 6 enterprise fund, and Sewerage District No. 9 enterprise fund).

A deficiency in internal control was disclosed by the audit of the financial statements and it is considered to be a material weakness.

There were no instances of noncompliance required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

A management letter was not issued.

#### Part II. Findings required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards:

#### A. Internal Control

2012-1 - Segregation of Duties

CONDITION: Accounting and financial functions are not adequately segregated.

CRITERIA: Internal control is a process – effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel – designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Commission's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to the Commission's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in financial statements.

CAUSE: The cause of the conditions is the result of a failure to design and implement policies and procedures necessary to achieve adequate internal control.

EFFECT: Failure to adequately segregate accounting and financial functions increases the risk that errors and/or irregularities including fraud and/or defalcations may occur and not be prevented and/or detected.

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

### Schedule of Audit Results and Findings (continued) Year Ended September 30, 2012

### B. Compliance

No compliance issues are reported.

### Part III. Findings and questioned costs for Federal awards reported in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133:

The requirements of OMB Circular A-133 do not apply to the Commission.

### Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings Year Ended September 30, 2012

#### A. Internal Control-

2011-01 - Segregation of Duties:

CONDITION: Accounting and financial functions are not adequately segregated.

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

CURRENT STATUS: See schedule of audit results and findings item 2012-1.

#### B. Compliance-

There were no findings previously reported under this section.

C. OMB A-133-

This section was not applicable.

### Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings Year Ended September 30, 2012

Response to Finding 2012-1:

Due to the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it is not feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.