

Presentation to

Brazos River Authority

**Presentation to the Board of Directors Regarding
the Audit for the Year Ended August 31, 2016**

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by



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Audit Overview

- Financial Statement Audit Scope
 - Financial statements prepared by management
 - Includes examining evidence supporting amounts and disclosures on a test basis
 - Includes assessment of internal control structure for purposes of auditing the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, but not for providing an opinion on internal control
 - Includes assessment of accounting principles, significant estimates made by management, and disclosures to the financial statements
- Financial Statement Audit Results
 - Opinion on the financial statements: **Unmodified**
 - No significant deficiencies in internal control to be reported

Audit Overview – continued

- Federal and State Awards Audit Scope
 - Report on Federal Compliance Audit: **Not required in 2016.**
 - Total expenditures of federal awards were \$50,000.
 - Threshold for audit was \$750,000.
 - Report on State Compliance Audit: **Not required in 2016.**
 - Total expenditures of state awards were \$572,000.
 - Threshold for audit was \$750,000.

Required Communications

- Significant Accounting Policies

No new Government Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) statements were required to be adopted in 2016, other than GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application* and GASB Statement No. 76, *Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*. The required adoption of these standards did not result in any changes to the previously issued financial statements.

There were no other changes in accounting policies previously used or significant changes in required disclosures.

There were no accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas where there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Required Communications – continued

- Significant Accounting Estimates and Disclosures
 - Significant estimates
 - Estimated useful lives of capital assets which impacts depreciation expense
 - Net pension liability (actuarial estimate)
 - Fair value of investments
 - Significant financial statement disclosures
 - Investments
 - Long-term debt
 - Revenue recognition
 - Retirement Plans net pension liability

Required Communications – continued

- Significant difficulties encountered during the audit – none
- Uncorrected and corrected misstatements
 - Uncorrected misstatements – none
 - Corrected misstatements – none
- Disagreements with management – none
- Received standard representation letter from management
- Management’s consultations with other accountants – none
- Other significant findings or issues – none

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

- The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (“CAFR”) is an important disclosure document that communicates information about the Brazos River Authority (“BRA”) to an audience including citizens, rating agencies, investors, regulatory bodies, insurance companies, etc.
 - Our responsibility is for our opinion on the financial statements.
 - We do read the other information in the CAFR to make sure it is not inconsistent with the financial statements.
- The BRA will submit the 2016 CAFR to the Government Finance Officers Association (“GFOA”) for an additional quality review. The BRA has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting in the past and expects to receive the award for the 2016 CAFR.

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