



SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Financial Statements and
Required Supplementary Information

May 31, 2016

(With Independent Auditors' Report
and Report on Internal Control and Compliance Thereon)

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Members
Suffolk County Water Authority:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Suffolk County Water Authority (the Authority), which comprise the statement of net position as of May 31, 2016, and the related statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net position of the Authority as of May 31, 2016, and the changes in its net position and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.



Emphasis of Matter

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements

As discussed in note 1 to the basic financial statements, as of June 1, 2015, the Authority adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*, and Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues – an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Other Matter – Required Supplementary Information

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that the management’s discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 11 and the schedule of employer contributions, schedule of proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of funding progress for the retiree healthcare plan as of May 31, 2016 on pages 36, 37, and 38, respectively, 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 August 29, 2016 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.

KPMG LLP

August 29, 2016

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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.

The Financial Statements

The statement of net position provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets), obligations to the Authority's creditors (liabilities) as well as the deferred outflows and inflows of resources, with the difference between these amounts reported as net position.

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position reports how the Authority's net position changed during the year. The statement accounts for all of the revenues and expenses for the year, measures the financial results of the Authority's operations for the year, and can be used to determine how the Authority has funded its costs.

The statement of cash flows provides information about the Authority's cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operating activities, investing activities, and capital and related financing activities.

The notes to the financial statements contain information that is essential to understanding the financial statements, such as the Authority's accounting methods and policies.

The Authority adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* (GASB 68), GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68* (GASB 71), and GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues – an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73* (GASB 82). These statements address accounting and financial reporting for pensions that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers. The Authority participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (NYSLRS or the System), a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. In accordance with the provisions of GASB 68, the Authority has reported its proportionate share of NYSLRS net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense. As a result of the implementation of GASB 68, beginning unrestricted net position was restated as of June 1, 2015, resulting in a decrease of \$5.4 million. Furthermore, the Authority recognized a deferred outflow of resources of \$23.7 million, a net pension liability of \$27.3 million, a deferred inflow of resources of \$4.1 million and current year pension expense of \$9.5 million within the accompanying financial statements.

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Management provides the following discussion and analysis of the Authority's financial activities and financial statements. This overview is provided for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2016 with comparative information for the year ended May 31, 2015. The reader should use the information contained in this analysis in conjunction with the information contained in the audited financial statements. The 2016 financial statements follow this narrative on the subsequent pages.

Summary of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	<u>Year ended May 31</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	(In thousands)	
Operating revenues:		
Water service	\$ 155,479	147,915
Other	20,042	22,449
Total operating revenues	<u>175,521</u>	<u>170,364</u>
Operating expenses:		
Operations and maintenance	121,792	120,228
Depreciation and amortization	45,346	44,497
Total operating expenses	<u>167,138</u>	<u>164,725</u>
Operating income	<u>8,383</u>	<u>5,639</u>
Nonoperating revenues and expenses:		
Interest expense, net	(26,267)	(25,273)
Amortization of deferred amounts on refinancing	(1,153)	(3,568)
Income from investments	1,279	1,801
Costs to be recovered from future revenues	10,079	11,774
Capital reimbursement fees	9,394	7,334
Total nonoperating revenues and expenses, net	<u>(6,668)</u>	<u>(7,932)</u>
Change in net position	1,715	(2,293)
Net position, beginning of year (2016 restated*)	<u>614,042</u>	<u>621,717</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 615,757</u>	<u>619,424</u>

* 2016 beginning net position was restated to conform to GASB 68 presentation (see note 1(u) to the financial statements). The comparative amounts presented for 2015 were not restated for the effects of GASB 68.

Operating Revenues

Water service revenues increased \$7.6 million in 2016. This was the result of a 4.2% rate increase effective April 1, 2015, and a 4.2% increase effective April 1, 2016. In addition, there was an increase in annual pumpage of 1.4%.

Other operating revenues decreased \$2.4 million in 2016. This decrease is primarily attributable to a \$3.1 million decrease in revenue recognized in the sale of surplus property, \$0.3 million less in legal settlements, and \$0.1

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million in reimbursement of damages. This was offset by an increase of \$0.7 million in Antennae lease revenue and \$0.4 million in water district management fee revenue in 2016.

Operating Expenses

Operations and maintenance expense increased \$1.6 million or 1.3% from \$120.2 million in 2015 to \$121.8 million in 2016. The increase is mainly attributable to increases in transmission and distribution cost (\$0.4 million), and in accounting and collecting (\$0.1 million). Additionally, there was an increase of \$4.6 million in benefits attributable to the increase in health insurance premiums (\$0.5 million) and accelerated contributions for other post employment benefits (\$3.0 million), and additional pension costs related to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (NYSLRS) (\$1.1 million), offset by decreases in maintenance of wells and pumping equipment (\$0.5 million), treatment expense (\$0.2 million), power purchase (\$1.1 million), and deferred postretirement benefits other than pensions (\$1.7 million).

Depreciation and amortization expenses were \$45.3 million in 2016, an increase of \$0.8 million or 1.9% from 2015. The increase is attributable to a 1.6% increase in Water Plant, resulting in an additional \$0.8 in depreciation expense.

Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses

Interest expense was \$26.3 million in 2016, an increase of \$1.0 million from 2015. The increase is mainly due to a \$1.2 million increase in interest paid on bond and notes payable, offset by \$0.2 million in amortization of debt discount/premium and issuance costs.

Income from investments was \$1.3 million in 2016, a decrease of \$0.5 million from 2015. The change in investment earnings was a result of an unfavorable interest rate environment.

Costs to be recovered from future revenues of \$10.1 million for the year ended May 31, 2016, represent the difference between the Authority's annual required contributions for postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) as required by GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions* (GASB No. 45), and the amount paid out or accrued for such benefits by the Authority during fiscal 2016. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in the Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*, the Authority has deferred the excess of the annual OPEB costs over the amount paid or accrued during the fiscal year. The deferred costs will be recovered through future revenues.

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Capital reimbursement fees were \$9.4 million in 2016, an increase of \$2.0 million or 28.1% during the current year. This is a result of an increase of projects placed in service.

Statement of Net Position Summary

	May 31	
	2016	2015
	(In thousands)	
Assets:		
Capital assets (water plant), net	\$ 1,107,715	1,090,018
Current assets	237,438	196,703
Other noncurrent assets	291,536	232,380
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,636,689</u>	<u>1,519,101</u>
Deferred outflows	<u>\$ 41,999</u>	<u>9,425</u>
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	\$ 51,763	101,173
Other long-term liabilities	159,008	113,060
Long-term debt, net of current portion	848,078	694,830
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 1,058,849</u>	<u>909,063</u>
Deferred inflows	<u>\$ 4,082</u>	<u>39</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 345,323	391,589
Restricted for debt service	88,088	85,154
Unrestricted	182,346	142,681
Total net position	<u>\$ 615,757</u>	<u>619,424</u>

2016 amounts reflect the adoption of GASB 68 (see note 1(u) to the financial statements). The comparative amounts presented for 2015 were not restated for the effects of GASB 68.

Capital Assets (Water Plant), Net

	May 31, 2015	Additions/ reclassifi- cations	Deletions/ reclassifi- cations	May 31, 2016
	(In thousands)			
Water plant in service	\$ 1,601,293	42,200	(8,205)	1,635,288
Less accumulated depreciation	(598,593)	(45,195)	8,205	(635,583)
Net water plant in service	1,002,700	(2,995)	—	999,705
Construction in progress	87,318	62,892	(42,200)	108,010
Water plant	<u>\$ 1,090,018</u>	<u>59,897</u>	<u>(42,200)</u>	<u>1,107,715</u>

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There was a net increase in water plant in fiscal 2016 of \$17.7 million comprising an increase of \$54.7 million in gross water plant (including construction in progress) reduced by a net increase in accumulated depreciation of \$37.0 million.

Current Assets

	May 31	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	(In thousands)	
Increases (decreases):		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,965	(8,067)
Investments	20,487	(50,100)
Accounts receivables, net	515	(1,535)
Accrued water services and fire protection revenues	(3,330)	5,745
Interest and other receivables	(86)	(38)
Materials and supplies	547	(84)
Prepayments and other current assets	(363)	117
Net change in current assets	<u>\$ 40,735</u>	<u>(53,962)</u>

Current Assets

The Authority's investment policy complies with the New York State Comptroller's guidelines for investments. The investment policy permits investments in, among others, obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. government, any state of the United States or any political subdivision, sponsored entity securities, and repurchase agreements backed by such obligations. Authority investments are generally reported at fair value.

The Authority's investments, including cash and cash equivalents, increased to \$43.5 million at May 31, 2016 from May 31, 2015. This increase is attributable to funds generated from excess revenues to pay for debt, accrued operating and maintenance costs and water system capital improvements.

Accrued water services and fire protection revenues reflect revenue corresponding to water consumption, which has not been billed as of May 31, 2016. Water pumped in April and May 2016 was approximately 10.5 billion gallons, a 2.1 billion gallon decrease from 2015.

Materials and supplies at May 31, 2016 are valued at \$10.2 million. The \$0.5 million increase from May 31, 2015 is attributed primarily to the purchasing of meters to support the increase in the rate of installations done internally.

A decrease in prepayments and other current assets from 2015 to 2016 in the amount of \$0.4 million is due to a decrease in insurance premium costs.

Other Noncurrent Assets

Other noncurrent assets increased by \$59.2 million as of May 31, 2016. This was mainly the result of restricted investments increasing by \$32.8 million due to unspent 2015A Bond Anticipation Notes proceeds, an increase in Bond Anticipation Note receivable of \$16.5 million and a \$10.1 million increase in costs to be recovered from future revenues. This is offset by a reduction in Goodwill and other assets of \$0.3 million.

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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

	May 31	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	(In thousands)	
Increase (decrease):		
Current maturities of bonds payable	\$ (443)	615
Current maturities of bond anticipation notes payable	(50,000)	—
Accounts payable	(275)	1,069
Accrued interest	(125)	500
Accrued employee welfare costs	2,207	1,481
Other accrued liabilities	(774)	(370)
	<u>\$ (49,410)</u>	<u>3,295</u>

Current Liabilities

In fiscal year 2016, \$50.0 million of the 2013A Bond Anticipation Notes matured and were redeemed with the proceeds from the Authority's Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A on January 15, 2016.

The \$0.3 million decrease experienced in accounts payable from 2016 is attributable principally to the timing of processing invoices for work performed, completed, and paid for subsequent to May 31, 2016.

The decrease in accrued interest of \$0.1 million in 2016 from 2015 is attributable to the issuance of long-term debt offset by the retirement of certain Bond Anticipation Notes.

Accrued employee welfare costs represents the expected value of all vacation, sick leave, and other payroll-related benefits earned by employees to date. The increase in accrued employee welfare at May 31, 2016 is \$2.2 million and is principally attributable to additional sick and vacation leave earned.

Other accrued liabilities decreased by \$0.8 million in May 31, 2016. This decrease is principally the result of a decrease in the reserve for damage claims.

Other Long-Term Liabilities

Other long-term liabilities increased by \$45.9 million at May 31, 2016 as a result of a contribution increase for postemployment benefit other than pension (OPEB) costs of \$17.1 million, Advances for Construction for \$1.5 million, and the net pension liability of \$27.3 million as a result of the adoption of GASB 68.

GASB No. 45 establishes guidance for the financial reporting of OPEB cost over a period that approximates employees' years of service. Under GASB No. 45, based on an actuarial valuation, an annual required contribution (ARC) is determined by the Authority. The ARC is the sum of (a) the normal cost for the year (the present value of future benefits being earned by current employees) plus (b) amortization of the unfunded accrued liability (benefits already earned by current and former employees but not yet provided for), using an amortization period

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of not more than 30 years. To the extent that the Authority contributes an amount less than the ARC, a net incremental OPEB obligation will result, which is required to be recorded as a liability on its financial statements.

GASB No. 45 does not require that the unfunded liability actually be funded, only that the Authority account for the unfunded accrued liability. However, beginning in 2012, in an effort to mitigate possible future rate impacts related to any expected legal legislation, the Authority has established an undedicated reserve for this purpose. As of May 31, 2016, the undedicated reserve is \$17.0 million. During the fiscal year ending May 31, 2016 the Authority contributed \$7.0 million to this reserve.

The financial statements at May 31, 2016, include a liability for postemployment benefits other than pension in the amount of \$126.7 million.

Long-Term Debt

The Authority’s long-term debt (including current maturities, excluding unamortized discounts and deferred amounts) increased in fiscal 2016 by \$47.2 million.

		Water System Revenue and Environmental Facilities Corporation Revenue Bonds	
		May 31	
(In thousands)		2016	2015
Balance, beginning	\$	676,210	645,837
New issues:			
SCWA 2014A		—	65,000
SCWA 2014B		—	50,000
EFC 2014B Refunding		—	3,948
SCWA 2015A		49,105	—
SCWA 2015 Refunding		116,660	—
EFC 2015D Refunding		4,039	—
		<u>169,804</u>	<u>118,948</u>
Maturities, retirements, and defeasances:			
SCWA		(114,925)	(81,095)
EFC		(7,720)	(7,480)
		<u>(122,645)</u>	<u>(88,575)</u>
Net changes in long-term debt		<u>47,159</u>	<u>30,373</u>
Balance, ending	\$	<u><u>723,369</u></u>	<u><u>676,210</u></u>

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Investment ratings on debt issued by the Authority by Standard and Poor’s Ratings Services (S&P) and Fitch Ratings (Fitch) were reaffirmed and are as follows at May 31, 2016:

	<u>Investment ratings</u>	
	<u>S&P</u>	<u>Fitch</u>
Long-term debt	AA+	AAA

As a result of legislation initiated by New York State and enacted by the U.S. Congress, a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) was created to provide financial incentive for public and private water systems to finance drinking water infrastructure improvements in the form of subsidized low interest rate loans and grants for qualified projects. The New York State Environment Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) administers the financial aspects of the DWSRF. The Authority has participated in this program since 1998.

During fiscal year ended May 31, 2016, the NYS EFC issued Series 2015D in the amount of \$4.0 million and along with a portion of debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$0.3 million refinanced \$4.3 million of 2005B Suffolk County Water Authority (EFC Series) Revenue Bonds.

During fiscal year ended May 31, 2015, the NYS EFC issued Series 2014B in the amount of \$3.9 million and along with unspent proceeds and debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$0.3 million refinanced \$4.2 million of 2004A Suffolk County Water Authority (EFC Series) Revenue Bonds.

During the fiscal year ended May 31, 2016, the Authority issued \$165.8 million in Water System Revenue Bonds consisting of \$49.1 million Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A and \$116.7 million Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (Refunding). The Series 2015A bonds were issued for the purpose of retiring \$50.0 million of the Authority’s outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes, 2013A. The Series 2015 Refunding were issued to refund all of the Authority’s 2006A Bonds and a portion of its 2007A Bonds and to fund a deposit to the Reserve Account and pay costs of issuance.

During the fiscal year ended May 31, 2015, the Authority issued \$115.0 million in Water System Revenue Bonds consisting of \$65.0 million Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2014A and \$50.0 million Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2014B. The Series 2014A Bonds were issued to finance the Cost of Acquisition and Construction of improvements and additions to the Water System and to fund a deposit to the Reserve Account and pay costs of issuance for Series 2014A. The 2014B Series were issued for the purpose of retiring \$50.0 million of the Authority’s outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes, 2013B.

Short-Term Debt

The Authority, from time to time, issues Bond Anticipation Notes to finance improvements and additions to the water system.

In July 2015, as part of the participation in the Storm Mitigation Loan Program through the NYS EFC, the Authority closed on its EFC Bond Anticipation Note, 2015A in the amount of \$16.5 million. The eligible projects are related to main extensions and generators and as of May 31, 2016, no advances have been made.

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In November 2015, the Authority issued \$75.0 million in Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2015B of which the proceeds were deposited in a construction fund to finance the cost of acquisition and construction of improvements and additions to the Water System.

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows

Deferred outflows related to bond refunding increased to \$8.9 million at May 31, 2016 from May 31, 2015. The increase is due to the refunding of Suffolk County Water Authority Water System Revenue Bond Series 2006 and 2007A of \$10.1 million offset by \$1.2 million annual amortization of the deferred loss on refunding.

The deferred inflows related to bond refunding decreased by \$0.01 million at May 31, 2016 from May 31, 2015.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions increased \$23.7 million and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions increased \$4.0 million as a result of the adoption of GASB 68.

Net Position – Net Investment in Capital Assets

Net investment in capital assets represents the Authority's total investment in capital assets net of related long-term debt. The decrease of \$46.3 million from May 31 2015, is the result of an increase in water plant expenditures and funds available for construction offset by the net increase in debt balances.

Net Position – Restricted for Debt Service

Net position restricted for debt service includes monies held in the reserve accounts by the Bond Trustee as established by bond resolution for the purpose of security as it pertains to the respective bond issue. Restricted for debt service also represents the proportional amount of principal and interest as prescribed by Bond Resolution due bondholders on the next prescribed payment date.

The increase of \$2.9 million at May 31, 2016 is the result of the issuance of the Authority's Water System Revenue Bonds Series 2015A, Water System Revenue Bonds Series 2015 Refunding offset by the release of reserve funds from the refinancing of EFC Series 2005B, and the release of reserve funds for the defeasance of Revenue Bond Series 2006 and 2007A.

Net Position – Unrestricted

In 2016, net position – unrestricted increased from the May 31, 2015 restated balance in the amount of \$45.0 million as a result of operations, net of those changes that impact net investment in capital assets and net position restricted for debt service. The May 31, 2015 balance was restated resulting in a reduction of \$5.3 million due to the adoption of GASB 68.

Contacting the Authority's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the customers, clients, and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the resources at its disposal. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Public Information Officer, Suffolk County Water Authority, 4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, New York 11769.

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Statement of Net Position

May 31, 2016

(In thousands)

Assets

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 132,501
Investments	60,038
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,437	14,426
Accrued water services and fire protection revenues	18,441
Interest and other receivables	168
Materials and supplies, at average cost	10,231
Prepayments and other current assets	<u>1,633</u>
Total current assets	<u>237,438</u>
Restricted investments	161,044
Bond anticipation note receivable	16,538
Goodwill	2,727
Costs to be recovered from future revenues	109,744
Other assets	1,483
Capital assets, net	<u>1,107,715</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>1,399,251</u>
Total assets	\$ <u><u>1,636,689</u></u>

Deferred Outflows

Deferred outflows:	
Pension related	\$ 23,653
Deferred amounts due to bond refunding	<u>18,346</u>
Total deferred outflows	\$ <u><u>41,999</u></u>

Liabilities

Current liabilities:	
Current maturities of bonds payable	\$ 5,617
Accounts payable	7,568
Accrued interest	15,377
Accrued employee welfare costs	10,946
Other accrued liabilities	<u>12,255</u>
Total current liabilities	51,763
Bond anticipation notes payable	91,539
Bonds payable, less current portion and unamortized discounts	756,539
Net pension liability	27,345
Postemployment benefits other than pension	126,744
Advances for construction	<u>4,919</u>
Total liabilities	\$ <u><u>1,058,849</u></u>

Deferred Inflows

Deferred inflows:	
Pension related	\$ 4,054
Deferred amounts due to bond refunding	<u>28</u>
Total deferred inflows	\$ <u><u>4,082</u></u>

Net Position

Net position:	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 345,323
Restricted for debt service	88,088
Unrestricted	<u>182,346</u>
Total net position	\$ <u><u>615,757</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Year ended May 31, 2016

(In thousands)

Operating revenues:	
Water service	\$ 155,479
Other	20,042
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Total operating revenues	175,521
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Operating expenses:	
Operations	94,074
Maintenance	27,718
Depreciation and amortization	45,346
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Total operating expenses	167,138
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Operating income	8,383
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Nonoperating revenues and expenses:	
Interest expense, net	(26,267)
Amortization of deferred amounts on refinancing	(1,153)
Income from investments	1,279
Costs to be recovered from future revenues	10,079
Capital reimbursement fees	9,394
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Total nonoperating revenues and expenses, net	(6,668)
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Change in net position	1,715
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Net position:	
Beginning of year, as restated (see note 1(u))	614,042
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End of year	\$ 615,757
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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended May 31, 2016

(In thousands)

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 158,458
Other operating cash receipts	20,741
Cash payments to employees for services and benefits	(12,359)
Cash payments to suppliers of goods and services	(89,828)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>77,012</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Additions to water plant	(61,306)
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	81,252
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	181,732
Repayment of bond anticipation notes payable	(50,000)
Repayment of current maturities of bonds payable	(6,060)
Cost of issuance	(1,479)
Debt defeasance	(128,683)
Interest paid	(28,445)
Proceeds from advances for construction, net of refunds	10,918
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(2,071)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Purchase of investments	(235,443)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	182,143
Interest received	1,324
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(51,976)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	22,965
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>109,536</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 132,501</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income	\$ 8,383
Depreciation and amortization expense	45,346
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Accounts receivable	(515)
Accrued water services and fire protection revenues	3,330
Materials and supplies and prepayments	(184)
Other assets	164
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Accounts payable	(1,861)
Accrued employee welfare costs	2,207
Postemployment benefits other than pension	17,079
Other accrued liabilities	699
Net pension liability, net of deferred amounts	2,364
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 77,012</u>
Noncash investing activities:	
Change in the fair value of investments	\$ 41

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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. The rates established by the Authority do not require PSC or Suffolk County Legislative approval.

(a) *Basis of Presentation*

In its accounting and financial reporting, the Authority follows the pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). In accordance with GASB standards, the accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the Authority is determined by its measurement focus. As required by GASB standards, the transactions of the Authority are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting.

(b) *Water Plant (Capital Assets)*

Water plant is recorded at historical cost. The capitalized cost of additions to water plant includes charges for ancillary construction costs such as construction period interest, engineering, supervision, payroll taxes, and pension benefits. The original cost of property replaced, retired, or otherwise disposed of in ordinary retirements is deducted from plant accounts and together with costs to remove, less any salvage, is charged to accumulated depreciation. The costs of repairs, minor betterments, and renewals are charged to maintenance expense as incurred.

(c) *Depreciation*

The provisions for depreciation for water plant result from the application of straight-line rates by groups of depreciable properties in service. The rates are determined by age-life studies performed on depreciable properties. The most recent rate study, done in November 2003, established the composite depreciation rate of 2.84%. The Authority reviews the composition of its fixed assets annually in order to determine the appropriateness of this depreciation rate. The Authority determined that the depreciation rate of 2.84% remained appropriate at May 31, 2016.

(d) *Capitalized Interest*

The Authority capitalizes interest on constructed assets during the period of construction. Interest cost capitalized during the year ended May 31, 2016 was approximately \$1.5 million.

(e) *Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments*

Funds held by the Authority are administered in accordance with the Authority's investment guidelines pursuant to Section 2925 of the New York State Public Authorities Law. These guidelines comply with the New York State Comptroller's investment guidelines for public authorities. Certain investments and cash and cash equivalents have been designated by the Authority's Board of Trustees to be used for specific purposes, including rate stabilization, debt service, and capital expenditures.

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Investments with original maturities of 90 days or less are considered cash equivalents.

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.

(f) *Investments Held for Debt Service*

In accordance with the 1988 General Bond Resolution, as amended (the Resolution), the Authority maintains a debt service reserve. This 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 and are reported as restricted investments in the accompanying statement of net position. 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.

(g) *Investments Held for Construction*

In accordance with the Resolution, investments held for construction in the construction fund are for the costs of acquiring, constructing, and replacing the water system and are reported as restricted investments in the accompanying statement of net position.

(h) *Goodwill*

Goodwill was derived from the Authority's acquisition of various private water purveyors where the purchase price paid exceeded the net position acquired. The Authority amortizes goodwill over a 40-year period.

(i) *Advances for Construction and Capital Reimbursement Fees*

Under current standard construction contracts with residential real estate developers and others, the developer advances to the Authority the cost of new main installations based on a flat cost per foot. Upon completion of construction, the moneys are recognized as capital reimbursement fees in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

There exist certain construction contracts with residential real estate developers and others, whereby the developer advances to the Authority the cost of new main installations based on actual costs. Upon completion of construction, the developer is either billed (not to exceed 10% of original estimate) or refunded the difference between the advance and actual cost. The moneys paid by the developer are recognized as capital reimbursement fees in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position when the construction is completed.

Capital reimbursement fees also include service, tapping, and other fees.

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(j) *Managed Water Districts*

The Towns of Islip, Babylon, Brookhaven, and Southampton (collectively the Towns), on behalf of the Brentwood, East Farmingdale, Stony Brook, and Riverside Water Districts, respectively, have entered into 40-year lease agreements with the Authority, whereby the Authority agrees to operate, construct, maintain, and repair, at its own expense, the entire operating plant in exchange for an agreed upon fee. The Towns, on behalf of the respective districts, agree to lease all of the rights, title, and interest to the entire operations, plant, hydrants, and distribution system, real property, of the districts, and all extensions thereto. These leases expire between 2040 and 2050.

(k) *Water District Contracts*

The Authority has entered into a number of contracts with various municipalities throughout Suffolk County for the purpose of installing water mains within the related municipality's created water district. Under the terms of these contracts, the municipality agrees to pay for the installation of the water main, plus interest over a 38-year period. The Authority agrees to provide a credit against the annual payment due equal to a percentage of the water revenues collected from customers within the designated water improvement area. The amount of the credit cannot exceed the gross payments due.

As of May 31, 2016, the Authority had 11 active contracts where the credit did not equal the gross amount due. Annual gross payments for these contracts range from \$1,800 to \$377,000 with final maturity dates between fiscal years 2017 and 2030. The cumulative gross payments due for all of these water district contracts through their respective maturity dates at May 31, 2016 amount to approximately \$7.7 million. The Authority has determined that it has the right to offset the asset and liability created from these contracts and therefore, these amounts are not reflected on the statement of net position as of May 31, 2016.

The cost of these installations has been paid for and capitalized through the Authority's capital budget.

(l) *Net Position*

The Authority's net position represents the excess of assets over liabilities and is categorized as follows:

Net investment in capital assets are the amounts expended by the Authority for the acquisition of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and related debt.

Restricted net position is the net position that have been restricted as in use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position is the remaining net position, which can be further categorized as designated or undesignated. Designated assets are not governed by statute or contract but are committed for specific purposes pursuant to Authority policy and/or Board directives. Designated assets include funds and assets committed to working capital.

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(m) Bond Discounts and Premiums

Discounts and premiums are amortized over the life of the related bond issues. Deferred bond refunding costs are amortized to expense over the shorter of the life of the refunding bonds or the refunded bonds and are reported as deferred outflows and inflows in the accompanying statement of net position.

(n) Accrued Employee Welfare Costs

The Authority permits employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused leave benefits, which will be paid to employees upon separation from service. Unpaid compensated absences are recorded as a liability in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*. As of May 31, 2016, the amounts of accrued employee welfare costs are \$10.9 million.

(o) Net pension liability and related pension amounts

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (the System), and additions to/deductions from the System's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the System. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the statutes governing the System. Investments are reported at fair value.

(p) Revenues

The Authority distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items in the preparation of its financial statements. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the Authority's principal ongoing operations. Water service revenues are recognized based on actual customer water usage, including estimates for unbilled periods. Other operating revenues are recognized when service has been rendered and collection is reasonably assured. The Authority's operating expenses include operations and maintenance expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

(q) Costs to Be Recovered from Future Revenues

The Authority's cost recovery rate model used to establish rates, fees, and charges includes an amount for postemployment benefits other than pensions that are expected to be paid out during the fiscal year, but not for the amount of the annual required contribution as calculated under GASB Statement No. 45 (GASB No. 45), *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in the Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*, the Authority has deferred the excess of current annual required contribution over the amount paid, beginning in fiscal year 2010. The deferred costs will be recovered through future revenues in accordance with the Authority's rate model. The deferred amount as of and for the year ended May 31, 2016 was \$109.7 million.

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(r) Use of Resources

Pursuant to the Resolution, revenues received are used as follows: (1) payment of operations and maintenance expenses, (2) payment of debt service, and (3) any lawful purpose of the Authority, including use by the construction fund. The payment of capital expenditures is generally done with restricted bond proceeds, other restricted resources, and by funds previously transferred to the general fund.

(s) Income Taxes

As a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, the Authority is exempt from federal, state, and local income taxes.

(t) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) 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. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the useful lives of capital assets, the valuation of accounts receivable, inventory, financial instruments other than cash, accrued water services and fire protection revenues, accrued employee welfare costs, workers' compensation and postemployment benefits, pension benefits, and other uncertainties and other contingencies.

(u) New Accounting Standards Adopted

The Authority adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* (GASB 68). GASB 68 addresses accounting and financial reporting for pensions that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers. This statement establishes standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense related to pensions. Note disclosure and required supplementary information requirements about pensions also are addressed. For defined benefit pensions, this statement also identifies the methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. The Authority is a participating employer in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (the System), cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the New York State. In accordance with the provisions of GASB 68, the Authority has reported its proportionate share of the System's net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense. As a result of the implementation of GASB 68, beginning unrestricted net position as of June 1, 2015, was decreased by \$5,382.

The Authority also adopted GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68* (GASB 71). GASB 71 amends paragraph 137 of GASB 68 to require that, at transition, a government recognize a beginning deferred outflow of resources for its pension contributions, if any, made subsequent to the

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measurement date of the beginning net pension liability. There were no contributions by the Authority to the plan subsequent to the measurement date.

The Authority also adopted GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues – an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*. GASB 82 addresses certain issues that have been raised with respect to GASB 67, GASB 68, and GASB 73. Specifically, GASB 82 addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements.

The provisions of GASB 68, 73, and 82 have been applied to the beginning of the 2016 fiscal year net position. The following is a reconciliation of the total net position as of May 31, 2015 as previously reported and the restated June 1, 2015 net position:

Total net position as previously reported as of May 31, 2015	\$	619,424
Restatement to beginning year of net position		<u>5,382</u>
Total net position as of June 1, 2015	\$	<u><u>614,042</u></u>

(v) ***Accounting Pronouncements Applicable to the Authority, Issued but Not Yet Effective***

In February 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application* (GASB 72). The statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements of assets and liabilities. GASB 72 identifies various approaches to measuring fair value and levels of inputs based on the objectivity of the data used to measure fair value. GASB 72 will be effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015. The Authority is currently assessing the impact of this statement on its financial statements.

In June 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (GASB 75). The statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for other postemployment benefits (OPEB) that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers. GASB 75 establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expenses related to OPEB in the basic financial statements, in addition to requiring more extensive note disclosures and required supplementary information. GASB 75 will be effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2017. The Authority is currently assessing the impact of this statement on its financial statements.

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(2) Capital Assets, Net

	<u>May 31, 2015</u>	<u>Additions/ reclassifi- cations</u>	<u>Deletions/ reclassifi- cations</u>	<u>May 31, 2016</u>
	(In thousands)			
Land and land rights	\$ 25,778	1,732	—	27,510
Distribution systems	944,795	16,311	(1,046)	960,060
Wells, reservoirs, and structures	301,631	7,976	(198)	309,409
Pumping and purification equipment	146,254	3,586	(146)	149,694
Meters	79,623	9,765	(6,571)	82,817
Compressors/backhoes	4,495	—	—	4,495
Computer equipment	23,850	944	—	24,794
Equipment	29,548	808	(13)	30,343
Hydrants	45,319	1,078	(231)	46,166
	<u>1,601,293</u>	<u>42,200</u>	<u>(8,205)</u>	<u>1,635,288</u>
Water plant in service				
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(598,593)</u>	<u>(45,195)</u>	<u>8,205</u>	<u>(635,583)</u>
Net water plant in service	1,002,700	(2,995)	—	999,705
Construction in progress	<u>87,318</u>	<u>62,892</u>	<u>(42,200)</u>	<u>108,010</u>
Water plant	<u>\$ 1,090,018</u>	<u>59,897</u>	<u>(42,200)</u>	<u>1,107,715</u>

Depreciation expense amounted to approximately \$45.2 million for the year ended May 31, 2016 based on a composite annual rate of percentage.

(3) Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash consists of deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or collateralized deposits that have carrying values of approximately \$132.5 million and bank balances of approximately \$134.4 million at May 31, 2016. Collateral for deposits is held by a third-party bank in the name of the Authority.

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(b) Investments

Investments, including restricted investments, at May 31, 2016 consist of the following (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value	Investment maturities (In years)		
		Less than 1	1 to 5	Greater than 5
U.S. Treasury notes (1)	\$ 2,555	1,002	1,553	—
U.S. Treasury bonds (1)	3,783	—	1,674	2,109
FNMA notes (1)	42,524	—	42,524	—
FHLB notes (1)	50,246	17,555	32,691	—
FHLMC notes (1)	23,642	—	23,642	—
FFCB notes (1)	24,784	—	24,784	—
NYS Municipal Bonds	510	—	—	510
Money market	72,956	72,956	—	—
Guaranteed investment contracts (1)	82	82	—	—
Total investments	\$ 221,082	91,595	126,868	2,619

(1) Includes approximately \$88.1 million of investments, including cash held by a Fiscal Agent in the Authority's name at May 31, 2016.

Investment breakdown:

Restricted for:

Debt service	\$ 88,088
Construction	72,956
Unrestricted	<u>60,038</u>
Total investments	\$ <u>221,082</u>

Accrued interest on investments other than investment agreements is included in interest and other receivables on the statement of net position. Investments bear interest at rates that range from 0.01% to 2.98%.

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.

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Investments include U.S. Treasury obligations, U.S. government, any state of the United States or any political subdivision, sponsored entity securities, guaranteed investment contracts, and repurchase agreements backed by such obligations.

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, 2016, 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.

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 (\$50.2 million or 22.7% of investments), Federal Farm Credit Bank (\$24.8 million or 11.2% of investments), Federal National Mortgage Association (\$42.5 million or 19.2% of investments), and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (\$23.6 million or 10.7% of investments) at May 31, 2016.

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(4) Bonds Payable

Outstanding bonds are summarized as follows:

Series	Interest rate(s)	Final maturity date	May 31, 2015	Issued	Matured/ refunded <small>(In thousands)</small>	May 31, 2016	Due within one year
Water System Revenue Bonds:							
1994 Subordinate Lien	6.00	2015	\$ 695	—	(695)	—	—
2006 A Senior Lien	3.59–4.95	2031	70,000	—	(70,000)	—	—
2007 A Senior Lien	4.00	2032	44,195	—	(42,815)	1,380	660
2009 Senior Lien	2.5–5.00	2022	10,615	—	(20)	10,595	20
2009 A Senior Lien	4.00–5.00	2035	56,375	—	(1,395)	54,980	1,430
2009 B Senior Lien	5.50	2035	100,000	—	—	100,000	—
2011 Senior Lien	4.75–5.00	2040	24,930	—	—	24,930	—
2012 Senior Lien	3.00–5.00	2026	83,635	—	—	83,635	—
2012 A Senior Lien	3.00–3.75	2038	80,000	—	—	80,000	—
2013 Senior Lien	3.00–4.00	2029	62,380	—	—	62,380	—
2014 A Senior Lien	3.13–5.00	2040	65,000	—	—	65,000	—
2014 B Senior Lien	3.5–5.25	2040	50,000	—	—	50,000	—
2015 Senior Lien	3.00–5.00	2032	—	116,660	—	116,660	—
2015 A Senior Lien	4.00–5.25	2040	—	49,105	—	49,105	—
Environmental Facilities Corporation Revenue Bonds:							
2005 B	3.47–4.02	2026	4,340	—	(4,340)	—	—
2010 C	2.71–3.16	2019	1,545	—	(300)	1,245	310
2011 A	2.62–3.99	2021	4,382	—	(793)	3,589	829
2011 C	1.72–3.57	2022	7,617	—	(899)	6,718	925
2012 B	4.62–5.00	2022	3,420	—	(398)	3,022	425
2013 B	3.82–4.50	2023	3,438	—	(355)	3,083	368
2014 B	4.36–4.96	2024	3,643	—	(325)	3,318	325
2015 D	3.64–4.02	2025	—	4,039	(310)	3,729	325
Total bonds outstanding			676,210	169,804	(122,645)	723,369	\$ 5,617
				<u>Additions</u>	<u>Amortization/ payments</u>		
Unamortized premium (discount), net			24,680	18,181	(4,074)	38,787	
Current maturities payable			(6,060)	(5,617)	6,060	(5,617)	
			\$ 694,830	182,368	(120,659)	756,539	

In accordance with bond covenants, the Authority is required to guarantee the payment of principal and interest by establishing a reserve fund for each bond issue and funding the reserve account with a portion of the proceeds from the respective bond issue or from the Authority's unrestricted funds.

In satisfaction of the Reserve Account requirements of each Water Revenue Bond Issue, the Authority may provide a letter of credit, surety agreement, insurance agreement, or other type of agreement with any entity whose obligations are rated in one of the two (2) highest rating categories by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services or Moody's Investors Service. If, at any time, the rating issued by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services or Moody's Investors Service falls below such two (2) highest ratings, then within twelve (12) months thereafter, the Authority shall use its best efforts to either, at its option, replace such a credit

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agreement with an entity whose obligations are rated with such two (2) highest ratings or deposit into the Reserve Account sufficient moneys in accordance with the respective bond resolution to replace such Credit Agreement.

For the fiscal year 2016, the Authority, at its own discretion, has elected to fund the reserve accounts in the amount of \$69.5 million from bond proceeds and \$1.6 million from unrestricted funds.

(a) Water System Revenue Bonds

The Water System Revenue Bonds are issued to finance the cost of acquisition and construction of improvements and additions to the water system. The Senior Lien Water System Revenue Bonds are payable solely from net revenues of the Authority's water system. The Water System Subordinate Revenue Bonds are payable solely from net revenues available after payment of debt service on Senior Lien Revenue Bonds issued by the Authority.

During fiscal year ended May 31, 2016, the Authority entered into the following bond transactions:

In November 2015, the Authority issued \$49.1 million Senior Lien Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A. The Series 2015A Bonds were issued to retire all of the Authority's outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes, 2013A, fund the Reserve Account and pay cost of issuance. The Series 2015A Bonds bear interest rates ranging from 4.00% to 5.25% and have a final maturity date of June 1, 2040.

In November 2015, the Authority issued \$116.7 million Senior Lien Water System Revenue Bonds Series 2015 (Refunding Bonds). The Series 2015 (Refunding Bonds) were issued to provide for the advance refunding of \$70.0 million Suffolk County Authority Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, and a portion of the \$43.6 million of Series 2007A bonds in the amount of \$42.2 million. The proceeds from the Series 2015 (Refunding Bonds) were used to fund the escrow account for \$112.1 million along with existing Series 2006A and Series 2007A reserve funds in the amount of \$10.0 million and existing debt service funds representing accrued interest in the amount of \$2.2 million. A reserve fund was funded for the 2015 (Refunding Bonds) in the amount of \$10.5 million and \$0.9 million of the proceeds was used to pay cost of issuance. This advanced refunding resulted in a net present value savings of approximately \$9.7 million and the Authority recognized a loss on bond refunding in the amount of \$10.0 million, which was recorded as a deferred outflow on bond refunding. The Series 2015 (Refunding Bonds) bear interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% and have a final maturity date of June 1, 2032.

(b) Environmental Facilities Corporation Revenue Bonds (EFC Revenue Bonds)

The State of New York has established a State Drinking Water Program, which includes a state drinking water revolving fund (the Revolving Fund) to be used for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) is responsible for administering the Revolving Fund and providing financial assistance from the Revolving Fund. NYSEFC issues bonds, the proceeds of which are used to fund the Revolving Fund, which then provides loans to the private water companies, political subdivisions, and public benefit corporations of the State of New York. The Authority has been issued a portion of the total bond proceeds in the amounts stated in the table above to finance safe drinking water projects.

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Since June 2010, the Authority has participated in the NYS EFC Refunding Program initiated by the NYS EFC on behalf of the municipalities that initially financed projects through the State Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds as more fully described below. The NYS EFC refunded certain Suffolk County Water Authority NYS EFC Bond Series with new bonds issued at lower current-market interest rates, thus passing the interest savings net of NYS EFC financing costs along to the Authority in the form of reduced debt service bills.

During the fiscal year ended May 31, 2016, the Authority entered into the following NYS EFC bond transactions:

In July 2015, the Authority closed on its NYS EFC Bond Anticipation Note 2015A in the amount of \$16.5 million as part of the Storm Mitigation Loan Program through the NYS EFC. The Storm Mitigation Loan Program is comprised of a \$16.5 million zero percent interest free loan and \$5.5 million in grant monies. The eligible projects are related to main extensions and generators. Work on eligible projects began in fiscal year 2016.

In August 2015, the Authority participated in the 2015D refinancing of \$4.3 million NYS EFC Suffolk County Water Authority Water System Revenue Bond Series 2005B. The amount of \$0.3 million from the current Local Debt Service Reserve Fund was used as a source to refund a portion of the SRF Refunded Bonds. This refunding resulted in a net present value savings net of reserve funds on hand of approximately \$0.05 million. The NYS EFC Series 2015D currently bear interest rates ranging from 3.55% to 4.00% with a final maturity date of October 1, 2025.

In prior years, the Authority defeased certain debt obligations by placing the proceeds of new bonds and its own funds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the Authority's financial statements. At May 31, 2016, the amount of defeased debt obligation outstanding was approximately \$120.6 million.

Interest expense on the bonds was \$29.3 million for the year ended May 31, 2016.

Bond maturities payable, including mandatory sinking fund redemptions, over the next five fiscal years and thereafter are as follows:

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	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
		(In thousands)	
Fiscal year ending:			
2017	\$ 5,617	30,114	35,731
2018	6,046	29,886	35,932
2019	11,982	29,357	41,339
2020	14,270	28,695	42,965
2021	18,308	27,903	46,211
2022 through 2026	108,901	125,147	234,048
2027 through 2031	158,070	98,503	256,573
2032 through 2036	205,905	59,406	265,311
2037 through 2042	194,270	15,387	209,657
	<u>\$ 723,369</u>	<u>444,398</u>	<u>1,167,767</u>

(5) Debt Service Requirements

As prescribed in the Authority's Resolution, the Authority is required to maintain a Reserve Account for each Series of Bonds to be held in the custody of the Bond Fund Trustee in an amount equal to the lesser of (1) 10% of the proceeds of the particular bond issue, (2) the maximum debt service due on the particular bond issue, or (3) 125% of the average of the annual installments of Debt Service with respect to all current and future years of the particular bond issue. The resolution permits the Authority to deposit a letter of credit, surety agreement, insurance agreement, or other type of agreement or arrangement with an entity whose obligations are rated in one of the two highest rating categories by Standard and Poor's Ratings Services or Moody's Investors Service in order to satisfy the Reserve Account requirements. At May 31, 2016, the debt service reserve funds were approximately \$71.0 million.

Revenue before interest expense and depreciation and amortization was equivalent to 2.11 times (2.12 in 2015) the debt service requirement on all outstanding debt. The minimum debt service requirement on all bonds is 1.10.

(6) Notes Payable

Outstanding bond anticipation notes payable are summarized as follows:

<u>Series</u>	<u>Final maturity date</u>	<u>Balance at May 31, 2015</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>	<u>Balance at May 31, 2016</u>	<u>Due within one year</u>
				(In thousands)		
2013 A SCWA	January 15, 2016	\$ 50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-
2015 A EFC	July 30, 2020	-	16,539	-	16,539	-
2015 B SCWA	November 1, 2017	-	75,000	-	75,000	-
	Total notes outstanding	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>91,539</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>91,539</u>	<u>-</u>

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These notes are issued in anticipation of the issuance of long-term revenue bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to repay the notes payable. The notes were issued to fund construction activities.

In November 2015, the Authority issued \$75.0 million Suffolk County Water Authority Bond Anticipation Notes, 2015B. The proceeds from the 2015B Notes were deposited in a Construction Fund to finance the Cost of Acquisition and Construction of improvements and additions to the Water System. The 2015B Notes bear an interest rate of 5.00% and have a maturity date of November 1, 2017.

On January 15, 2016, \$50.0 million of the Suffolk County Water Authority's Bond Anticipation Notes, 2013A matured. These notes were paid out of the proceeds from the issuance of the Suffolk County Water Authority Water System Revenue Bond Series 2015A.

(7) Pension Plan

The Authority participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (NYSLRS or the System). A cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in fiduciary net position allocated to the System. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. System benefits are established under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL). Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The Authority also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System is included in New York State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

(a) Contributions

The System is noncontributory except for employees who joined the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3% of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 (ERS). Under the authority of the RSSL, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the System's fiscal year ending March 31. The System offers a range of programs and benefits that vary based on the date of membership, years of credited service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, disability benefits, and optional methods of benefit payments. Contributions for the current year and two preceding years were equal to 100% of the contributions required, and were as follows (dollars in thousands):

2014	\$	8,713
2015		7,813
2016		7,161

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(b) Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At May 31, 2016, the Authority reported a liability of \$27.3 million for its proportionate share of the System's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of March 31, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2015. The Authority's proportion of the System's net pension liability was based on a projection of the Authority's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined.

At May 31, 2016, the Authority's proportion was 0.1703727%.

For the year ended May 31, 2016, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$9.5 million. At May 31, 2016, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>	<u>Deferred inflows of resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 138	3,241
Changes of assumptions	7,292	—
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	16,223	—
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	—	813
Total	<u>\$ 23,653</u>	<u>4,054</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows (dollars in thousands):

Year ended May 31:	
2017	\$ 4,933
2018	4,933
2019	4,933
2020	4,800

(c) Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability at March 31, 2016 was determined by using an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2015, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to March 31, 2016.

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Significant actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2015 valuation were as follows:

Investment rate of return	7.0%	
Salary scale	3.8%	
Inflation rate	2.5%	
Cost of living adjustments	1.3% annually	
Decrements		Developed from the System's 2015 experience study of the period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2015
Mortality improvement		Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2014

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best-estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset type</u>	<u>allocation</u>	<u>real rate</u>
Domestic equity	38 %	7.30 %
International equity	13	8.55
Private equity	10	11.00
Real estate	8	8.25
Absolute return strategies	3	6.75
Opportunistic portfolio	3	8.60
Real assets	3	8.65
Bonds and mortgages	18	4.00
Cash	2	2.25
Inflation indexed bonds	2	4.00
	<u>100 %</u>	

(d) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.0%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon these assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

(e) Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to the Discount Rate

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate assumption of 7.0%, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net

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pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.0%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.0%) than the current rate (dollars in thousands):

	<u>1% Decrease (6.0%)</u>	<u>Current assumption (7.0%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.0%)</u>
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) \$	61,662	27,345	(1,651)

(f) Pension plan fiduciary net positions

The components of the current-year net pension liability of the System as of March 31, 2016, were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Employers' total pension liability	\$ 172,303,544
System's fiduciary net position	<u>156,253,265</u>
Employers' net pension liability	\$ <u>16,050,279</u>
System fiduciary net position as percentage of total pension liability	90.7%

(8) Deferred Compensation

All Authority employees may participate in a deferred compensation program designated as an Internal Revenue Code Section 457 plan. This program enables employees to contribute a portion of their salary, on a tax-deferred basis, to group variable annuity contracts. The assets and related liabilities of the plan are recorded at the assets' market values and are excluded from the Authority's statement of net position. The Authority has no obligation to make contributions to the deferred compensation program. The Authority remits deferred compensation amounts withheld from employees' salaries to an outside fiduciary agent who administers the program and invests program assets as instructed by each of the participants. Assets in such program amounted to approximately \$46 million at May 31, 2016.

(9) Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions

The Authority's employees participate in the New York State Health Insurance Plan, an agent multi-employer healthcare plan that provides postemployment medical and dental benefits for eligible retirees and their spouses. The Authority sponsors a single-employer dental and optical plan and provides dental and optical benefits for eligible retirees and their spouses. Substantially all of the Authority's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the Authority. A publicly available financial report for the plan is not issued.

Benefit provisions for the plan are established and amended through the Authority's Board of Directors, and there is no statutory requirement for the Authority to continue this plan for future Authority employees. The health, dental, and optical plans are noncontributory for active employees, with all payments for plan benefits

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being funded by the Authority. Upon retirement, the cost of the dental and optical plans is partially funded by the Authority and the balance by the retiree. During fiscal year 2016, there were 920 participants (552 active and 368 inactive) that were eligible to receive benefits.

GASB No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, establishes guidance for the financial reporting of other post employment benefits (OPEB) cost over a period that approximates employees' years of service and providing information about actuarially calculated liabilities associated with OPEB and whether and to what extent progress is being made in funding the plan.

In accordance with this standard, the Authority's annual OPEB cost for the plan is calculated based on the Annual Required Contribution (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB No. 45. GASB No. 45 does not require that the employer actually fund its ARC, but allows for the financing of these benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed 30 years.

The following table shows the components of the Authority's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount contributed to the plan, and changes in the Authority's net OPEB obligation for the year ended May 31, 2016 (dollars in thousands):

Annual OPEB cost:	
Annual required contribution (ARC):	
Normal cost	\$ 10,188
Amortization payment	14,315
Interest to the end of the year	980
Total	25,483
Interest on net OPEB obligation	4,387
Net OPEB obligation amortization adjustments to the ARC	(6,342)
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	23,528
Contributions made	(6,449)
Increase in net OPEB obligation	17,079
Net OPEB obligation, beginning of year	109,665
Net OPEB obligation, end of year	\$ 126,744

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The Authority’s annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation were as follows (dollars in thousands):

<u>Fiscal year ended</u>	<u>Annual OPEB cost</u>	<u>Percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB obligation</u>
May 31, 2016	\$ 23,528	27.4 %	\$ 126,744
May 31, 2015	21,717	27.4	109,665
May 31, 2014	19,730	27.0	93,891

As of June 1, 2015 and 2014, the actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$257.4 million and \$235.8 million, respectively. Whereas, no legislation has been enacted to establish a dedicated trust for these funds, the aforementioned accrued liability remains unfunded. However, during 2012, in an effort to mitigate possible future rate impact related to any enacted legislation, the Authority has established an undedicated reserve for this purpose. As of May 31, 2016, the undedicated reserve is \$17.0 million.

As of June 1, 2015 and 2014, the covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$40.3 million and \$39.1 million, respectively, and the ratio of unfunded actuarial liability to covered payroll 638.7% and 603.0% for each respective year. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about the retiree healthcare plan.

The actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events in the future. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the ARCs of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The required schedule of funding progress presented as required supplemental information provides multiyear trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

Projections of benefits are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits in force at the valuation date and the pattern of sharing benefit costs between the Authority and the plan members to that point. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and employ methods and assumptions that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets.

For the June 1, 2015 actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.0% discount rate for the unfunded portion, and an annual healthcare cost trend rates of 8.0% grading down to 5.0% for medical, 4.5% grading down to 4.0% for dental, 4.5%, grading up to 5.0% for Medical Part B, and optical remains at 3.0%. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized over 30 years as a level percentage of projected payrolls on an open basis.

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(10) Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Wireless Cell Rental Income

Assorted wireless cell carriers desire to use the Authority owned premises for the construction, installation, maintenance, and operation of radio transmitting and receiving equipment and other associated equipment as approved by the Authority in connection with its wireless communications business. The Authority receives in the form of monthly payments a fee for providing such use. Rental fees range from \$3,450 to \$8,389, per month and have terms ranging from five (5) to 15 years, multiple five-year renewals, and 3.0% to 3.5% annual rental increases. The Authority currently has 169 lease agreements with eight different wireless carriers. Annual lease income from these agreements for the next five years is expected to be the following:

2017	\$ 10.9 million
2018	11.3 million
2019	11.6 million
2020	12.0 million
2021	12.3 million

Annual lease income that is included in other operating revenue for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2016 was \$10.6 million.

(b) Legal

The Authority is involved in various litigations resulting from the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, and based on advice of legal counsel, the ultimate liability, if any, to the Authority will not have a material effect on the Authority's financial position and changes in net position.

(c) Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to automobiles and general liability. Effective April 1, 2016, the Authority elected to self-insure its workers compensation program. Claims will be administered through a TPA, currently PMA Management Corp. There is also insurance in place that will limit the Authority's exposure to individual claims to a limit of \$650,000. The policy is written through the Safety National Insurance Company. The Authority has established a liability based on actuarial estimates of the amounts needed to pay prior year and current year claims and to establish a reserve for catastrophic losses. That liability, which is for workers' compensation, general, and automobile claims, was approximately \$1.9 million at May 31, 2016 and is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

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Changes in the Authority's workers' compensation claims liability amount in fiscal 2016 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Unpaid claims, beginning of fiscal year	\$	290
Changes in the estimate for claims of all years		<u>(116)</u>
Unpaid claims, end of fiscal year	\$	<u><u>174</u></u>

Changes in the Authority's general and automobile claims liability amount in fiscal 2016 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Unpaid claims, beginning of fiscal year	\$	2,402
Changes in the estimate for claims of all years		(87)
Claim payments		<u>(601)</u>
Unpaid claims, end of fiscal year	\$	<u><u>1,714</u></u>

The Authority has included the above amounts under the caption "Other accrued liabilities" in the statement of net position.

(11) Subsequent Events

The Authority has evaluated subsequent events through August 29, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)

Schedule of Employer Contributions - New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System

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(dollars in thousands)

	<u>2016</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 7,161
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>7,161</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>—</u>
Authority covered-employee payroll (Authority year end)	\$ 40,686
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	17.60%

Note: This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)
Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability -
New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System

May 31, 2016

(dollars in thousands)

	<u>2016</u>
Authority's share of the net pension liability	0.1703727%
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 27,345
Authority's covered-employee payroll (measurement date)	41,422
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of the covered-employee payroll	66.0%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	90.70%

Note: This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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 Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)
 Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree Healthcare Plan
 May 31, 2016
 (dollars in thousands)

<u>Actuarial valuation date</u>	<u>Actuarial value of assets (a)</u>	<u>Actuarial accrued liability (AAL) – Level dollar (b)</u>	<u>Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)</u>	<u>Funded ratio (a/b)</u>	<u>Covered payroll (c)</u>	<u>UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll (b-a)/c</u>
June 1, 2015	\$ —	257,443	257,443	—	40,307	639 %
June 1, 2014	—	235,882	235,882	—	39,133	603
June 1, 2013	—	214,509	214,509	—	39,330	545



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Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

The Members
Suffolk County Water Authority:

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 (the Authority), which comprise the statement of net position as of May 31, 2016, and the related statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 29, 2016. Our report contained an emphasis of matter paragraph regarding the Authority's adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date, an Amendment to GASB Statement No. 68*, and GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues – an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*.

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 opinion 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 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 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 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 29, 2016