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For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015

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**La Acequia Nueva
Official Roster
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Board of Commissioners

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Orlando A. Romero, Chairman, La Acequia Nueva
and
Timothy Keller, New Mexico State Auditor

I have performed the procedures enumerated below for the La Acequia Nueva (Acequia) for the year ended December 31, 2015, solely to assist in determining compliance with the provisions of the Audit Act for a Tier 3 entity per Section 12-6-3 B (3) NMSA 1978, Section 2.2.2.16 NMAC and Section 6-6-2 (A) NMSA 1978. The procedures were agreed to by the Acequia through the New Mexico Office of the State Auditor. The Acequia's management is responsible for its accounting records and the subject matter. This agreed upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. Our procedures and findings are as follows

1. Test all state-funded capital outlay expenditures:

- a. Determine that the amount recorded as disbursed agrees to adequate supporting documentation. Verify that amount, payee, date and description agree to the purchase order, contract, vendor's invoice and canceled check, as appropriate.

All of the cash disbursements for the capital award project were tested. The amounts disbursed agreed with the supporting documentation. The amount, payee, date and description of the purchase agreed with the purchase orders, contracts, vendors' invoices and canceled checks.

- b. Determine that cash disbursements were properly authorized and approved in accordance with the budget, legal requirements and established policies and procedures.

The cash disbursements tested were properly authorized and approved in accordance with the project budget, legal requirements and the Acequia's procurement policies and procedures.

- c. Determine that the bid process (or request for proposal process if applicable), purchase orders, contracts and agreements were processed in accordance with the New Mexico Procurement Code and State Purchasing Regulations (Section 13-1-28 through 13-1-199 NMSA 1978 and 1.4.1 NMAC).

The Acequia advertised, obtained quotes and awarded purchase orders and contracts to vendors and contractors in accordance with its procurement policies and applicable state laws and regulations.

- d. Determine the physical existence (by observation) of the capital asset based on expenditures to date.

The project work completed in 2015 was observed. The work done as of December 31, 2015 agreed with the contracts and invoices.

- e. Verify that status reports were submitted to the state agency per terms of agreement and amounts in the status report agree with the general ledger and other supporting documentation.

The Acequia submitted the required payment request forms and project status reports to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC). The amounts requested in the payment request forms and status reports agreed with the Acequia's general ledger and supporting documentation.

- f. If the project was funded in advance, determine if the award balance (and cash balance) appropriately reflects the percentage of completion based on the project schedule and expenditures to date.

The project was not funded in advance. The Acequia was required to submit payment request forms to the NMISC along with the contractor's invoices and other documentation to support the request.

- g. If the project is complete, determine if there is an unexpended balance and whether it was reverted per statute and agreement with the grantor.

Several individual projects were completed in 2015. As of December 31, 2015, the unexpended balance of the project appropriation was \$10,691.44. According to the grant agreement, the unexpended balance will revert to the State on June 30, 2017. However, the Acequia plans to use the remaining balance to complete another phase of the entire project. See the Schedule of Capital Outlay Awards on p. 6 of this report.

- h. Determine whether cash received for the award was accounted for in a separate fund or separate bank account that is non-interest bearing if so required by the capital outlay award agreement.

The Acequia used its checking account at the Del Norte Credit Union Union in Los Alamos, NM to account for the cash receipts and disbursements for this project. A separate non-interest bearing account was not required by the grant agreement.

- i. Determine whether reimbursement requests were properly supported by costs incurred by the recipient. Determine whether the costs were paid by the local public body prior to the request for reimbursement.

In 2015, the Acequia submitted five Request for Reimbursement forms totaling \$83,308.56 to the NMISC. The reimbursement forms were supported by invoices from vendors and contractors for goods and services rendered on each project. The amounts requested in the request for reimbursement forms agreed with the contractor's invoices and canceled checks. The invoices were not paid by the Acequia prior to the request for reimbursement forms because the Acequia did not have the necessary funds. The Acequia paid for the invoices after the checks were received from NMISC.

2. The agreed-upon procedures report shall include the capital outlay amount awarded, amount received, amount expended, the remaining balance, and the actual legislation and effective dates for each capital outlay appropriation that meets the Tier 3 criteria.

See the Schedule of Capital Outlay Awards on p. 6 of this report.

3. Other

- a. If information comes to the IPA's attention (regardless of materiality) indicating any fraud, illegal acts, noncompliance, or any internal control deficiencies, such instances must be disclosed in the report as required by Section 12-6-6 NMSA 1978. The findings must include the required content per Section 2.2.2.10 (I)(3)(C) NMAC.

See the Schedule of Findings and Responses on p. 4-5 of this report.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the Tier 3 agreed upon procedures. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others with the Acequia, the New Mexico State Auditor, Department of Finance and Administration – Local Government Division, New Mexico Office of the State Engineer-Interstate Stream Commission and the State Legislature and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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April 15, 2016

**La Acequia Nueva
Schedule of Findings and Responses
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Status of Prior Year Findings

Not applicable.

Current Year Findings

Finding 2015-001. Late Submission of Firm Recommendation Form and Contract to the Office of the State Auditor

Condition

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, the Acequia did not submit the Firm Recommendation Form for Tiered System Local Public Bodies and the signed agreed-upon procedures contract to the New Mexico Office of the State Auditor (OSA) until February 28, 2016.

Criteria

According to State Audit Rule 2015, Section 2.2.2.16.D (6) NMAC, the Acequia should have submitted the completed Firm Recommendation Form for Tiered System Local Public Bodies and the completed and signed agreed-upon procedures contract to the State Auditor by January 1, 2016.

Effect

A late firm recommendation form and contract could cause the agreed-upon procedures report to be late.

Cause

At the end of 2015, the Acequia experienced a turnover of board members which caused the late submission of the IPA recommendation form and contract to the OSA by the due date.

Recommendation

The Acequia's Commissioners should thoroughly read Section 2.2.2.16 NMAC of Audit Rule 2016 to understand the specific requirements and due dates for agreed-upon procedures. For future fiscal years, the Acequia shall determine its total revenues and state funded capital outlay award expenditures and apply the criteria noted in Section 2.2.2.16.B NMAC (Determination of Revenues and Services) to determine what agreed-upon procedures or audits are required for the fiscal year.

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When required, the Acequia should take the necessary steps to ensure that future contracts for agreed-upon procedures are submitted to the Office of the State Auditor as follows:

- According to State Audit Rule 2016, Section 2.2.2.8.J (9) NMAC (effective March 15, 2016), "After completing the evaluations for each IPA and making the IPA selection, each agency must enter the appropriate requested information online on the OSA-Connect website (www.osa-app.org).” According to State Audit Rule, Section 2.2.2.8.J (11) NMAC, the Association shall deliver the unsigned contract generated by OSA-Connect to the office 30 days before the end of the fiscal year (December 1).

- According to State Audit Rule, Section 2.2.2.16.G (1) NMAC (effective March 15, 2016), "Local public bodies with a fiscal-year end other than June 30 must submit the agreed-upon procedures report or certification no later than five months after the fiscal year-end (June 1)."

Management's Response

The Chairman of the Acequia and the Commission will take the necessary action to ensure that future contracts, agreed-upon procedures, reports or certifications are submitted to the Office of the State Auditor by the required due dates.

La Acequia Nueva
Schedule of Capital Outlay Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015

	<u>1</u>
Amount Awarded	\$ 94,000.00
Received and Expended	<u>(83,308.56)</u>
Remaining Balance	<u>\$ 10,691.44</u>

Agreement Provisions

**1 - Grant Agreement Between the NM Interstate Stream Commission and the Acequia La Nueva
(Fund 13-1600 Capital Appropriation Project)**

Legislative Authority: New Mexico Laws of 2013, Chapter 226, Section 29, Paragraph 33

Date of Agreement: May 2, 2014

Project Description: To plan, design, and construct improvements, including culverts and lining,
to the Acequia La Nueva, del Llano and Comunidad in the Pueblo of Nambe in Santa Fe County.

Estimated Project Cost: \$94,000

State Grant Amount: \$94,000

Agreement termination/reversion date: June 30, 2017

**La Acequia Nueva
Exit Conference
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015**

On April 15, 2016, an exit conference was held with the following individuals to discuss the results of the agreed upon procedures and the contents of this report:

La Acequia Nueva

Orlando Romero, Chairman-Elect
Carl Berney, Treasurer

Accounting & Auditing Services, LLC

Steve B. Archibeque, CPA, Engagement Manager

