

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND  
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors  
Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District  
Belton, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements for the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (the District), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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

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

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

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net position of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in fund balances in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Report Issued In Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 9, 2017, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control or on compliance. This 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.

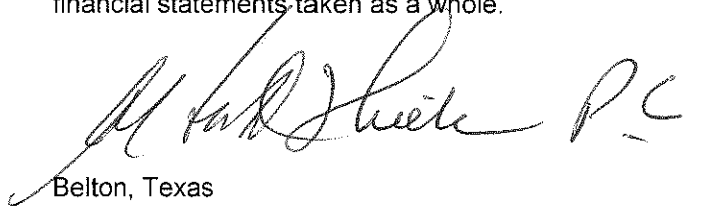
## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 5 and budgetary comparison information on page 17 be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Texas Supplementary Information, on pages 18 through 21, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Belton, Texas  
January 9, 2017

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

The management of the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (the District), offers readers of the District's annual financial report this narrative overview and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. This discussion and analysis is intended to be an easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, and conditions. Please read it in conjunction with the Independent Auditors' Report and the District's basic financial statements and the related notes.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The District's total net position,	\$ 1,127,830
Cash and investments,	\$ 705,579
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 20,559
Total tax revenues,	\$ 640,702
Operational expenditures,	\$ 568,477

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual financial report consists of, but is not limited to, the following: Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section, which is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements), the basic financial statements, and the related notes to the financial statements. The District is a governmental entity and follows the accrual basis of fund accounting for a governmental entity. The District is funded primarily by property tax revenue from within the District's boundaries to provide a means by which underground water is controlled and monitored throughout the District.

**REPORT LAYOUT**

In addition to the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (pages 3-5), the report consists of basic financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and supplementary information. The basic financial statements are highly condensed and present a government-wide view of the District's finances.

These *Government-wide Financial Statements* (pages 6-9) are designed to be more corporate-like in that all activities are consolidated into a total for the District. The totals represent the *Statement of Net Position*, which presents the assets, liabilities, with the difference of the two reported as net position and the *Statement of Activities* which presents information on how the District's net position changed during the year.

The *Notes to the Financial Statements* (pages 10-14) provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide basic financial statements.

Required and other supplemental information (pages 16-21) is also provided for additional information and analysis.

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT**

*Statement of Net Position:* The following table summarizes the net position of the District

	2016	2015
Current Assets	\$ 723,246	\$ 645,189
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	425,143	442,892
Deferred Inflows of Resources	(20,559)	(21,241)
Liabilities	-	(23,621)
Net Position: Unreserved	(702,687)	(600,327)
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(425,143)	(442,892)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (1,127,830)</u>	<u>\$ (1,043,219)</u>

*Statement of Activities:* The following table summarizes the changes in net position

	2016	2015
Tax Revenue	\$ 640,702	\$ 609,566
Interest and Other Revenues	12,386	18,080
Expenditures	(568,477)	(574,059)
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 84,611</u>	<u>\$ 53,587</u>

As shown in the above information, the District improved financially, overall. However, the District's change in net position increased by \$ 31,024. With the operational expenditures of \$(568,477), part of that was reported as depreciation of \$(22,364). Capital outlay of \$4,615 with the accumulated depreciation, created a decrease in the net investment in capital assets of \$(17,749).

**BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Actual tax revenues received were less than the budgeted tax revenues by \$(33,204) or 5%. However, actual operational expenditures were 16% less than budgeted expenditures. This resulted in an increase in net position of \$84,611. The budget was legally adopted according to established guidelines and the Board of Directors legally adopted amendments to individual budget items during the fiscal year. (See page 17 for details)

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

During the year, land was acquired, so that at September 30, 2016, the District had a net decrease in Capital Assets of \$(17,749). The Net investment in Capital Assets at fiscal year-end was \$425,143.

Additional information regarding Capital Assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements. (Note-3, page 13)

**DEBT OUTSTANDING**

The District had no long term debt as of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES**

The District's property tax rate for the 2016/2017 fiscal year (FY17) was lowered to \$0.00392 per \$100 valuation. The estimated taxable property value is 17,080,714,000 for total expected tax revenue of \$669,564. Other Income and delinquent property taxes is estimated at \$28,000. The District's budgeted expenditures for FY17 are expected to be \$697,564 resulting in a balanced budget for the coming fiscal year.

**FINANCIAL CONTACT**

The District's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, creditors, and regulatory agencies) with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact the District Manager at 700 Kennedy Ct., PO Box 1989, Belton, TX 76513.

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, WITH RELATED NOTES**

**AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**



**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Governmental Funds		Statement of Net Position
	General Fund	Adjustments	
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Cash in Banks	\$ 2,973		\$ 2,973
Invested Funds	699,606		699,606
Receivables			
Taxes	20,559		20,559
Fees	108		108
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)			
Infrastructure		425,143	425,143
Total Assets	\$ 723,246	\$ 425,143	\$ 1,148,389
<b><u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u></b>			
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 20,559		\$ 20,559
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Liabilities			
Current and Non-current	\$ -		\$ -
Total Liabilities	-		-
<b><u>FUND EQUITY</u></b>			
Fund Balances			
Unreserved	702,687	(702,687)	-
Total Fund Equity	702,687	(702,687)	-
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 723,246		
<b><u>NET POSITION</u></b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets		425,143	425,143
Unreserved		702,687	702,687
Total Net Position		\$ 1,127,830	\$ 1,127,830

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  
See Independent Auditors' Report.

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds (Page 6) \$ 702,687

Total Net Position Reported for Governmental Activities in the  
Statement of Net Position is Different Because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not  
financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.  
Those assets consist of:

Land, Infrastructure, and Easements \$ 425,143

Total Capital Assets (See p10, Note 1.B.2 and p13 Note 3) 425,143

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities (Page 6) \$ 1,127,830

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**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AND NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Governmental Funds		Statement of Activities
	General Fund	Adjustments	
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
Operations			
Director Fees	\$ 11,250		\$ 11,250
Administrative	19,897		19,897
Compensation and Benefits	219,219		219,219
Depreciation		22,364	22,364
Facilities Costs	22,637		22,637
Clearwater Studies	141,401		141,401
Legal and Professional	54,614		54,614
Collection Fees	7,294		7,294
Advertising	2,386		2,386
Other Operating Expenditures (net of relevant contributions)	67,415		67,415
Capital Outlay	4,615	(4,615)	-
Total Expenditures	<u>550,728</u>	<u>17,749</u>	<u>568,477</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>			
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	640,702		640,702
Permits, Licenses, and Other Fees	9,120		9,120
Interest and Other Income	3,266		3,266
Total Revenues	<u>653,088</u>		<u>653,088</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	102,360	(17,749)	84,611
Change in Fund Balance/Net Position	<u>102,360</u>	<u>(17,749)</u>	<u>84,611</u>
<b><u>NET POSITION</u></b>			
Beginning of Year	<u>600,327</u>	<u>442,892</u>	<u>1,043,219</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 702,687</u>	<u>\$ 425,143</u>	<u>\$ 1,127,830</u>

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**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCE AND NET POSITION TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds (Page 8) \$ 102,360

The Change in Net Position Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities is Different Because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital assets reported as capital outlay in governmental fund statements:	4,615	
Depreciation expense reported in statement of activities:	<u>(22,364)</u>	
Amount by which capital outlays are greater (less) than depreciation in current period:		(17,749)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Page 8) \$ 84,611

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  
See Independent Auditors' Report.

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The basic financial statements of Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (the District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the acceptable standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the District are described below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The District was created in 1989 by resolution of the Commissioners Court of Bell County, Texas, pursuant to H.B. 3172, Chapter 524, Acts of the 71<sup>st</sup> Legislature (1989 Session)(the "Act"). The District is a governmental agency and a body politic and corporate, created by and acting pursuant to the Act as amended by S.B. 404, Chapter 22, Act of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2001 Session), S.B. 1755, Chapter 64, Act of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature (2009 Session), and by applicable law including the provisions of Chapters 36 and 49 of the *Texas Water Code*. A five member group, which constitutes the Board of Directors, is the level of government which has responsibility over all related activities within the jurisdiction of the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District. The District receives funding from local property taxes; certain well, pump, and transmission fees; and interest resulting from investments of excess funds.

The District is not included in any other governmental reporting entity. The taxpayers within the jurisdiction of the District elect the Board members. The Directors have decision-making authority, the power to designate management, the responsibility of operations, and the primary accountability of fiscal and fiduciary matters.

**B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, as appropriate. The government-wide financial statements report all the activities of the District. These activities are primarily supported by property taxes, license, registration, and other fees. The following are descriptions of the fund types and account groups used by the District.

**1. Governmental funds**

General Fund – All unrestricted financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund are recorded in the general fund. It is the District's general operating fund. Taxes and fees are the major sources of revenue. Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operations of the District. There are no other governmental funds at this time.

**2. Account groups**

Capital Assets, account group – All capital assets of the District are accounted for in this group. The account group is not a fund. It only measures financial position and is not involved with measurement of results of activities.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

All funds of the District use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual (i.e., both measurable and available). Funds are considered available when they are collectible in the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. All revenues of the District are susceptible to accrual. Expenditures, if measurable, are recognized as incurred.

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Fund Balance**

**1. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and certificates of deposit.

**2. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The adoption of an annual budget, for the general fund, is required prior to the beginning of each fiscal year on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Thirty to sixty days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, District management will submit a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the following October 1<sup>st</sup>. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. After consideration the Board of Directors will adopt the budget by appropriate board action. Any revisions that alter the budget must also be considered and approved by board action.

**3. Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are recorded at gross amount with uncollectable amounts recognized under the direct write-off method. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that the amount of such allowance would not be material to the basic financial statements.

**4. Capital Assets**

Capital Assets have been acquired for general governmental purposes. Assets purchased or constructed are recorded as expenditures in the applicable governmental fund type and capitalized at historical cost in the Capital Asset, account group. Contributed capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the time received. Infrastructure assets are also included in the Capital Asset account group.

The full depreciation of the applicable capital assets is being recognized in compliance with the implementation of GASB Statement 34. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis according to the following useful lives:

Building and Improvements	20 – 40 years
Office and Field Equipment	5 - 15 years

**5. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

The District is compliant with GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position* and GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a section for deferred outflow of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditures) until then. The District currently does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has one type of item that qualifies for reporting in this category; delinquent property taxes. The amount of this item is deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amount is collected and remitted to the District.

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**6. Equity Classifications**

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is shown as net position and classified into three components; Net Investment in Capital Assets, Restricted, and Unrestricted. The District uses two of these classifications.

- a. *Net Investment in Capital Assets* – Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by any outstanding debt that poses an encumbrance.
- b. *Unrestricted* – All other assets that do not meet the definition of net investment in capital assets.

The District reports the governmental fund balance as, unassigned; not previously classed as:

*Non-spendable* – Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in a spendable form or, legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted* – Amounts with restrictions imposed externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed* – Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes and imposed by formal action of the board of directors.

*Assigned* – Amounts informally constrained by District management but not formally restricted by the board of directors.

**7. Risks, uncertainties, and use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 2 – PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes are levied October 1 on the assessed property value as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located in the district in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due on receipt of the tax bill and are delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the year following the year in which imposed. On January 31 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed. The District's property taxes are billed and collected by the Tax Appraisal District of Bell County. Property tax revenues are considered available (1) when they become due or past due and receivable within the current period and (2) when they are expected to be collected during a 60-day period at the close of the District's fiscal year.

The net assessed value after adjustments, based on 100 percent of the assessed valuation of real and personal property within the District on the 2015 tax roll, was \$16,526,207,088. The 2015 tax rate of \$0.00395 per \$100 valuation was assessed and allocated to the General Fund. The resulting tax levy was \$ 652,785.

Deferred tax revenue is reported as deferred inflows of resources (Note 1.D.5 para 2) by the District on its Governmental Funds balance sheet under the General Fund and arises when potential revenue does not meet the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for the deferred tax revenue is removed from the balance sheet and the revenue is recognized. The current Deferred Inflow of Resources is \$20,559.

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**NOTE 3 – CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of changes in capital assets is as follows:

2016	Primary Government			Ending Investment
	Beginning investment	Increase	Retirements	
Capital Assets not Depreciated				
Land	\$ 55,366	4,615		\$ 59,981
Total not Depreciated Capital Assets	55,366	4,615		59,981
Depreciated				
Land Improvements	19,000			19,000
Building	304,470			304,470
Monitor Wells	50,238			50,238
Field Equipment	17,244			17,244
Office Equipment	59,939			59,939
Total Depreciated	450,891			450,891
Total Capital Assets	506,257			506,257
Accumulated Depreciation	(63,365)	(22,364)		(85,729)
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 442,892	\$(17,749)		\$ 425,143

**NOTE 4 – CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

The District's checking deposits were fully covered by federal depository insurance and Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (TexPool) investments at September 30, 2016, were not covered by federal depository insurance or pledged securities. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools*, the District reports all investments at fair value.

The District's cash and invested funds at September 30, 2016, were as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>
First State Bank of Central Texas	
Operating account	\$ 2,973
TexPool Accounts	
LGI Pool	352,713
Prime	346,893
Total TexPool accounts	699,606
Total cash and invested funds	\$ 705,579

The market value for the above listed accounts is not materially different from the carrying value of the accounts.



**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**Policies, Governing Deposits and Investments**

The District has implemented an investment policy and is authorized, according to the *Public Funds Investment Act* (PFIA) (Government Code Chapter 2256), to invest any and all of its funds in certificates of deposit, direct debt securities of the United States of America or the State of Texas, fully collateralized repurchase agreements, certain types of commercial paper, certain types of municipal bonds and local government investment pools created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, wherein all funds were invested as listed above.

In compliance with the Public Funds Investments Act, the District has adopted a deposit and investment policy where that policy addresses the following risks:

*Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits:* This is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District was not exposed to custodial credit risk since deposits, in the bank during the year ended September 30, 2016, were covered by depository insurance.

*Custodial Credit Risk – Investments:* This is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investments are subject to custodial credit risk only if they are evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Thus positions in external investment pools are not subject to custodial credit risk because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

**NOTE 5 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

**A. Annual Leave**

Annual leave (vacation) is a benefit provided to eligible, full-time, employees of the District. A full-time employee is one who is regularly scheduled to work thirty to forty hours per week. Annual leave is accrued at eight hours per pay period immediately upon employment but cannot be taken until the employee has reached the one hundred eighty (180) day probationary period. The accrual maximum is twelve days for an employee with up to five years of continuous service. After five years, an employee is entitled to accrue an additional three days for a total of fifteen days per year. An employee may carry-over leave up to a maximum of twenty-four days per fiscal year. Remaining accrued leave is payable upon separation. Accrual at fiscal year-end was not material to these financial statements.

**B. Sick Leave**

A full-time employee, as previously defined, is entitled to six days per year. Accrual of sick leave is at four hours per pay period and a full-time employee can accumulate up to twelve days with carry-over. Upon termination of employment, no accumulated sick leave will be paid.

**C. Retirement Plan**

The District has established a Governmental 457 Deferred Compensation Plan as their retirement plan for full-time eligible employees. UMB Bank, N.A. is designated as trustee and Security Financial Resources, Inc. is the plan service provider. The District agrees to match employee contributions at 100% of the first 3% and 50% of the next 3% for a maximum match of up to 4.5% depending on the contribution of the employee. As of September 30, 2016, the employer match was \$ 7,731.

**NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

District management has evaluated subsequent events through January 9, 2017; the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No change to the financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 is deemed necessary as a result of this evaluation.

**REQUIRED AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

# **ALTON D. THIELE, P.C.**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Directors  
Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District  
700 Kennedy Ct.  
Belton, TX, 76513

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund balance information of Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (the District) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 9, 2017.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

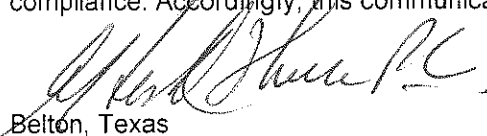
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not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

### **Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Belton, Texas  
January 9, 2017

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**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - BUDGET TO  
ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	General Fund			ACTUAL	VARIANCE Positive (Negative)
	ADOPTED BUDGET	AMEND- MENTS	FINAL BUDGET		
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 658,906	-	\$ 658,906	\$ 640,702	\$ (18,204)
Application fee	20,000	-	20,000	8,000	(12,000)
Transport fee	1,000	-	1,000	1,120	120
Interest	500	-	500	3,266	2,766
Other income (expense)	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>680,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>680,406</u>	<u>653,088</u>	<u>(27,318)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Administrative expenses	111,172	35,850	147,022	35,547	111,475
Compensation and benefits	227,799	(8,580)	219,219	219,219	-
Clearwater studies	151,560	(5,544)	146,016	141,401	4,615
Educational outreach/marketing	14,500	(7,367)	7,133	7,133	-
Spring flow gage	16,000	(550)	15,450	15,450	-
Computer systems	29,300	(3,371)	25,929	25,929	-
Legal fees	43,500	6,713	50,213	50,213	-
Reserve for uncollected taxes*	20,000	(1,797)	18,203	-	18,203
Other operating expenses (net)	41,600	(15,516)	26,084	21,469	4,615
Depreciation	-	-	-	22,364	(22,364)
Capital expenditures*	-	2,500	2,500	7,115	(4,615)
Net loss of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-
Facility costs	13,375	2,204	15,579	15,579	-
Utilities	11,600	(4,542)	7,058	7,058	-
Total expenditures	<u>680,406</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>680,406</u>	<u>568,477</u>	<u>111,929</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>84,611</u>	<u>84,611</u>
Change in net position				84,611	
<b>NET POSITION</b>					
Beginning of fiscal year				<u>1,043,219</u>	
End of fiscal year				<u>1,127,830</u>	
* Budget reserves for balance sheet items					
Reserve for uncollected taxes*	20,000	-	20,000	20,559	(559)
Capital expenditures*	-	2,500	2,500	7,115	(4,615)

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Current

Compensation and benefits	\$	219,219	
(Number of persons employed by the District: 2 - Full-time, 1 - Intern)			
Professional Services			
Auditing		4,400	
Legal		45,813	
Clearwater studies		141,401	
Utilities		7,058	
Facility costs		15,579	
Administrative expenses (including director fees)		35,547	
Capital outlay			
Acquisition of capital assets		4,615	
Net loss of capital assets (theft)		-	
Educational outreach/marketing		7,133	
Computer systems		25,929	
Other operating expenses		21,469	
Other expenditures (includes depreciation)		<u>40,314</u>	
TOTAL	\$	<u><u>568,477</u></u>	(see page 8)

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

<b>Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Pool / Type</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Balance at End of Year</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>					
<b>Local Government</b>					
<b>Investment Pools</b>					
	TexPool	449	0.3950%	Demand	\$ 352,713
	TexPool - Prime	590	0.7592%	Demand	<u>346,893</u>
	TOTAL				<u>699,606</u>
<b>Other accounts</b>					
	First State Bank of Central Texas - Operations Account	Transaction	N/A	Demand	<u>-</u>
	TOTAL				<u>-</u>
	<b>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS</b>				<u><u>\$ 699,606</u></u>

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ANALYSIS OF TAXES LEVIED AND RECEIVABLE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	<u>Maintenance Taxes</u>		
Taxes receivable at October 1, 2015	\$ 21,241		
2015 Original tax roll, net of adjustments	<u>640,020</u>		
Total to be accounted for	<u>661,261</u>		
Tax Collections:			
Current year	(632,803)		
Prior years	<u>(7,900)</u>		
Total collections	<u>(640,702)</u>		
Taxes receivable, September 30, 2016	<u>\$ 20,559</u>		
Taxes receivable by years:			
2009 and years prior to	\$ 4,864		
2010	1,251		
2011	1,387		
2012	1,593		
2013	2,156		
2014	3,066		
2015	<u>6,242</u>		
Taxes receivable, September 30, 2016	<u>\$ 20,559</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Property Valuations	\$ 16,526,207,088	\$ 15,564,029,000	\$ 14,848,548,113
Tax rates per \$100 valuation:			
Debt service tax rates	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maintenance tax rates	0.00395	0.004	0.004
Total tax rates per \$100 valuation:	<u>0.00395</u>	<u>0.004</u>	<u>0.004</u>
Gross Original tax levy	<u>\$ 652,785</u>	<u>\$ 622,561</u>	<u>\$ 593,957</u>
Percent of taxes collected to taxes levied**	98.15%	97.91%	102.63%

\*\* Calculated as taxes collected from current and previous years divided by the original tax levy.



**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBERS, CONSULTANTS, AND KEY PERSONNEL  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Complete District Mailing Address: PO Box 1989, Belton, TX 76513

District Business Telephone Number: (254) 933-0120

Submission Date of the most recent District Registration Form: N/A  
(TWC Sections 36.054 and 49.054)

Limit on Fees of Office that a Director may receive during a fiscal year: \$9,000  
(TWC Section 36.060) Fee: \$150 per day while on District business

Name and addresses	Precinct and Terms of Office 4-year terms	Fees Paid as of 09/30/2016	Expense Reimbursement	Title as of 09/30/2016	Property owner within the District
<b><u>Board Members</u></b>					
Leland Gersbach 7872 Hackberry Holland, TX 76534	Precinct 1 2017 to 2021	Waived	-	President	Yes
Gary Young 1314 Creek View, Salado, TX 76571	Precinct 2 Dec. 2015 to 2018	\$2,550	-	Director	Yes
Wallace Biskup PO Box 265 Troy, TX 76579	Precinct 3 2017 to 2021	\$2,400	\$118	Vice President	Yes
Judy Parker 1235 River Ridge Ranch Road Killeen, TX	Precinct 4 2014 to 2018	\$4,050	-	Secretary	Yes
David Cole 2401 Brown Circle Killeen, TX 76543	At-Large 2014 to 2018	\$2,550	-	Director	Yes
<b><u>Consultants</u></b>					
Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys at Law 816 Congress Ave Suite 1900 Austin, TX 78701- 4071	N/A	\$50,441	N/A	Attorney	N/A
Alton D Thiele, P.C. P.O. Box 808 Belton, TX 76513	N/A	\$4,400	N/A	Auditor	N/A
<b><u>Key Personnel</u></b>					
Dirk Aaron	N/A	\$76,000		District Manager	
Shelly Chapman	N/A	\$45,840		District Administrative Assistant	



*Every drop counts!*

## **Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District**

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***Leland Gersbach, President***

***Wallace Biskup***

***Judy Parker***

***David Cole***

***C. Gary Young***

January 9, 2017

Alton D. Thiele, P.C.  
300 E. Ave. C  
Belton, Texas 76513

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the basic financial statements of Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (the District) as of September 30, 2016 and for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the general fund, debt service fund, capital projects fund, the aggregate remaining fund balance of the District, and the respective change in net position of the District in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the previously mentioned basic financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and preventing and detecting fraud.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of January 9, 2017, the following representations made to you during your audit.

### **Financial Statements**

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated August 16, 2016.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates are reasonable.
- 6) Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- 7) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. No events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.

- 8) The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements for each opinion unit.
- 9) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 10) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

#### **Information Provided**

- 11) We have provided you with:
  - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d) Minutes of the meetings of directors and committees of directors or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 12) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 13) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 14) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
  - a) Management,
  - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 15) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 16) We have disclosed to you all known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 17) We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 18) We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

#### **Government—specific**

- 19) We have made available to you all financial records and related data.
- 20) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 21) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 22) Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.
- 23) Except as made known to you, there are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.

- 24) As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related notes. We have designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee your services and have made all management decisions and performed all management functions. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes.
- 25) Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 26) Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 27) We have followed all applicable laws and regulations in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.
- 28) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
- 29) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 30) Components of net assets (net investment in capital assets and unreserved) and equity amounts are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 31) Investments, derivative instruments, and land and other real estate held by endowments are properly valued.
- 32) Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
- 33) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 34) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- 35) Deposits and investment securities and derivative instruments are properly classified as to risk and are properly disclosed.
- 36) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
- 37) The government meets the GASB-established requirements for accounting for eligible infrastructure assets using the modified approach.
- 38) We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 39) We acknowledge we are not required to disclose the Texas Supplementary Information (TSI), however we present some of the schedules for additional information and analysis. The TSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines as outlined in the *TCEQ Water District Financial Management Guide* and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the TSI.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Leland Gersbach, President

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Judy Parker, Secretary

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
COMMUNICATIONS WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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# ***ALTON D. THIELE, P.C.***

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January 9, 2017

To the Board of Directors  
Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District  
700 Kennedy Ct.  
PO Box 1989  
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We have audited the basic financial statements of Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (the District) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter dated August 16, 2016. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## Significant Audit Findings

### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District are described in NOTE 1 to the financial statements. Two new accounting policies (Note – 1.D.5) were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. We noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the useful lives of its capital assets is significant due to the very nature of determining how long an item might last. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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

The disclosure of the expense of the compensation and benefits since this expense is estimated to be over one third of the total annual budget comparatively.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

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

*Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

*Disagreements with Management*

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

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the Management Representation Letter dated January 9, 2017.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

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

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

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

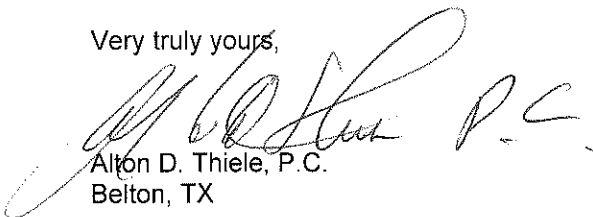
One issue of note pertains to the District's investment in TexPool. While TexPool complies implicitly with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act, TexPool still disclaims the security of funds invested with the entity as subject to loss. The District has a fiduciary responsibility to safeguard the public funds it receives. Governmental Investment Pools are not subject to the custodial risk provision as stated in the *Notes to the Financial Statements*, page 14; however, the risk of loss still exists.

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and Management of Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



Alton D. Thiele, P.C.  
Belton, TX

**CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**COMMUNICATION OF SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES  
AND MATERIAL WEAKNESSES AS REQUIRED BY  
STATEMENT ON AUDITING STANDARDS NO. 115**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (the District) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

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

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors and others within the District, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



ALTON D. THIELE, P.C.  
Belton, Texas  
January 9, 2017