INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2015 and 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Sacramento Groundwater Authority Sacramento, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and special revenue fund of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (the Authority) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 basis for our audit opinion.

Board of Directors Sacramento Groundwater Authority

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Authority as of June 30, 2015 and the respective changes in financial position 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 and budgetary comparison information as listed in the accompanying table of contents, 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 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 2, 2015 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Comparative Prior Year Information

The June 30, 2014 amounts included in the financial statements were audited previously and the summarized comparative information is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Richardson & Company, LLP

December 2, 2015

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) is a joint powers authority created to collectively manage, protect, and sustain the Sacramento region's north area groundwater basin, which includes all of Sacramento County north of the American River. The following discussion and analysis of the SGA financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015 and 2014. This discussion analysis should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, which can be found on pages 12 to 23 of this report.

Description of Basic Financial Statements

SGA maintains its accounting records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for a special revenue fund type of the governmental fund group as prescribed by the Government Accounting Standards Board. Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted for specific purposes. SGA's revenues are legally restricted under a joint powers agreement provided for under the California Government Code. The accounts of SGA are organized on the basis of fund accounting. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires that fund balances are reported in classifications that compromise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which SGA is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The categories of the SGA's fund balances include: non-spendable and restricted funds. Non-spendable fund balance represents amounts such as prepaid expenses that are not available for expenditure because they are not expected to be converted to cash. Since SGA's revenues are legally restricted for the purpose of managing the Sacramento groundwater basin, any revenues would be considered a restricted fund balance.

The basic financial statements include governmental fund balance sheet/statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance/statement of activities. Additionally, the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance – budget to actual is included as required supplementary information on pages 24 to 25 of this report.

The statement of net position includes SGA as a special revenue fund with assets, liabilities and fund balance. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether SGA's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance/statement of activities report all of SGA's revenues and expenditures/expenses during the periods indicated. This statement reflects the operating activity as both a special revenue fund and also converts to a statement of activity. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event is measurable and available. Expenditures/expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (i.e. amounts due to vendors) for both the fund balance and net position. Revenues are reported when available (i.e. grant awards) for fund balance and reported when earned in the net position statement.

The statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance – budget to actual illustrate the actual results compared to the legally adopted budget on a fund basis. The fund basis does not include depreciation expense and includes capital asset purchases as expenditures.

The financial statements can be found on pages 12 to 13.

Notes to financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the financial data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 14 to 23 of this report.

Condensed Financial Information

For the fiscal years ending June 30, the following condensed comparative balance sheets using a net position basis are presented:

| | <u>2015</u> | | | <u>2014</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| Other Assets | \$ | 786,113 | \$ | 646,797 |
| Capital assets, net | | 11,965 | | 16,443 |
| Total Assets | \$ | 798,078 | \$ | 663,240 |
| Liabilities Net Position: | \$ | 264,987 | \$ | 90,444 |
| Invested in capital assets Restricted | | 11,965 521,126 | | 16,443 556,353 |
| Total Net Position | \$ | 533,091 | \$ | 572,796 |

Other Assets

Other assets consisted of cash and cash equivalents, interest receivable and prepaid assets. Other assets increased by \$139,316 from the previous year. The increase is mainly due to a receivable due from the Department of Water Resources for work completed on the AB303 grant.

Capital Assets

Net capital assets include office furniture, field and office equipment, and leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation. The overall decrease in capital assets costs reflects depreciation for equipment.

Liabilities

Liabilities of \$264,987 have increased \$174,543 from the previous year and include amounts due to vendors, and a payable to the Regional Water Authority ("RWA"). RWA is a related party that manages the projects and work for SGA. Several members of SGA are also members of RWA. Liabilities increased mainly due to payments to consultants for the AB303 grant in the amount of

\$162,447. The current liabilities include \$97,173 due to the RWA for administrative service costs of which \$8,662 represents leasehold improvements costs that were acquired with RWA. These acquisition costs are amortized over the life of the office lease agreement in the form of rental expense reimbursement to RWA.

Net Position Invested in Capital Assets

Investment in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation totaled \$11,965 and decreased by \$4,478 due to depreciation of capital assets. Approximately 2% of net position is invested in capital assets.

Restricted Net Position

All of the assessment fee revenue received by SGA is considered restricted for the purpose of SGA as outlined in the Joint Powers Agreement ("Agreement"). The Agreement legally enforces SGA to use these funds to further the purpose of SGA in managing the groundwater basin. Any unused fees not previously allocated to capital assets, is considered restricted net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether SGA's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The restricted net position may be used to meet SGA's ongoing obligations to member agencies and creditors. For fiscal year 2015, approximately \$432,800 of restricted net position has been designated for water program projects, for anticipated pension obligations, and for a general operating fund to mitigate current and future risks due to revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenses. See Note 4 and 5 of Notes to Basic Financial Statements for the detail and types of fund balances and restricted net position.

Condensed Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

For the fiscal years ending June 30, the following condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position are presented:

| June | 2015 | June 30, 2014 | | | |
|------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| ~ | | | tement of | | |
| | | | | | |
| \$ | 521,400 | \$ | 520,168 | | |
| | 153,126 | | - | | |
| | 2,204 | | 2,045 | | |
| | 676,730 | | 522,213 | | |
| | 716,435 | | 520,918 | | |
| | | | | | |
| | (39,705) | | 1,295 | | |
| | 572,796 | | 571,501 | | |
| \$ | 533,091 | \$ | 572,796 | | |
| | Sta | 153,126 2,204 676,730 716,435 (39,705) 572,796 | \$ 521,400 \$ 153,126 2,204 676,730 716,435 (39,705) 572,796 | | |

Program Revenues

SGA's program revenues are substantially derived from available assessment fees and grant awards. Assessment fees are paid by members and are designed to fund the core SGA activities. Grants and incentives are awarded to SGA either from state, federal, or local agencies to fund water related projects.

Analytical Review of Program Revenues

As planned, assessment fees totaled \$521,400 and are slightly higher than in the previous year. SGA assessment fees are based upon two components: a groundwater fee and a base administrative fee formula, reflecting the member's capacity to pump water. In fiscal year 2015, the groundwater fee was lowered from \$4.20 to \$4.10 per acre foot, based upon a running five year average of historical volume, which was calculated as 70,534 acre-feet. The base administrative fee formula minimum fee was also raised from \$7,077 to \$7,150 per member. The connection fee was raised from eightynine to ninety-two cents per connection for connections greater than 6,000. The long-term goal is for base fees to achieve 40% coverage of costs.

State, federal and local government grants will vary from year to year based upon availability and applicability to member agencies. In March 2013, DWR announced results for another Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program (AB 303) and awarded SGA a grant in the amount of \$225,000. Activity on this new grant began in fiscal year 2015.

General revenue

General revenue of \$2,204 largely represents interest income.

Program expenses

Program expenses fall into two major categories: shared and direct administration expenses and project expenses. Administrative expenses pay for the baseline SGA strategy and activities.

Analytical Review of Shared and Direct Expenditures

Program expenses totaled \$716,435 and are \$195,517 higher than the previous year's expenses of \$520,918. The increased costs reflect increases in wages and legal expenses. Additionally, \$171,701 in new consulting costs was incurred to administer the AB 303 grant.

Capital Assets

Capital asset investment includes office furniture, office and field equipment and leasehold improvements as of June 30, 2015 and amounts to \$11,965 net of accumulated depreciation. Except for field equipment related specifically to SGA, capital asset acquisitions are co-owned with RWA and each authority pays 50% of the acquisition cost.

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Furniture | \$ 14,759 | \$ 14,759 |
| Equipment | 26,476 | 26,476 |
| Leasehold Improvements | 17,951 | 17,951 |
| Gross Capital Assets | 59,186 | 59,186 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (47,221) | (42,743) |
| Capital Assets, net | \$ 11,965 | \$ 16,443 |

Additional information on the furniture and equipment can be found in note 3 on page 19 of this report.

Special Revenue Fund Condensed Budgetary Analysis

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following condensed Budget to Actual Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance are presented:

| | 8 | Original and Final Budget | Final Actual | | | Variance with Budget Positive (Negative) | | |
|---|----|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----|--|--|--|
| Program Revenues | | | | | | | | |
| Assessment Income | \$ | 521,500 | \$ | 521,400 | \$ | (100) | | |
| Grant Awards | | 125,000 | | | | (125,000) | | |
| Total Program Revenues | | 646,500 | | 521,400 | | (125,100) | | |
| General Revenue - Interest and Other Income | | 1,600 | | 2,204 | | 604 | | |
| Total Revenues | | 648,100 | | 523,604 | | (124,496) | | |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative Expenses | | 476,550 | | 379,675 | | 96,875 | | |
| Office Expenses | | 50,000 | | 42,442 | | 7,558 | | |
| Professional Fees | | 127,900 | | 115,738 | | 12,162 | | |
| Capital Outlay and Equipment | | 3,750 | | 2,401 | | 1,349 | | |
| Consulting Expenses - AB 303 Grant | | 125,000 | | 171,701 | | (46,701) | | |
| Total Expenditures | | 783,200 | | 711,957 | | 71,243 | | |
| Expenditures (Over) Under Revenue | | (135,100) | | (188,353) | | (53,253) | | |
| Fund Balance, July 1, 2014 | | 556,353 | | 556,353 | | | | |
| Fund Balance, June 30, 2015 | \$ | 421,253 | \$ | 368,000 | \$ | (53,253) | | |

SGA begins preparing the budgets approximately in February of the preceding fiscal year and finalizes and adopts the budget before the beginning of the new fiscal year. Overall, SGA's financial results were negative compared to the expected budget by \$53,253. Significant budget versus actual variances are as follows.

Grant Awards

In March 2013, DWR announced results for another Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program (AB 303) and awarded SGA a grant in the amount of \$225,000. The \$225,000 grant award and corresponding consulting expenses started occurring in fiscal year 2015. The grant was budgeted to bring in \$125,000 in FY 2015. Since \$153,126 of grant awards earned in the fiscal year is not available to SGA at June 30, 2015, these grant awards were deferred and will be recognized when received. This delay in grant award revenue is a significant contributor of the negative budget result.

Administrative Expenses

SGA does not have any staff and therefore incurs administrative expenses from RWA to manage SGA. Total expected administrative costs were \$96,875 lower than budgeted. Administrative expenses are budgeted based upon costs from an allocation of administrative time under the Administrative Services Agreement with RWA.

SGA had planned to pay its estimated installment payment share of CalPERS unfunded pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2015 estimated at \$99,000, which represents a 44% allocated portion of the total installment payment. The actual payment to CalPERS will occur when CalPERS provides the actual liability and may be paid in installments as RWA and SGA accumulate sufficient resources to pay down this liability. The unfunded pension liability is an obligation of RWA. However, SGA will share in this cost since SGA used administrative staff time that generated the unfunded pension liability.

Office Expenses

Office expenses are shared 50/50 with RWA as part of the administrative services agreement. Overall, these costs were lower by \$7,558 than budgeted. These expenses are carefully managed by RWA.

Professional Fees

Overall consulting fees came in lower than budgeted. Lower costs are the result of not using consultants as expected for monitoring water quality levels, regional contamination issues, and groundwater modeling. Some of these cost savings have been set aside to be used on these projects in the next fiscal year as discussed in Note 5.

Capital Outlay and Equipment

Capital outlay and equipment represents SGA's share in the cost of office and computer equipment which did not meet SGA's asset capitalization policy.

Consulting Expenses – AB 303 Grant

The consulting expenses and related grant award expenses started occurring in fiscal year 2015. Eligible expenses exceeded grant award revenues due to the timing of when SGA will be able to recognize revenues. Additionally, the reimbursement of consulting costs will reflect a 5% retention deduction until the completion of the project.

Economic factors and assumptions for fiscal year June 30, 2016

SGA assessment fees continue to be based upon two components: a groundwater fee and a base administrative fee formula. A 16% increase in assessment fees was adopted for the fiscal year June 30, 2016 budget. Each member's specific fee change depends upon the changes in their water connections and groundwater pumping from the previous year.

Major budget assumptions used in adopting the June 30, 2016 budget include:

- 1) Because SGA had an operating designation in excess of six months at June 30, 2014, SGA assessed dues did not fully cover expenses in FY15. SGA instead used un-designated funds to pay these expenses in excess of fees. As discussed over the last several years, SGA would soon need to ramp up fees to cover the short fall. This ramp up is proposed to begin in FY16.
- 2) The fee calculations will continue to be based upon base fees plus groundwater fees. The base fees target objective is to cover 40% of costs, where groundwater fees are targeted to cover 60% of costs and is expected to be achieved over time once the accelerated pension plan payments are completed.
- 3) The minimum base administrative fee is \$8,000 plus \$1.05 per connection for connections over 6,000. The pumped groundwater fee per acre-foot is proposed at \$4.85 per acre foot. A five year trailing average of groundwater pumping is used to develop the groundwater fees for FY16.
- 4) In March 2013, DWR announced results for the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program (AB 303) and awarded SGA a grant in the amount of \$225,000. This grant income and related expenses are projected to occur over FY15 and FY16.
- 5) SGA will continue to share 50/50 in the administrative costs incurred by RWA to run both organizations under the agreement between RWA and SGA for administrative and management services. Costs benefiting only RWA work will not be allocated to SGA. Likewise, costs benefiting only SGA will be paid by SGA.
- 6) Staff salaries are within ranges assigned by a 2012 total compensation survey and reflect a possible 5% increase for merit (including COLA), plus 2% to compensate for the employees picking up 2% of their PERS retirement contribution.
- 7) In addition to sharing in 50% of non-WEP administrative staff time from RWA, SGA plans to continue to use 20% of RWA's project assistant and a retired annuitant employed by RWA to assist in accomplishing these objectives. RWA will monitor the required hours of the retired annuitant to ensure that a CalPERS pension obligation is not triggered. SGA may also hire additional outside consultants to accomplish some of the program objectives. Total FTE count for SGA is proposed to be 2.2 FTEs and does not include the retired annuitant.
- 8) Benefit costs also include projected increases for OPEB and health care, and a reduction of the 2% employer pick up of the employee portion of PERS retirement benefits (from 7% to 5%).
- 9) A \$132,000 payment to RWA (or CalPERS) is anticipated as an installment payment of SGA's allocated unfunded pension liability. This installment payment includes the previous amount of \$99,000 that was expected to occur in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, but was delayed. The approximate total unfunded RWA liability at June 30, 2015 is \$352,000 based upon the June 30, 2013 CalPERS actuarial report. SGA's estimated allocated share is estimated at 39% to 44%, based upon the same allocation methodology as used in determining the side fund payment. The actual allocation payment will be calculated by CalPERS. The RWA Board is planning to fund this liability over the next several years.
- 10) Professional fees include public relations, accounting and legal. It also includes higher audit, accounting, and actuarial costs due to the new GASB 68 ruling. Legal fees are expected to be higher for FY16 due to the CalPERS pension issues.
- 11) The SGA consulting budget reflects \$110,000 in out-sources support activities for a review of the groundwater management report, monitoring water quality levels, grant application assistance, maintaining the data management system, regional contamination, and

- groundwater modeling. The retired annuitant costs are also reflected in the program consulting budget.
- 12) Approximately \$49,900 in consulting fees will be designated from FY15 for programmatic objectives to be spent in FY16.
- 13) In FY16, even with the proposed fee increase, it is anticipated that SGA revenues will be approximately \$248,200 less than expenses. The expenses in excess of revenues will be funded by designated and non-designated funds accumulated from previous years and from the operating fund. The anticipated accelerated unfunded pension plan payment of \$132,000 represents 53% of this negative cash flow.
- 14) Excluding any pension plan payments, the operating fund is projected to be between four and five months for FY16, which meets policy guidelines and helps buffer anticipated costs related to recently passed legislation.

The significant factors noted above were considered in preparing the SGA's budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of SGA's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Finance and Administrative Services Manager, Regional Water Authority, 5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 180, Citrus Heights, CA 95610.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET / STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

| | June 30, 2015 | | | | | | | June 30, 2014 | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------|-----------|----|-----------|--------|---------------|--|--|
| | | Special | | | | Statement | S | Statement | | |
| | | Revenue | Adjustments | | | of Net | of Net | | | |
| | | Fund | | (Note 8) | | Position | | Position | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and Investments | \$ | 628,692 | \$ | - | \$ | 628,692 | \$ | 643,054 | | |
| Grants Receivables | | 153,126 | | - | | 153,126 | | - | | |
| Interest and Other Receivables | | 499 | | - | | 499 | | 422 | | |
| Prepaid Assets | | 3,796 | | - | | 3,796 | | 3,321 | | |
| Capital assets, net | | | | 11,965 | | 11,965 | | 16,443 | | |
| Total Assets | \$ | 786,113 | | 11,965 | | 798,078 | | 663,240 | | |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ | 167,814 | \$ | _ | \$ | 167,814 | \$ | 7,266 | | |
| Unavailable Revenue | | 153,126 | | (153,126) | | - | | - | | |
| Payable to Regional Water Authority | | 97,173 | | | | 97,173 | | 83,178 | | |
| Total Liabilities | | 418,113 | - | (153,126) | | 264,987 | - | 90,444 | | |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fund balances | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-spendable | | 3,796 | | (3,796) | | - | | - | | |
| Restricted | | 364,204 | | (364,204) | | | | | | |
| Total Fund Balance | | 368,000 | - | (368,000) | | | | | | |
| Total Liabilities and | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fund Balances | \$ | 786,113 | | | | | | | | |
| NET POSITION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Invested in capital assets | | | | 11,965 | | 11,965 | | 16,443 | | |
| Restricted | | | | 521,126 | | 521,126 | | 556,353 | | |
| Total Net Position | | | \$ | 533,091 | \$ | 533,091 | \$ | 572,796 | | |

SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE /

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

| | June 30, 2015 | | | | | | June 30, 2014 | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|----|------------|---------------|------------|
| | Special | | | G. | | | | |
| | ŀ | Revenue Fund | | ljustments Note 8) | | Activities | Statement of | |
| REVENUES | | ruiu | (| Note 8) | | Activities | F | Activities |
| Program Revenue | | | | | | | | |
| Assessment Income | \$ | 521,400 | \$ | | \$ | 521,400 | \$ | 520,168 |
| Grant Awards | — | | — | 153,126 | | 153,126 | . | |
| Total Program Revenue | | 521,400 | | 153,126 | | 674,526 | | 520,168 |
| General Revenue - Interest and Other Income | | 2,204 | | | | 2,204 | | 2,045 |
| Total Revenue | | 523,604 | | 153,126 | | 676,730 | | 522,213 |
| PROGRAM EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES | | | | | | | | |
| Shared and Direct Expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| Wages and Salaries | | 251,808 | | _ | | 251,808 | | 238,164 |
| Employee Benefits | | 121,355 | | _ | | 121,355 | | 118,622 |
| Travel and Training | | 6,512 | | _ | | 6,512 | | 7,837 |
| Rent | | 9,748 | | - | | 9,748 | | 9,748 |
| Insurance | | 11,871 | | - | | 11,871 | | 11,264 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | | - | | 4,478 | | 4,478 | | 5,253 |
| Capital outlay and equipment | | 2,401 | | - | | 2,401 | | 3,426 |
| Telephone | | 4,751 | | - | | 4,751 | | 4,946 |
| Dues and Subscriptions | | 4,082 | | - | | 4,082 | | 4,013 |
| Printing, Supplies and Postage | | 9,356 | | - | | 9,356 | | 11,609 |
| Computer Maintenance | | 2,634 | | - | | 2,634 | | 3,506 |
| Audit and Banking | | 9,745 | | - | | 9,745 | | 9,766 |
| Legal | | 31,942 | | - | | 31,942 | | 21,294 |
| Consultants | | 74,051 | | _ | | 74,051 | | 71,470 |
| | | 540,256 | | 4,478 | | 544,734 | | 520,918 |
| Project Expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| Consultants | | 171,701 | | _ | | 171,701 | | |
| | | 171,701 | | | | 171,701 | | |
| Total Program Expenditures/Expenses | | 711,957 | | 4,478 | | 716,435 | | 520,918 |
| EXCESS OF PROGRAM EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | |
| OVER REVENUES | | (188,353) | | - | | - | | - |
| CHANGE IN NET POSITION | | - | | 148,648 | | (39,705) | | 1,295 |
| FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION | | | | | | | | |
| Beginning of the year | | 556,353 | | 16,443 | | 572,796 | | 571,501 |
| End of the year | \$ | 368,000 | \$ | 165,091 | \$ | 533,091 | \$ | 572,796 |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of reporting entity – Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) was formed under a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement on July 1, 1998 to collectively manage the Sacramento region's North Area Groundwater Basin, which includes all of Sacramento County north of the American River. SGA was created for the purposes of protecting, preserving, and enhancing the groundwater resources in the North Area Basin for current and future beneficial uses of all water users in SGA's boundaries.

SGA is governed by a board comprised of a representative from each of the 14 governmental water suppliers and representatives of self-supplied groundwater users and agricultural users. The representatives are appointed by the JPA signatories and serve four-year terms.

Types of funds – SGA accounts for its financial position and results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for governmental units. Accordingly, SGA uses governmental funds. SGA does not have any proprietary or fiduciary funds.

Governmental Fund Type:

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted for specified purposes.

Basis of accounting – The Special Revenue fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus. Under this basis, financing sources are recognized when they become available and measurable. Expenditures and other financing uses are recognized as the related fund liabilities are incurred.

Implementation of New Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements – For the year ending June 30, 2015, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27 and Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68 is required to be adopted. SGA does not have a pension plan, but does have pension payment obligations to RWA. Because SGA does not have its own pension plan at this time, the required pension liability and disclosures have not been made.

In February 2015, GASB approved Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application. This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements and will require additional disclosures about assets and liabilities measured at fair value. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015.

Governmental-wide financial statements – The statements of net position and the statements of activities display information about SGA as a whole. The government-wide statements are

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This presentation differs from the manner in which the governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Therefore, Note 8 details the adjustments with brief explanations to identify the major differences between the fund financial statements and the governmental-wide financial statements.

Net position is the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets are furniture and equipment net of accumulated depreciation. Since SGA assessment fee revenue is restricted for the specific purpose of managing the Sacramento Groundwater Basin, all remaining net position is classified as restricted.

Fund financial statements – Fund financial statements present the special revenue fund of SGA. SGA is considered a special-purpose government and has elected to combine the fund financial statements and the government-wide statements and show the reconciliation from the fund financial statements to the government-wide statements in an adjustment column.

Cash and Investments – SGA participates in an investment pool managed by the State of California, the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), which has invested a portion of the pool funds in structured notes and asset-backed securities.

Revenue recognition – The major sources of revenue for SGA are assessments and grants. Each of the 14 member water districts, cities and service districts pays annual assessments to SGA. These assessments are based upon two components: a groundwater fee and a base administrative fee formula. The groundwater fee component is based upon a historical five-year running average of acre-feet of water pumped and was set at \$4.10 and \$4.20 per acre foot for the years ending June 30, 2015 and 2014. The base administrative fee was calculated based upon the number of connections and was set at a minimum of \$7,150 and \$7,077 for the first 6,000 connections plus ninety-two and eighty-nine cents per connection for each connection after 6,000 for the years ending June 30, 2015 and 2014.

The accounting treatment for grant award revenue depends on whether it is reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements. In March 2013, SGA was awarded a state grant in the amount of \$225,000 from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to evaluate the potential threats to groundwater sustainability resulting from contamination. There was \$171,701 of eligible reimbursable costs during the fiscal year 2015 of which \$153,126 is reflected as a grant receivable in the government-wide financial statements.

In the fund financial statements, these grant award revenues will only be recognized when available during the fiscal year. Until such time, the grant award revenues are reflected as a receivable and as unavailable revenue. There was \$153,126 in grant award revenues earned but not received at June 30, 2015.

Unavailable Revenue – In the fund financial statements, grant awards earned but not yet available are recorded as unavailable revenue under the modified accrual basis of accounting. SGA considers

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

all revenues reported in the fund special revenue fund to be available if the revenues are collected within 90 days after year-end.

Unearned Revenue – In the government wide financial statements, the reimbursable grant awards are recognized as revenue when earned. In the government-wide statements, annual membership assessment fees received in advance of the next fiscal year, if any, are classified as unearned revenue.

Related party – Since SGA does not have any employees, SGA is managed by the Regional Water Authority (RWA). RWA was created in 1990 under another Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. Many of the members of SGA are also members of the RWA. Under an Administrative Services Agreement, SGA and RWA are equally responsible for all common costs incurred to operate the joint office unless modified by specific agreements or by the annual budget adoption process.

During the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015 and 2014, SGA shared 50% of all common joint office costs including administrative personnel expenses. SGA incurred common cost expenses of \$475,522 and \$463,957, respectively. For the years ending June 30, 2015 and 2014, SGA owes RWA \$97,173 and \$83,178, respectively.

During the year ending June 30, 2012, RWA incurred leasehold improvements and office equipment expenses for an office remodel which are shared 50/50 with SGA. The shared cost for this office remodel was \$19,148. These costs are being amortized over the life of the lease as an offset to rent expense. The remaining unamortized balance, which is included in the payable to RWA, and the balance at June 30, 2015 and 2014, is \$8,662 and \$11,398, respectively. The balance of amounts due to RWA represents ongoing administrative expenses incurred by RWA to manage SGA.

Fund Balances

Governmental Accounting Standard Board's Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions ("GASB 54") only apply to the fund financial statements. GASB 54 requires reporting of fund balances that comprise a fund balance hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to observe obligations or commitments imposed upon the use of resources reported in governmental funds. Under GASB 54, there are now five categories of fund balance: non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Non-spendable fund balance – These balances cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The prepaid items recorded in SGA's balance sheet are not in spendable form as they are not expected to be converted to cash.

Restricted fund balance – These balances are externally imposed by grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law. Since SGA's revenues are legally restricted through the Joint Powers Authority Agreement for the purpose of managing the Sacramento groundwater basin, any revenues not classified as non-spendable would be considered a restricted fund balance. Consequently, SGA would not have any unassigned fund balances.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Committed fund balance – These balances can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the highest level of decision-making authority, that remain binding unless commitments are removed in the same manner. Committed fund balance also should incorporate contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. Since SGA's revenues are legally restricted, all fund balances other than non-spendable will be reflected as restricted.

Assigned fund balance – These balances are constrained by intent to be used for a specific purpose. The intent can be established at either the highest level of decision making, or by a body or an official designated for that purpose. Assigned balances are typically spent first unless a specifically identified project has been committed or restricted within a fund balance. Since SGA's revenues are legally restricted, all fund balances other than non-spendable will be reflected as restricted.

The Board of Director's can vote to approve assigning or committing specific fund balances. See Note 4 for additional information regarding fund balance.

Capital assets – The accounting treatment over property and equipment depends on whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements. In the government-wide statements, property and equipment are accounted for as capital assets. Property and equipment capitalized consist of office furniture, field equipment acquisitions and leasehold improvements capitalized at cost. Depreciation is computed and recorded by the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of five years. In the fund financial statements, capital asset acquisitions are reported as capital outlay expenditures. Depreciation is not provided for in the fund financial statement.

Budget – SGA's governing board must approve a budget within 90 days of July 1st and has satisfied these requirements. Any significant revisions to the budget would be approved by SGA's governing board.

Use of estimates in financial statements – In preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments in the statement of net position consist of the following:

| | June 30, 2015 | June 30, 2014 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Deposits with financial institutions Investments in LAIF | \$ 23,014 605,678 | \$ 19,302 623,752 |
| Total cash and investments | <u>\$ 628,692</u> | <u>\$ 643,054</u> |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments Authorized by SGA's Investment Policy

SGA's investment policy authorizes investments in the local government investment pool administered by the State of California (LAIF). The investment policy does not contain any specific provisions intended to limit SGA's exposure to interest rate risk, credit risk and concentration of credit risk.

Disclosures Relating to Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, an investment's sensitivity to the changes in market interest rates increases as the length of maturity increases. At June 30, 2015 and 2014, the average maturity of the investments contained in the LAIF investment pool was approximately 239 and 232 days, respectively.

Disclosures Relating to Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This risk is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. LAIF does not have a rating provided by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Concentration of Credit Risk

LAIF has a separate investment policy, governed by Government Code Sections 16480-16481.2, that provides credit standards for its investments. SGA has 96% of its cash invested in LAIF.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The California Government Code and SGA's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits, other than the California Government Code section 53652 which requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law.

Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools such as LAIF. At June 30, 2015 and 2014, SGA's bank balances were \$23,216 and \$19,302, respectively. The FDIC's basic insurance limit is \$250,000 per depositor.

Investment in State Investment Pool

SGA is a voluntary participant in the LAIF that is regulated by the California Government Code under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California. The Local Investment Advisory Board (LAIF Board) has oversight responsibility for LAIF. The LAIF Board consists of five

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

members as designated by state statute. The fair value of the investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon SGA's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by LAIF for the entire LAIF portfolio in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio. The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by LAIF, which are reported on an amortized cost basis. Total fair value of all public agencies invested in LAIF at June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$69,641,162,418 and \$64,870,214,443, respectively. For information on the types of investments made by LAIF, refer to the State of

California Treasurer's separately issued investment reports. Copies of these investment reports may be obtained by calling (916) 653-3001, by writing to LAIF, 915 Capitol Mall, Room 106, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by logging on to the treasurer's website at www.treasurer.gov/pmia-laif/.

NOTE 3 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Fixed assets, consisting of furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements in excess of \$2,500 per unit, with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and are included in the financial statements. Routine repairs and maintenance are charged to operating expenses in the year the expense is incurred. SGA provides for depreciation using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which is five years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the remaining life of the lease.

A summary of the furniture and equipment at cost is as follows:

| |] | Balance | | | | |] | Balance |
|-------------------------------|------|------------|-----------|--------|-----------|---|------|------------|
| | June | e 30, 2014 | Increases | | Decreases | | June | e 30, 2015 |
| Furniture | \$ | 14,759 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 14,759 |
| Equipment | | 26,476 | | - | | - | | 26,476 |
| Leasehold Improvements | | 17,951 | | - | | - | | 17,951 |
| Total | | 59,186 | | - | | - | | 59,186 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | | (42,743) | (4 | 4,478) | | - | | (47,221) |
| Fixed Assets, Net | \$ | 16,443 | \$ (| 4,478) | \$ | - | \$ | 11,965 |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 3 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

| |] | Balance | | | |] | Balance |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------|------|------------|
| | June | 2013 | Increases | Increases De | | June | e 30, 2014 |
| Furniture | \$ | 14,759 | \$ - | \$ | - | \$ | 14,759 |
| Equipment | | 25,972 | 6,531 | | (6,027) | | 26,476 |
| Leasehold Improvements | | 17,951 | | | - | | 17,951 |
| Total | | 58,682 | 6,531 | | (6,027) | | 59,186 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | | (43,517) | (5,253) | | 6,027 | | (42,743) |
| Less decembrated deprecation | | (10,017) | (8,288) | | 0,027 | | (12,7 13) |
| Fixed Assets, Net | \$ | 15,165 | \$ 1,278 | \$ | - | \$ | 16,443 |

NOTE 4 – SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BALANCE

As of June 30, 2015, fund balance consists of the following:

| | Jun | e 30, 2015 | June 30, 2014 | | |
|--|-----|------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| Non-spendable - prepaid assets Restricted | \$ | 3,796 364,204 | \$ | 3,321 553,032 | |
| Total Fund Balance | \$ | 368,000 | \$ | 556,353 | |

Restricted

Since SGA's fee revenues are restricted for the specific purpose of managing the Sacramento Groundwater Basin under the joint powers agreement; any fund balance not previously allocated to non-spendable will be classified as restricted for that purpose.

Annually, the Board approves an operating stabilization amount during the budget process, designed to be used for working capital needs, budget contingencies, and partnership grant opportunities. See note 5 for additional information regarding this operating stabilization balance.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 5 – STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – RESTRICTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS

Restrictions

SGA's statement of net position consists of two components: investments in capital assets and restricted net position. Since SGA's fee revenues are restricted for the specific purpose of managing the Sacramento Groundwater Basin under the joint powers agreement, any net position not previously allocated to investments in capital assets are considered restricted. This restricted net position is to be used for the purpose of managing the groundwater basin.

Designations

During the fiscal year ending June 30, the Board of Directors approved designations as follows:

| | 2015 | 2014 | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|---------|--|
| | | | | |
| Operating Fund | \$ 283,900 | \$ | 287,300 | |
| Groundwater Management Plan Report | - | | 51,966 | |
| Administrative Overhead | 99,000 | | 58,500 | |
| Monitor Water Quality | 11,600 | | - | |
| Regional Contamination | 20,000 | | - | |
| Groundwater Modeling | 18,300 | | - | |
| | | | | |
| | \$ 432,800 | \$ | 397,766 | |

On an annual basis, the SGA Board approves an operating stabilization balance during the budget process and follows policy Financial Commitment and Assignment Fund Policy No. 400.2. The target operating fund balance is four to six months of operating expenses. The operating balance can be used for working capital needs, budget contingencies, and partnership grant opportunities. The June 30 year-end target balance is modified and approved as part of the adoption of the following fiscal year's budget and reflects six months of operating expenses. Typically, SGA approves the following fiscal budget in April or June which then approves and adopts any modifications to the current fiscal year's operating reserve.

At the June 11, 2015 Board meeting, the board approved designating \$49,900 in unused budgeted funds for the work of monitoring water quality, regional contamination issues and groundwater modeling that will occur in fiscal year 2016. The Board also designated a total of \$99,000 for estimated future administrative overhead costs associated with accelerated funding of RWA's unfunded pension liability. These costs represent SGA's estimated allocated share of administrative management pension overhead costs which SGA is obligated to pay based upon the administrative services agreement between the two authorities.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 6 – RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

SGA does not have employees and therefore does not have any retirement commitments. SGA is administratively managed by RWA. RWA contracts with CalPERS administration of the pension plan for RWA employees. Retirement contributions made by RWA may be considered an allocable cost to SGA under the Administrative Services Agreement as SGA is responsible for its pro-rata share of administrative overhead. See footnotes in the RWA financial statements for further retirement commitment disclosures available from the Finance and Administrative Services Manager, Regional Water Authority, 5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 180, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Also see Note 10, commitments and contingencies.

NOTE 7 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

SGA does not have employees, but does pay for administrative services and related overhead provided by RWA, which includes any costs related to other post-employment benefits. Other post-employment benefit obligations of RWA may be considered an allocable cost to SGA under the Administrative Services Agreement since SGA has agreed to pay for its pro-rata share of administrative overhead. RWA pays for postemployment benefits other than pensions ("OPEB"). See footnotes in the RWA financial statements for further OPEB disclosures.

NOTE 8 – RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The governmental fund balance sheet for June 30, 2015 is converted to the statement of net position by recording capital assets of \$11,965 net of accumulated depreciation. Additionally, \$153,126 in unavailable revenue is eliminated by recording related grant award income.

For the year ending June 30, 2015, the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances is converted to the statement of activities by recording depreciation and amortization expenses of \$4,478 and grant award income of \$153,126.

NOTE 9 – INSURANCE

SGA participates in the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA), a public entity risk pool of California water agencies, for general liability, public officials' liability, property damage, and fidelity insurance. ACWA/JPIA provides insurance through the pool up to a certain level.

SGA pays an annual premium to ACWA/JPIA that includes its pro-rata share of excess insurance premiums, charges for the pooled risk, claims adjusting and legal costs, and administrative and other costs to operate ACWA/JPIA.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2015 and 2014

NOTE 9 – INSURANCE (CONTINUED)

SGA's deductibles and maximum coverage are as follows:

| | Commercial | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Coverage | ACWA/JPIA | Insurance | Deductible | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| General and Auto Liability | \$2,000,000 | \$ 58,000,000 | None | | | |
| Public Officials Liability | 2,000,000 | 58,000,000 | None | | | |
| Property Damage | 100,000 | 150,000,000 | \$1,000 - \$25,000 | | | |
| Fidelity Insurance | 100,000 | - | \$1,000 | | | |

Claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 10 – CONTINGENCIES

SGA participates in state grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to grant programs are subject to audit and adjustments by the grantor agencies. Therefore, to the extent that SGA has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required. In the opinion of SGA's management, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants. Therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying basic financial statements for such contingencies.

In March 2013, RWA was selected for a routine compliance audit by CalPERS' Office of Audit Services ("OAS") to evaluate compliance with pensionable payroll reporting and member enrollment processes for the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2013. Consistent with its Administrative Services Agreement with SGA, RWA reported all pensionable compensation paid to RWA's employees to CalPERS. However, OAS' draft compliance audit report, dated June 12, 2013 ("Draft Report"), found that the time spent by RWA employees on behalf of SGA under the direction of the SGA Executive Director was in fact time performed as common law employees of SGA rather than RWA. As such, OAS determined that RWA has been erroneously reporting RWA staff time allocated to administering SGA, and the pensionable compensation paid for such time ("SGA Time"), under RWA's contract with CalPERS. The Draft Report concluded that in order to capture the preceding time and pensionable compensation, it would be necessary for SGA to establish a separate contract with CalPERS. RWA disagreed with OAS' finding as contrary to existing legal authority and sent response letters on July 2, 2013 and July 3, 2014. The CalPERS' Board of Administration disagreed and finalized the Draft Report on May 29, 2015 with the same finding. In order to fulfill employment obligations to existing employees and retired annuitants, the RWA and SGA boards determined that it would be in the best interests of the affected employees and retired annuitants for SGA to establish a contract with CalPERS for pension benefits. It is anticipated that, once established, the assets and

SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 10 – CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

liabilities associated with the SGA Time will be allocated from the RWA contract to the SGA contract, resulting in a reduction in pension liability for RWA and recognizing a pension liability for SGA.

SGA has not recorded a GASB 68 pension liability for this contingency because a contractual obligation does not exist with CalPERS at June 30, 2015. The amount of any liability that might result will be determined once the contracting process is completed and actuarial reports are compiled. SGA will likely reflect an unfunded liability in its financial records even after paying an expected \$99,000 towards the unfunded liability for the year ending June 30, 2016. The net pension liability range at June 30, 2015 is from \$131,500 to \$148,500. This estimate is based upon an allocation range to SGA of 39% to 44% of RWA's recorded net pension liability of \$337,276. The deferred inflow related to pensions estimate ranges at June 30, 2015 is from \$53,600 to \$60,500 based upon an allocation range of 39% to 44% of RWA's recorded deferred inflow. The deferred outflow related to pension estimates range from \$48,200 to \$54,400.



SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET TO ACTUAL

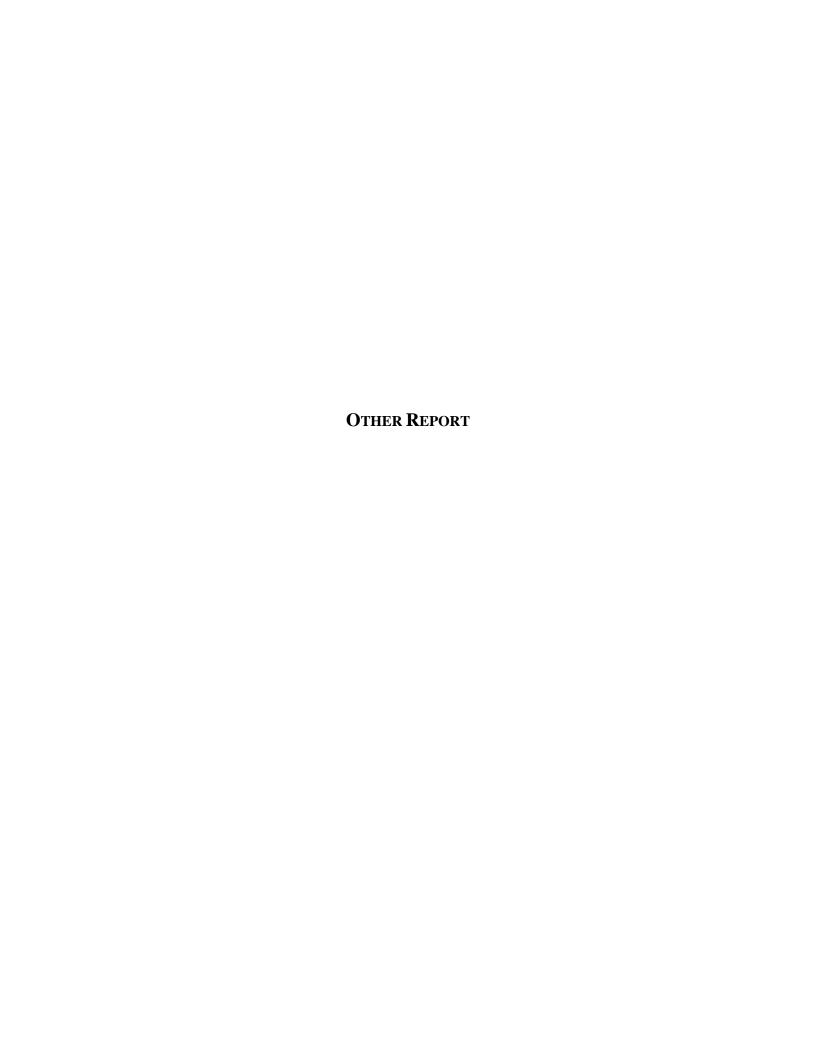
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

| REVENUES | Original and Final Budget | | Actual Amounts | | Variance with Budget Positive (Negative) | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|--|--------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| Program Revenues Assessment Income | \$ | 521 500 | \$ | 521 400 | ¢ | (100) |
| Grant Awards | Ф | 521,500 125,000 | Ф | 521,400 | \$ | (100) (125,000) |
| Total Program Revenues | | 646,500 | - | 521,400 | | (125,000) |
| Total i Togram Revenues | | | | | | (123,100) |
| General Revenue - Interest and Other Income | | 1,600 | | 2,204 | | 604 |
| Total Revenues | | 648,100 | | 523,604 | | (124,496) |
| PROGRAM EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
| Wages and Salaries | | 248,500 | | 251,808 | | (3,308) |
| Employee Taxes and Benefits | | 219,800 | | 121,355 | | 98,445 |
| Travel and Training | | 8,250 | | 6,512 | | 1,738 |
| Rent | | 12,500 | | 9,748 | | 2,752 |
| Insurance | | 12,500 | | 11,871 | | 629 |
| Telephone | | 5,500 | | 4,751 | | 749 |
| Dues and Subscriptions | | 3,850 | | 4,082 | | (232) |
| Printing and Supplies | | 10,000 | | 7,887 | | 2,113 |
| Postage | | 1,550 | | 1,246 | | 304 |
| Computer Maintenance | | 3,000 | | 2,634 | | 366 |
| Meetings | | 1,100 | | 223 | | 877 |
| Audit | | 9,000 | | 8,975 | | 25 |
| Legal Counsel Expense - General | | 30,000 | | 31,942 | | (1,942) |
| Payroll and Banking Services | | 1,400 | | 770 | | 630 |
| Capital Outlay and Equipment | | 3,750 | | 2,401 | | 1,349 |
| Consulting Expenses - General Support Services | | 37,500 | | 26,198 | | 11,302 |
| Consulting Expenses - Program Management | | 50,000 | | 47,853 | | 2,147 |
| Consulting Expenses - AB 303 Grant | | 125,000 | | 171,701 | | (46,701) |
| Total Expenditures | | 783,200 | | 711,957 | | 71,243 |
| (DEFICIENCY) EXCESS REVENUE OVER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES | | (135,100) | | (188,353) | | (53,253) |
| Fund Balance, July 1, 2014 | | 556,353 | | 556,353 | | <u>-</u> |
| Fund Balance, June 30, 2015 | \$ | 421,253 | \$ | 368,000 | \$ | (53,253) |

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET TO ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

| DEVIENTIEC | Original and Final Budget | | Actual Amounts | | Variance with Budget Positive (Negative) | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|--|-----------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | |
| Program Revenues | ф | 500 000 | Ф | 520.160 | ф | (22) |
| Assessment Income | \$ | 520,200 | \$ | 520,168 | \$ | (32) |
| Grant Awards | | 200,000 | | | | (200,000) |
| Total Program Revenues | | 720,200 | | 520,168 | | (200,032) |
| General Revenue - Interest and Other Income | | 2,500 | | 2,045 | | (455) |
| Total Revenues | | 722,700 | | 522,213 | | (200,487) |
| PROGRAM EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
| Wages and Salaries | | 249,400 | | 238,164 | | 11,236 |
| Employee Taxes and Benefits | | 138,100 | | 118,622 | | 19,478 |
| Travel and Training | | 9,200 | | 7,837 | | 1,363 |
| Rent | | 12,500 | | 9,748 | | 2,752 |
| Insurance | | 12,500 | | 11,264 | | 1,236 |
| Telephone | | 5,250 | | 4,946 | | 304 |
| Dues and Subscriptions | | 4,100 | | 4,013 | | 87 |
| Printing and Supplies | | 10,500 | | 10,119 | | 381 |
| Postage | | 1,550 | | 1,088 | | 462 |
| Computer Maintenance | | 3,500 | | 3,506 | | (6) |
| Meetings | | 1,000 | | 402 | | 598 |
| Audit | | 8,700 | | 8,700 | | - |
| Legal Counsel Expense - General | | 26,000 | | 21,294 | | 4,706 |
| Payroll and Banking Services | | 1,400 | | 1,066 | | 334 |
| Capital Outlay and Equipment | | 10,000 | | 9,957 | | 43 |
| Consulting Expenses - General Support Services | | 37,500 | | 23,270 | | 14,230 |
| Consulting Expenses - Program Management | | 70,000 | | 48,200 | | 21,800 |
| Consulting Expenses - AB 303 Grant | | 200,000 | | - | | 200,000 |
| Total Expenditures | | 801,200 | | 522,196 | | 279,004 |
| (DEFICIENCY) EXCESS REVENUE | | | | | | |
| OVER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES | | (78,500) | | 17 | | 78,517 |
| Fund Balance, July 1, 2013 | | 556,336 | | 556,336 | | |
| Fund Balance, June 30, 2014 | \$ | 477,836 | \$ | 556,353 | \$ | 78,517 |





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

To the Board of Directors Sacramento Groundwater Authority Sacramento, California

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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and special revenue fund of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (the Authority) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 2, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 Authority'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 and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from 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*.

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 result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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