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**Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association**

**Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012**

# **Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association**

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# **Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association**

## **Official Roster**

**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012**

### **Board of Commissioners**

Cheryl Muceus, Chairperson

Pauline Hallock, Secretary

Timothy Seaman, Treasurer

### **Mayordomos**

None \*

### **Administrative Staff**

None

\*- No Mayordomo, however, the Commissioners of Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association share the Mayordomo's duties.



State of New Mexico  
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**Hector H. Balderas**  
State Auditor

**Carla C. Martinez**  
Deputy State Auditor

**Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

Cheryl Muceus, Chairperson  
and Members of the Board of Commissioners  
Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association  
P.O. Box 149  
Abiquiu, New Mexico 87510

We have performed the procedures enumerated below for the Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association (Acequia) for the year ended December 31, 2012, 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 and 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 projects were tested. The amounts disbursed agreed with the supporting documentation. The amount, payee, date and description of the purchase agreed with the vendor's invoice, contract and canceled check.

- 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 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).

For the work done on the ditch repair projects, the Acequia advertised, obtained bids and quotes where necessary, and entered into contracts and purchase agreements 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 repair work was physically observed during a tour of the diversion dam and headgates at Rio Chama and Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association on May 15, 2014.

- 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 amounts on the reimbursement forms agree with the general ledger and other supporting documentation. Status reports were not required by the terms of the agreements with the Office of the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission (OSE/ISC). The Acequia submitted the project budgets and reimbursement forms for the projects to the OSE/ISC.

2. 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 projects were not funded in advance. The Acequia was required to submit reimbursement forms to the OSE/ISC upon completion of work on the project. The Acequia paid for its project expenditures after the Acequia received checks from the OSE/ISC.

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

As shown in Exhibit 1 on page 6, the Acequia received a total of \$66,000 and expended a total of \$51,318 in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 and expended \$14,682 in the previous years. For each appropriation, the cash amounts received equaled the amount of expenditures.

4. 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 checks received from the OSE/ISC were deposited in the Acequia's checking account at Community Bank of Espanola. The capital outlay award agreement did not require a separate fund or separate non-interest bearing bank account to deposit the amounts received.

5. 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.

The Acequia filed Request for Reimbursement Forms with the OSE/ISC based on unpaid invoices submitted to the Acequia by vendors who had performed work on Acequia projects. The costs were not paid by the Acequia prior to the request for reimbursement because the Acequia did not have the

necessary funds. The Acequia paid for its project expenditures after the Acequia received the OSE/ISC checks.

6. 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 Finding 2010-01 on page 7 of this report.

7. The 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 Exhibit 1 — Schedule of Capital Outlay Awards to Acequia on p. 6 of this report.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, 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 of the Acequia, the New Mexico State Auditor, the NM Office of the State Engineer, the NM Department of Finance and Administration — Local Government Division, and the NM State Legislature and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Office of the State Auditor*

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May 15, 2014

**Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association**  
**Exhibit 1 – Schedule of Capital Outlay Awards to Acequia**  
**December 31, 2012**

**Note 1**

Amount Awarded for Project	\$66,000
Amount Received by Acequia	66,000
Amount Expended in Prior Years	(14,682)
Amount Expended by Acequia	<u>(51,318)</u>
Remaining Balance	<u>\$ -0-</u>

**Agreement Provisions**

**Note 1: Capital Appropriation Project Agreement between the NM Office of the State Engineer (OSE), Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), and Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association**

Legislative Authority: NM Laws of 2007, Chapter 2, Section 25, Item 8 (GF) and NM Laws of 2009, Senate Bill 29 Section 1, Item 108 (STB).

Date of Agreement with NM OSE/ISC: August 18, 2007

Project Description: To improve the Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association, including headgates, diversion dam and purchasing and installing a ditch lining system in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Estimated Project Cost: \$66,000

Agreement termination date: June 30, 2013

**Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association**  
**Schedule of Findings and Responses**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012**

**Status of Prior Year Findings**

Not Applicable

**Current Year Findings**

**2012-01 Failure to File Agreed-Upon Procedures Report**

**Condition:**

This agreed-upon procedures report for FY 2012 was not submitted to the NM Office of the State Auditor (OSA) by the due date of May 31, 2013.

**Criteria:**

Per Section 2.2.2.16(H) NMAC, "Local public bodies with a fiscal year-end other than June 30 must submit the agreed-upon procedures report no later than 5 months after the fiscal year-end."

**Effect:**

If the report is late, users of the report are not receiving timely information about the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

**Cause:**

According to State Audit Rule, Section 2.2.2.16.B NMAC, "Annually, the State Auditor shall provide local public bodies written authorization shall provide to proceed with obtaining services to conduct a financial audit or other procedures." The Acequia was unaware that by accepting and spending capital outlay money the Acequia would be obligated to have a Tier 3 engagement performed.

**Recommendation:**

The officers of the Acequia should read Section 2.2.2.16 NMAC of the State Audit Rule to understand the specific requirements and due dates for agreed-upon procedures. For future fiscal years, if the Acequia's annual revenue is less than \$50,000 and the Acequia expended at least 50% of, or the remainder of, a single capital outlay award, then the Acequia shall procure services of an IPA for the performance of a Tier 3 Agreed Upon Procedures engagement (Section 2.2.2.16B(3) NMAC). If the annual revenues of the Acequia exceed \$50,000, review Section 2.2.2.16 NMAC for the applicable requirements; if you have any questions about the State Audit Rule, call the OSA at (505) 476-3800. If agreed-upon procedures are required for future fiscal years, take the necessary steps to ensure that the agreed-upon procedures report is submitted to the OSA by May 31.

**Management's response:**

When we applied for CIP funds in 2007, we were not aware that the State Audit Rule was being applied to acequias. We now have a clear view of our responsibilities and the historic weaknesses of our financial record keeping. We are now and will remain in full compliance with the State Audit Rules and attendant regulations as they pertain to the Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association.

The Commissioners of Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association agree with the above recommendation and the agreed-upon procedures report will be submitted in a timely manner.



**Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association**  
**Exit Conference**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012**

On May 15, 2014, an exit conference was held with the following individuals to discuss the results of the agreed upon procedures and the contents of this report:

**Abeyta-Trujillo Acequia Association**

Timothy Seaman, Treasurer

**Office of the State Auditor**

U. Chan Kim, CPA, Audit Manager