# Financial Statements

# EAST SEVIER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' AUDIT REPORT

Board of Commissioners East Sevier County Utility District Sevierville, Tennessee

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of East Sevier County Utility District, which comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2014, and the related statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended 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 the 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.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the 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 of America. 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 auditors' judgment, including assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the 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 internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### Basis for Qualified Opinion

The accompanying financial statements do not include the value of certain assets that were donated by homeowner associations related to agreements for operating and maintaining their sewer system. Quantification of the effects on the financial statements is not practical.

#### Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the "Basis for Qualified Opinion" paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of East Sevier County Utility District as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 to 6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considered it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statement 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 response to our inquires, 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 East Sevier County Utility District's basic financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as supplementary information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 13, 2015, on our consideration of East Sevier County Utility District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering East Sevier County Utility District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mitchell Emert + Hill

April 13, 2015

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#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the East Sevier County Utility District (the District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the District's performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report includes this management's discussion and analysis report, the independent accountant's audit report and the basic financial statements of the District. The financial statements also include notes that explain in more detail some of the information in the financial statements.

#### **REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the District report information using accounting methods similar to those used by private companies. These statements offer both short-term and long-term financial information about its activities. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets and liabilities and provides information about where the District has invested its resources (assets) and the obligations to the District's credit (liabilities).

All of the current year's revenue and expenses are accounted for in the statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position. This statement measures the success of the District's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the District has successfully recovered all of its expenses through customer fees.

The final required financial statement is the statement of cash flows. This statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and financing activities and provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in the cash balances during the reporting period.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT

One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is "Is the District better off or worse off as a result of this year's activities?" The statement of net position and the statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position report information about the District's activities in a way that will help answer this question. These statements report the difference between assets and liabilities as one way to measure financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. A summary of the District's net position and change in it is presented below:

#### **SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

	2014	2013
NET POSITION		
Current assets	\$ 162,157	\$ 216,783
Capital assets	615,046	621,917
Total assets	<u>\$ 777,203</u>	<u>\$ 838,700</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 54,249	\$ 106,482
Long-term liabilities	0	17,628
Total liabilities	54,249	124,110
Net position:		
Net invested in capital assets	615,046	591,907
Unrestricted	107,908	122,683
	<u>722,954</u>	<u>714,590</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 777,203</u>	<u>\$ 838,700</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		
Operating revenue	\$ 540,043	\$ 510,596
Operating expenses	536,613	535,306
Operating income (loss)	3,431	(24,709)
Nonoperating income	7,813	1,828
Nonoperating expenses	(2,879)	(1,665)
Change in net position	8,364	(24,547)
Beginning net position	<u>714,590</u>	739,138
Ending net position	<u>\$ 722,954</u>	<u>\$ 714.590</u>

## ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

As can be seen from the summarized financial information, the District's net position increased by \$8,364 during the year ended June 30, 2014 and decreased \$24,547 during the year ended June 30, 2013. Operating revenue increased at a rate of 0.244% for the year ended June 30, 2014 (increased by 2.3% in 2013) while expenses increased at a rate of 5.767% for the year ended June 30, 2014 (increased by 14.5% in 2013).

#### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The District adopts an annual operating budget, which includes proposed expenses and the means for paying these expenses. As conditions change during the year, the budget may be amended to prevent budget overruns.

#### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

The District's investment in capital assets amounts to \$1,068,577 with accumulated depreciation of \$453,530. Capital assets include land, distribution and collection systems and equipment. During the year ended June 30, 2014 the District had capital asset additions totaling \$44,600.

#### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND FUTURE NEEDS

The District experienced a small increase (15) in new customers during the year ended June 30, 2014. In addition to water and sewer services provided to the English Mountain and the Preserve at English Mountain subdivisions, sewer services are provided to the Sherwood Forest, Bear Creek Crossing, Smoky Mountain Ridge, Lashbrooke, Douglas Lake Resort, Bouldercrest Villas, and Parkside Resort subdivisions.

#### CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This discussion and analysis is designed to provide our customers with a general view of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the following commissioners at the address on the letterhead.

Roy Ivey Barbara Darby Janice Brooks-Headrick

## **STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

June 30, 2014

## **ASSETS**

PLANT IN SERVICE	
Land	\$ 14,525
Building	69,236
Distribution and collection system	850,044

Equipment 134,771

1,068,577

Accumulated depreciation (453,530) 615,046

**CURRENT ASSETS** 

Cash
Prepaid insurance
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible

\$ 69,671
16,015

accounts of \$35,000 65,771 Deposits 10,700

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 162,157

\$ 777,203

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

## **LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION**

## **CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable		\$ 1,322
Payroll taxes payable		2,511
Accrued wages		2,511
Deferred revenue		12,321
Customer deposits		 35,585
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		54,249
NET POSITION		
Investment in capital assets	\$ 615,046	
Unrestricted	107,908	 722,954

\$ 777,203

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION

OPERATING REVENUE			
Water sales			\$ 181,419
Sewer services			337,373
Tap fees and service fees			11,751
Penalties and interest			9,501
Other operating revenue			7,782
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		547,825
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries		\$ 135,010	
Payroll taxes		10,504	
Health insurance		9,100	
Unemployment		6,769	
Uniforms		3,133	
Plant utilities		51,661	
Repairs and maintenance		130,692	
Depreciation		47,900	
Vehicle expense		25,115	
Mileage expense		4,012	
Insurance		26,722	
Permits		4,740	
Telephone		5,076	
Office supplies		2,356	
Postage		2,951	
Legal fees		1,681	
Audit		6,425	
Contract services		39,605	
Professional services		8,480	
Commissioner fees		10,800	
Miscellaneous		3,881	
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		536,613
	INCOME FROM OPERATIONS		11,212

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION

(continued)

NONOPERATING REVENUE(EXPENSE)		
Interest income	31	
Loss on disposal of assets	(2,546)	
Interest expense	(333)	(2,848)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		8,364
NET POSITION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		714,590
NET POSITION AT THE END OF THE YEAR		\$ 722.954

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

CASH PROVIDED(USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from customers		\$ 538,733
Cash paid to employees		(145,810)
Cash paid to suppliers		(379,105)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		13,818
CASH PROVIDED(USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of capital assets	\$ (44,600)	
Principal payments on long-term debt	(30,010)	
Proceeds from the sale of assets	1,025	
Interest paid	(333)	
NET CASH (USED) BY CAPITAL AND		
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(73,918)
CASH PROVIDED(USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	31	
Decrease in certificate of deposit	126,739	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		126,770
NET INCREASE IN CASH		66,670
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		3,002
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR		\$ 69,671

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2014

## RECONCILIATION OF INCOME FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH PROVIDED(USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

\$	11,212
900	
310	
874)	
120	
246)	
859)	
(603)	
597	
260	2,606
\$_	13,818
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2014

#### NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION

East Sevier County Utility District (the District) was created under the authority of Title 7, Chapter 82 of the 1937 Utility District Law of the State of Tennessee. The Board of Commissioners is appointed by the Sevier County Mayor for a term of four years. Sevier County does not have any fiscal or budgetary control over the District. Operations are funded by water and sewer rates established by the Board of Commissioners.

#### NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Financial Reporting**

The District uses the "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) are included in the statement of net position. The statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position presents increases (revenue) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recognized in the period in which it is earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred. Revenue is recorded when billed to the customers, based on a monthly meter reading cycle.

The District distinguishes operating revenue and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenue is revenue that is generated from the primary operations of the District. The principal operating revenue of the District is charges to customers for water sales and sewer services. The District also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of connection fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Revenue from sewer only customers is recognized in the month service is provided. Sewer only customers are billed a flat rate one month in advance which is reported as deferred revenue. All other revenue is reported as nonoperating revenue. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All other expenses are reported as nonoperating expenses.

#### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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June 30, 2014

The District prepares its financial statements in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. GASB Statement No. 34 establishes standards for external financial reporting for state and local governments and requires that resources be classified for accounting reporting purposes into the following three net position groups:

#### <u>Investment in capital assets</u>

This category includes capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net investment in capital assets at June 30, 2014 has been calculated as follows:

Capital assets	\$ 1,068,577
Accumulated depreciation	(453,530)

\$ 615,046

#### Restricted

This category includes net position whose use is subject to externally imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the District pursuant to those stipulations or that expire by the passage of time. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. The District had no restricted net position at June 30, 2014.

#### Unrestricted

This category includes net position that are not subject to externally imposed stipulations and that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "investment in capital assets." Unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board of Commissioners or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreement with outside parties.

#### Prepaid Expenses

Payments made for insurance premiums that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2014 are recorded as prepaid expenses.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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June 30, 2014

#### Plant in Service

Plant in service is recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 7 to 50 years.

#### Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

Allowance for uncollectible accounts is provided based upon historical trends. Allowance for uncollectible accounts at June 30, 2014 was \$35,000.

#### **NOTE C - CASH**

Cash represents money on deposit in various banks.

State of Tennessee law authorizes the District to invest in obligations of the United States of America or its agencies, nonconvertible debt securities of certain federal agencies, other obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States of America or any of its agencies, secured certificates of deposit and other evidences of deposit in state and federal banks and savings and loan associations, and the Tennessee Department of Treasury Local Government Investment Pool (the LGIP). The LGIP contains investments in certificates of deposit, U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements, backed by the U.S. Treasury securities. The Treasurer of the State of Tennessee administers the investment pool.

All deposits with financial institutions in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limits are required to be secured by one of two methods. Excess funds can be deposited with a financial institution that participates in the State of Tennessee Bank Collateral Pool. For deposits with financial institutions that do not participate in the State of Tennessee Bank Collateral Pool, state statutes require that all deposits be collateralized with collateral whose market value is equal to 105 percent of the uninsured amount of the deposits.

All cash balances at June 30, 2014 were entirely insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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June 30, 2014

## NOTE D - PLANT IN SERVICE

Plant in service activity for the year ended June 30, 2014 was as follows:

	Balance 7/1/13	Additions	Retirements	Balance 6/30/14
Capital assets not being depreciated  Land	\$ 14,525	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 14,525
Capital assets being depreciated Building Distribution and collection system Machinery and equipment Office equipment	68,380 822,628 114,432 <u>16,048</u> 1,021,488	856 29,753 13,991 0 44,600	0 2,337 9,700 0 12,037	69,236 850,044 118,723 <u>16,048</u> 1,054,051
Accumulated depreciation  Building  Distribution and collection system  Machinery and equipment  Office equipment	(5,883) (312,810) (80,722) (14,683) (414,096)	(2,432) (34,517) (10,620) (332) (47,900)	0 1,146 7,320 0 8,466	(8,315) (346,180) (84,022) (15,015) (453,530)
	\$ 621,918	\$ (3,300)	\$ 3,571	\$ 615,046

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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June 30, 2014

#### **NOTE E - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District carries commercial insurance for all risks of loss, including general liability, workers' compensation coverage and employee dishonesty bonds. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.



## **CUSTOMERS AND UTILITY RATES**

June 30, 2014

## **Tap Fees:**

English Mountain subdivision: Water Sewer Other subdivisions, where applicable: Sewer	\$ 1,250.00 1,250.00 750.00
Utility Rates:	
Water:	
Residential - first 3,000 gallons	43.00
Commercial - first 3,000 gallons	46.81
Commercial - over 3,000 gallons	187.22
Sewer:	
English Mountain subdivision:	
Residential - first 3,000 gallons	43.00
Commercial - first 3,000 gallons	54.56
Commercial - over 3,000 gallons	218.23
Other subdivisions - unmetered service	43.00
Number of customers	639

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				supplied <u>OR</u>
WATER LOSSES (Water Supplied - Authorized Consumption)	17.859	MG/Yr		value
Apparent Losses			Production of the last of the	alue:
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Customer metering inaccuracies Systematic data handling errors		MG/Yr MG/Yr	3.00% © O	MG/Yr MG/Yr
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Apparent Losses	: 0.930	MG/Yr		
Real Losses (Current Annual Real Losses or CARL)  Real Losses = Water Losses - Apparent Losses	: 7 16.929	MG/Yr		
WATER LOSSES	17.859	MG/Yr		
NON-REVENUE WATER  NON-REVENUE WATER  = Water Losses + Unbilled Metered + Unbilled Unmetered	: 18.429	MG/Yr		
SYSTEM DATA				
Length of mains	: + ? 8 12.0	miles		
Number of <u>active AND inactive</u> service connections Service connection density	: 4 2 9 261	conn./mile main		
Are customer meters typically located at the curbstop or property line	? Yes	(length of service line, be	wond the property	
Average length of customer service line	+ ?	boundary, that is the resp		
Average length of customer service line has been Average operating pressure				
, no lago operating process				
COST DATA				
Total annual cost of operating water system	: \$383,028	\$/Year		
Customer retail unit cost (applied to Apparent Losses)		\$/1000 gallons (US)		
Variable production cost (applied to Real Losses)	: \$1,837.00	\$/Million gallons	ner Retail Unit Cost to value rea	l losses
WATER AUDIT DATA VALIDITY SCORE:				
	*** YOUR SCORE IS: 76 out of 100 **	* 32.44		
A weighted scale for the components of consu	mption and water loss is included in the ca	Iculation of the Water Audit Data V	alidity Score	
PRIORITY AREAS FOR ATTENTION:				
Based on the information provided, audit accuracy can be improved by address	ssing the following components:			
1: Billed unmetered				
2: Customer metering inaccuracies				
3: Volume from own sources				

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System Attributes:	Water Audit Report for: East Sevier County Utility District (0000618)  Reporting Year: 2014 7/2013 - 6/2014  *** YOUR WATER AUDIT DATA VALIDITY SCORE IS: 76 out of 100 ***
	Apparent Losses: 0.930 MG/Yr
	+ Real Losses: 16.929 MG/Yr
	= Water Losses: 17.859 MG/Yr
	7 Unavoidable Annual Real Losses (UARL): See limits in definition MG/Yr
	Annual cost of Apparent Losses: \$10,000
	Annual cost of Real Losses: \$31,098 Valued at Variable Production Cost  Return to Reporting Worksheet to change this assumption
Performance Indicators:	Notally to Nepotally Worksheet to change the assumption
	Non-revenue water as percent by volume of Water Supplied: 40.4%
Financial:	Non-revenue water as percent by cost of operating system: 11.0% Real Losses valued at Variable Production Cost
	Trouble watch as personally social operating systems
Operational Efficiency:	Apparent Losses per service connection per day: 9.76 gallons/connection/day
	Real Losses per service connection per day: N/A gallons/connection/day
	Real Losses per length of main per day*: 3,864.97 gallons/mile/day
	Real Losses per service connection per day per psi pressure: N/A gallons/connection/day/psi
	From Above, Real Losses = Current Annual Real Losses (CARL): 16.93 million gallons/year
	Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) [CARL/UARL]:
* This performance indicator applies for systems with a low service connection density of less than 32 service connections/mile of pipeline	

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

June 30, 2014

Roy Ivey

Barbara Darby

Janice Brooks-Headrick

## INTERNAL CONTROL

<u>AND</u>

**COMPLIANCE** 



# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' 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

Board of Commissioners East Sevier County Utility District Sevierville, Tennessee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the financial statements of East Sevier County Utility District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 13, 2015.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered East Sevier County Utility 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 East Sevier County Utility District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of East Sevier County Utility District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of finding, recommendation and management response, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

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 East Sevier County Utility District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described as item 2013-A-1 in the accompanying schedule of finding, recommendation and management response to be a material weakness.

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether East Sevier County Utility District'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*.

#### East Sevier County Utility District's Response to Finding

East Sevier County Utility District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of finding, recommendation and management response. East Sevier County Utility District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### **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 East Sevier County Utility District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing* Standards in considering East Sevier County Utility District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mitchell Emert + Hill

April 13, 2015

#### FINDING, RECOMMENDATION AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

Year Ended June 30, 2014

#### Finding Number 2013-A-1 - Plant in Service Records (uncorrected from the prior year)

Finding: East Sevier County Utility District (the District) did not have adequate accounting records relating to its plant in service. Specifically, it did not keep copies of all contracts with homeowner associations for the operation of their sewer system, though it was able to obtain some copies during the year ended June 30, 2014. As a result, management could not determine if ownership of the sewer systems was transferred to the District or if the homeowner associations retained ownership of the assets. If the homeowner associations donated the sewer systems to the District, the fair value of the systems at the date of donation should have been recorded as assets and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the systems. The accompanying financial statements do not included any assets and related depreciation expense related to these sewer systems.

*Recommendation:* Management should obtain signed copies of all contracts with homeowner associations and determine if the underlying sewer system was transferred to the District. If so, they should determine the fair value at the date of donation and record the asset (and related depreciation) in the general ledger.

Management Response: Management has been unable to locate every signed contract related to the sewer operations referred to above. We have twice attempted to contact homeowner associations and developers to obtain their copies of the signed contracts. Two homeowner associations reported they had no contract in their files and there were no responses from the others. Based on the contracts we have (some signed by both parties and some only signed by us), it is unclear who the owner of the sewer system is. At least one developer has stated verbally that he personally owns the system. We are continuing to work to resolve this issue and determine the ownership and the value, if any, of the capital assets to be recorded in our accounting records.