

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER
COLLECTION SYSTEM
TWIG, MINNESOTA**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

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**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
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**ORGANIZATION
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Scott Campbell	Chair	Canosia	March 31, 2013
Kevin Comnick	Vice Chair	Canosia	March 31, 2012
Duayne Anderson	Treasurer	Grand Lake	November 30, 2014
Jeff Lundholm	Supervisor	Canosia	March 31, 2015
John Holcomb	Supervisor	Grand Lake	December 31, 2012
Steve Torgeson	Supervisor	Grand Lake	November 30, 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System's management. 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 includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System as of December 31, 2011, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 13, 2013, on our consideration of the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System'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 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

/s/Rebecca Otto

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February 13, 2013

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
TWIG, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 1

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Assets

Current assets

Cash	\$ 25,575
Taxes receivable	13,678
Accounts receivable	41,670
Due from other governments	335,814
Assets restricted for debt service	
Cash	236,306
Assets restricted for capital replacement	
Cash	189,374

Total current assets **\$ 842,417**

Capital assets

Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation	4,916,882
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Total Assets **\$ 5,759,299**

Liabilities

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 9,841
Salaries payable	127

Total Liabilities **\$ 9,968**

Net Assets

Invested in capital assets	\$ 4,916,882
Restricted for	
Debt service	572,120
Capital replacement	189,374
Unrestricted	70,955

Total Net Assets **\$ 5,749,331**

**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
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EXHIBIT 2

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Operating Revenues	
Charges for services	<u>\$ 375,773</u>
Operating Expenses	
Wages and benefits	\$ 13,065
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District fees	55,344
Operations and maintenance	98,433
Supplies	4,045
Travel	831
Professional services	48,307
Insurance	4,294
Rent and storage	5,907
Other contracted services	820
Miscellaneous	14,311
Depreciation	<u>143,482</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 388,839</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (13,066)
Nonoperating Revenues	
Interest income	<u>4,694</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$ (8,372)
Net Assets - January 1	<u>5,757,703</u>
Net Assets - December 31	<u><u>\$ 5,749,331</u></u>

**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
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EXHIBIT 3

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 378,113
Cash paid to suppliers	(240,228)
Payments to employees	<u>(13,369)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ 124,516</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities	
Special assessments received from towns	\$ 171,747
Principal paid on behalf of towns for long-term debt	(192,000)
Interest paid on behalf of towns for long-term debt	<u>(25,504)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	<u>\$ (45,757)</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Activities	
Payments for capital assets	<u>\$ (19,508)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Interest income	<u>\$ 4,694</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ 63,945
Cash - January 1	<u>387,310</u>
Cash - December 31	<u><u>\$ 451,255</u></u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	
	<u>\$ (13,066)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	
Depreciation	\$ 143,482
Decrease (increase) in receivables	2,092
Decrease (increase) in taxes receivable	248
Increase (decrease) in payables	(7,936)
Increase (decrease) in salaries payable	<u>(304)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>\$ 137,582</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ 124,516</u></u>

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**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System conform to generally accepted accounting principles.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System was formed February 3, 1998, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59, *Joint Exercise of Powers*. The System was created for the purpose of providing the equipment, services, and other items necessary and appropriate for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a joint wastewater collection system for the mutual benefit of the Towns of Canosia and Grand Lake. The System is governed by a six-member Board, with three members appointed by each Town. All members have equal voting rights.

The Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System was constructed with general obligation revenue bonds from the Public Facilities Authority and Wastewater Infrastructure grants. The Towns of Canosia and Grand Lake provided this funding to the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System, which then administered the construction contracts. These expenditures were funded 69 percent by the Town of Canosia and 31 percent by the Town of Grand Lake. The Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System receives resources from System operations and special assessments levied by the Towns of Canosia and Grand Lake to repay the general obligation revenue bonds.

The Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System is a primary government, as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 14, and the System has no component units for which the System is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System are presented as an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises--where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

B. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the System. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as grants and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or incidental activities. The System's net assets are reported in three parts: (1) invested in capital assets, (2) restricted net assets, and (3) unrestricted net assets.

C. Basis of Accounting

The Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System's financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Pursuant to GASB Statement 20, the System has elected to not apply accounting standards issued after November 30, 1989, by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

D. Assets and Liabilities

Cash

Cash consists of an operations checking account, an operations savings account, a repair and replacement savings account, and a debt service savings account.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consists primarily of the December user charges.

Due From Other Governments

Due from other governments consists of the amounts that the Towns of Canosia and Grand Lake owe the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System for the debt service payments made by the System on behalf of the Towns. The Towns of Canosia and Grand Lake turn over their assessments to the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System, and these assessments are used to make the annual debt payments by the System on behalf of the Towns. The debt is not reported as the System's debt, but rather the Towns' debt.

**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets and Liabilities (Continued)

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets consist of monies specified for payment of collection system repair and replacement costs or debt service.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is determined using the straight-line method for the estimated useful lives of the assets.

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Estimated Life</u>
Sewer lines	50 years
Lift stations	10 years
Equipment	10 years

E. Use of Estimates

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

2. Detailed Notes

A. Deposits

The System is authorized by Minn. Stat. § 118A.02 to deposit its cash and to invest in certificates of deposit in financial institutions designated by the System's Board. The System does not have a policy on custodial credit risk. At December 31, 2011, the System's deposits totaled \$473,686, all of which were cash deposits insured as required by Minnesota statutes. The carrying value of these deposits was \$451,255. During 2011, the System had an adequate amount of insurance and collateral pledged to cover its deposits.

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2. Detailed Notes (Continued)

B. Capital Assets

A summary of the changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2011 follows:

	Balance January 1	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31
Capital assets depreciated				
Sewer lines	\$ 6,289,172	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,289,172
Lift stations	1,518,510	-	-	1,518,510
Equipment	206,759	19,508	-	226,267
Total capital assets depreciated	\$ 8,014,441	\$ 19,508	\$ -	\$ 8,033,949
Less: accumulated depreciation for				
Sewer lines	\$ 1,308,800	\$ 125,783	\$ -	\$ 1,434,583
Lift stations	1,510,567	7,943	-	1,518,510
Equipment	154,218	9,756	-	163,974
Total capital assets depreciated	\$ 2,973,585	\$ 143,482	\$ -	\$ 3,117,067
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 5,040,856	\$ (123,974)	\$ -	\$ 4,916,882

C. Net Assets

Net assets are reported in three broad components--invested in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. In addition, the System's Board has designated a portion of unrestricted net assets for capital improvements. These designations are internal and can be changed by the System's Board. The amount designated for capital improvements at December 31, 2011, was \$70,955.

3. Risk Management

The Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System 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 System has purchased commercial insurance to insure these risks. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year. There were no settlements in excess of insurance during the last three years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
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EXHIBIT A-1

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	Canosia	Grand Lake	Total
<u>Assets</u>			
Current assets			
Cash	\$ 160,850	\$ (135,275)	\$ 25,575
Taxes receivable	9,438	4,240	13,678
Accounts receivable	28,752	12,918	41,670
Due from other governments	232,272	103,542	335,814
Assets restricted for debt service			
Cash	164,355	71,951	236,306
Assets restricted for capital replacement			
Cash	130,668	58,706	189,374
Total current assets	\$ 726,335	\$ 116,082	\$ 842,417
Capital assets			
Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation	3,392,648	1,524,234	4,916,882
Total Assets	\$ 4,118,983	\$ 1,640,316	\$ 5,759,299
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 6,790	\$ 3,051	\$ 9,841
Salaries payable	88	39	127
Total Liabilities	\$ 6,878	\$ 3,090	\$ 9,968
<u>Net Assets</u>			
Invested in capital assets	\$ 3,392,649	\$ 1,524,233	\$ 4,916,882
Restricted for			
Debt service	396,067	176,053	572,120
Capital replacement	130,668	58,706	189,374
Unrestricted	192,721	(121,766)	70,955
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,112,105	\$ 1,637,226	\$ 5,749,331

**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
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EXHIBIT A-2

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	<u>Canosia</u>	<u>Grand Lake</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating Revenues			
Charges for services	<u>\$ 259,283</u>	<u>\$ 116,490</u>	<u>\$ 375,773</u>
Operating Expenses			
Wages and benefits	\$ 9,015	\$ 4,050	\$ 13,065
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District fees	38,186	17,158	55,344
Operations and maintenance	67,918	30,515	98,433
Supplies	2,791	1,254	4,045
Travel	573	258	831
Professional services	33,331	14,976	48,307
Insurance	2,963	1,331	4,294
Rent and storage	4,076	1,831	5,907
Other contract services	566	254	820
Miscellaneous	9,875	4,436	14,311
Depreciation	<u>99,003</u>	<u>44,479</u>	<u>143,482</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 268,297</u>	<u>\$ 120,542</u>	<u>\$ 388,839</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (9,014)</u>	<u>\$ (4,052)</u>	<u>\$ (13,066)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues			
Interest income	<u>3,239</u>	<u>1,455</u>	<u>4,694</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ (5,775)</u>	<u>\$ (2,597)</u>	<u>\$ (8,372)</u>
Net Assets - January 1	<u>4,117,880</u>	<u>1,639,823</u>	<u>5,757,703</u>
Net Assets - December 31	<u><u>\$ 4,112,105</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,637,226</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,749,331</u></u>

**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
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EXHIBIT A-3

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	Canosia	Grand Lake	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 260,897	\$ 117,216	\$ 378,113
Cash paid to suppliers	(165,757)	(74,471)	(240,228)
Payments to employees	(9,225)	(4,144)	(13,369)
	\$ 85,915	\$ 38,601	\$ 124,516
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities			
Special assessments received from towns	\$ 117,641	\$ 54,106	\$ 171,747
Principal paid on behalf of towns for long-term debt	(131,000)	(61,000)	(192,000)
Interest paid on behalf of towns for long-term debt	(17,467)	(8,037)	(25,504)
	\$ (30,826)	\$ (14,931)	\$ (45,757)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Payments for capital assets	\$ (13,461)	\$ (6,047)	\$ (19,508)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Interest income	\$ 3,239	\$ 1,455	\$ 4,694
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ 44,867	\$ 19,078	\$ 63,945
Cash - January 1	411,006	(23,696)	387,310
Cash - December 31	\$ 455,873	\$ (4,618)	\$ 451,255
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities			
	\$ (9,017)	\$ (4,049)	\$ (13,066)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Depreciation	\$ 99,003	\$ 44,479	\$ 143,482
Decrease (increase) in receivables	1,443	649	2,092
Decrease (increase) in taxes receivable	171	77	248
Increase (decrease) in payables	(5,475)	(2,461)	(7,936)
Increase (decrease) in salaries payable	(210)	(94)	(304)
	\$ 94,932	\$ 42,650	\$ 137,582
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	\$ 85,915	\$ 38,601	\$ 124,516

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**PIKE LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

INTERNAL CONTROL

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM NOT RESOLVED

08-1 Internal Controls/Segregation of Duties

Criteria: Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. This responsibility includes the internal control over the various accounting cycles, the fair presentation of the financial statements and related notes, and the accuracy and completeness of all financial records and related information. Also, management is responsible for controls over the period-end financial reporting process, including controls over procedures used to enter transaction totals in the general ledger; initiate, authorize, record, and process journal entries into the general ledger; and record recurring and nonrecurring adjustments to the financial statements. Adequate segregation of duties is a key internal control in an organization's accounting system.

Condition: The limited number of personnel results in a lack of segregation of accounting duties necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control. In addition, audit adjustments were necessary to convert the System's financial records to the financial statements as reported. These adjustments, which were determined to be material to the financial statements, affected assets, expenses, and net assets.

Context: It is not unusual for an organization the size of the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System to be limited in the internal control that management can design and implement into the organization.

Effect: Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the System's ability to detect misstatements in a timely manner by personnel in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Cause: The size, structure, and economic resources of the System limit the internal control that management can design and implement into the organization.

Recommendation: Management should be aware that segregation of duties is not adequate from an internal control point of view. We recommend the Board of Directors and management be mindful that limited staffing causes inherent risks in safeguarding the System's assets and the proper reporting of its financial activity. We recommend the Board of Directors and management continue to implement oversight procedures and monitor those procedures to determine if they are still effective internal controls.

Client's Response:

Both the Board of Directors and Management are very aware the segregation of duties is not adequate from an internal control point of view due to the size of the organization. Every month, all financial statements, large bills, general ledger accounts for maintenance and banking accounts along with recap spreadsheets are forwarded to the Board for review before the monthly meeting between the Board and Management. Any items that the Board questions are discussed.

Steps are being taken by Management to review all entries again before the month is closed out. Board and Management keep a close eye on the assets. New steps have been put into place to help Management monitor procedures. Once the year is closed, after audit is received, a lock is being placed on the year-end so items cannot be posted into previous years from current. We also have bank statements forwarded from the Bank to the Board Treasurer who forwards them on to be reconciled. Once reconciled, they are returned to the Treasurer for review.

In regard to any electronic payments, the only payments that go electronically are payroll taxes and the deposit to PERA. These items are listed on a payment recap sheet so the Board can be aware that they are being paid and the amounts that are being paid. With the Treasurer reviewing the bank statements and reconciliations, he can be assured only those payments are being processed. Any other payments are done by check and require three signatures.



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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Board of Directors
Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated February 13, 2013. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the System's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control over financial reporting.

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

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the System's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendations as item 08-1 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System'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*.

Minnesota Legal Compliance

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65. Accordingly, the audit included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions* contains six categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, and miscellaneous provisions. Our study included all of the listed categories, except for public indebtedness since there was no debt issued or outstanding during 2011.

The results of our tests indicate that for the items tested, the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System complied with the material terms and conditions of applicable legal provisions.

The Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System's written response to the internal control finding identified in our audit has been included in the Schedule of Findings and Recommendations. We did not audit the System's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the System's Board of Directors, management, and others within the Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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