



**SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

Schedule of Investments

May 31, 2015

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Members  
Suffolk County Water Authority:

### **Report on the Schedule of Investments**

We have audited the accompanying schedule of investments (the Schedule) of the Suffolk County Water Authority as of May 31, 2015, and the related notes to the Schedule.

#### ***Management's Responsibility for the Schedule***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this Schedule 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 Schedule is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Schedule. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Schedule, 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 Schedule 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 Authority'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 Schedule.

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

#### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the Schedule referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the investments of the Authority as of May 31, 2015, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.



***Other Matter***

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 Suffolk County Water Authority as of and for the year ended May 31, 2015, and our report thereon, dated August 26, 2015, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 26, 2015, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over reporting of the schedule of investments 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 reporting of the schedule of investments and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over reporting of the schedule of investments 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 reporting of the schedule of investments and compliance.

**KPMG LLP**

August 26, 2015

**SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

Schedule of Investments

May 31, 2015

(In thousands)

Unrestricted:		
Operating, general, and revenue funds	\$	39,551
Restricted:		
Debt service reserve, bond funds and construction		<u>128,190</u>
Total restricted funds		<u>128,190</u>
Total investments	\$	<u><u>167,741</u></u>

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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## Notes to Schedule of Investments

May 31, 2015

### (1) **Organization and Functions of the Authority**

Suffolk County Water Authority (the Authority) is a public benefit corporation, created by resolution of the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors in 1937, with a twofold purpose. The first was to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate a public water supply for Suffolk County. The second was to develop a single, integrated public water supply and distribution system to serve all of Suffolk County. The accounts of the Authority are maintained generally in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed by the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC), although the Authority is not subject to PSC rules and regulations. Board Members are appointed by the Suffolk County Legislature for five-year overlapping terms. Vacancies, other than by expiration of term, are filled by the Suffolk County Legislature by appointment for the unexpired term. The Chairman of the Authority is also appointed by the Suffolk County Legislature. The rates established by the Authority do not require PSC or Suffolk County Legislative approval.

### (2) **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for Investments**

#### (a) *Investments*

All investments with original maturities of longer than 90 days are reported as investments and are carried at fair value, except for investment agreements and certificates of deposit. Investment agreements, which can take the form of open-time deposits or fixed repurchase agreements, are reported at an amount equal to principal and accrued interest. Certificates of deposit are valued at cost, which approximates fair value.

#### (b) *Investments Held for Debt Service*

In accordance with the 1988 General Bond Resolution, as amended (the Resolution), the Authority maintains a debt service reserve. The reserve is held by a Fiscal Agent.

Investments held for debt service reserve and bond funds are used solely for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the bonds, and for retiring the bonds prior to maturity. Amounts in the debt service and bond funds are invested in U.S. Treasury Notes and U.S. government and U.S. government sponsored entity securities.

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**(3) Investments**

Investments consist of the following at May 31, 2015:

	2015 Fair Value	Investment maturities at May 31, 2015		
		Less than 1	1 to 5	Greater than 5
(In thousands)				
U.S. Treasury notes (1)	\$ 2,576	—	2,576	—
U.S. Treasury bonds (1)	2,990	—	900	2,090
FNMA's (1)	12,040	—	12,040	—
FHLB notes (1)	49,322	7,721	39,116	2,485
FHLMC notes (1)	9,434	2,433	7,001	—
FFCB notes (1)	29,906	500	29,406	—
Money market	44,169	44,169	—	—
Guaranteed investment contracts (1)	17,304	17,304	—	—
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$ 167,741</b>	<b>72,127</b>	<b>91,039</b>	<b>4,575</b>

(1) Includes approximately \$84.0 million of investments held by Fiscal Agent in the Authority's name at May 31, 2015.

	2015
Investment breakdown (in thousands):	
Restricted for:	
Debt service	\$ 85,154
Construction	43,036
Unrestricted	39,551
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$ 167,741</b>

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The Authority's investment policy states that securities underlying repurchase agreements must have a market value at least equal to the cost of the investment. All investments are either insured or registered and held by the Authority or its agent in the Authority's name.

Investments include U.S. Treasury obligations, U.S. government sponsored entity securities, guaranteed investment contracts, and repurchase agreements backed by such obligations. Investments are reported at fair value, except for investment agreements and certificates of deposit. Investment agreements, which can take the form of open time deposits or fixed repurchase agreements, are reported at an amount equal to principal and accrued interest. Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

*Interest Rate Risk:* The Authority's investment policy does not include limits on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

*Credit Risk:* It is part of the Authority's investment policy to safeguard the principal of its investments while obtaining the highest interest rate possible that is consistent with this and other components of its policy. Toward that end, permitted investments include but are not limited to federally backed securities or obligations of any state of the United States of America or any political subdivision rated by at least two nationally recognized bond-rating agencies. As of May 31, 2015, the Authority's investments in Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank Notes, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation were rated AAA by Moody's Investors Service and AA+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and Fitch Ratings. There were no investments in obligations of any state of the United States of America or any political subdivision.

*Concentration of Credit Risk:* The Authority places no limit on the amount the Authority may invest in any one issuer. More than 5% of the Authority's investments are in Federal Home Loan Bank (\$49.3 million or 29.4% of investments), Federal Farm Credit Bank (\$29.9 million or 17.8% of investments), Federal National Mortgage Association (\$12.0 million or 7.2% of investments), and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (\$9.4 million or 5.6% of investments) at May 31, 2015.



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**Report on Internal Control over Reporting of the Schedule of Investments and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Schedule of Investments Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

The Members  
Suffolk County Water Authority:

We have audited the Schedule of Investments (the Schedule) as of May 31, 2015 and the related notes to the Schedule, and have issued our report thereon dated August 26, 2015. We conducted our audit 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; and the standards for financial and compliance audits contained in the Investment Guidelines for Public Authorities, issued by the Office of the State Comptroller of the State of New York.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the Schedule, 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 opinion on the Schedule, 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule is 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 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 results 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.

KPMG LLP

August 26, 2015