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ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS

June 30, 2012

ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Buster Goff	Chairman	
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Gary Schubert	Member	Lea County
Dan Field	Member	Lea County
Gregory H. Fulfer	Member	Lea County
Alan Eades	Member	Hobbs
Tim Woomer	Member	Hobbs
Eric Honeyfield	Member	Hobbs
Cheryl Chance	Member	Jal
Matt White	Member	Eunice
John Norris	Member	Lovington
Neil Granath	Member	Lovington
Marilyn Burns	Member	Tatum

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Mike Gallagher

County Manager

Lea County



Hobbs, New Mexico Midland, Texas Odessa, Texas

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Mr. Hector H. Balderas New Mexico State Auditor The Office of Management and Budget and Lea County Water Users Association Chairman, Board of Directors and Citizens of Lea County Lovington, New Mexico

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the business-type activities of Lea County Water Users Association (the Association), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which comprise the association's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We also audited the budget comparison statement presented as supplemental information for the year ended June 30, 2012. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Lea County Water Users Association as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and its cash flows, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the Schedule of Revenues and Expenses – Budget and Actual presents fairly, in all material respects, the respective budgetary comparison for the Association for the year ended June 30, 2012, in conformity with the budgetary basis described in Note A4.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 27, 2012 on our consideration of the Association's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 5-7 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 the 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.

Hobbs, New Mexico November 27, 2012

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Lea County Water Users Association's (the Association) financial performance provides an overview of the Association's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. This information is presented in conjunction with audited financial statements that follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The Association's total assets increased by \$2,322 while total liabilities decreased by \$16.
- The Association's operating expenses in fiscal year 2011-2012 increased \$1,589 from the prior year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Association reported ending net assets of \$91,425.
- Revenue increased by \$3,524 from the prior year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The financial statements presented herein include all of the activities of the Association.

The Association's basic financial statements are comprised of two components: 1) basic financial statements and 2) notes to basic financial statements. This report also contains supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Financial Statements

The financial statements present the financial picture of the Association from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting.

The statement of net assets presents information on all of the Association's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases and decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Association is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets presents information showing how the Association's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event, giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected invoices and earned but unused vacation leave).

The financial statements reflect that the Association is principally supported by member assessments that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of the Association's expenses.

Fund Financial Statements

The Association's basic services are reported in one unrestricted fund, which focuses on how money flows into and out of the fund and the balance left at year-end that is available for spending. The fund is reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Association's general operations and the basic services it provides.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to basic financial statements can be found on pages 11-14 of this report.

Financial Analysis

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of an entity's financial position. The balance of unrestricted funds may be used to meet the Association's ongoing obligations.

Net Assets

To begin our analysis, a summary of the Association's Statement of Net Assets is presented in Table A-1.

Table A-1
Condensed Statements of Net Assets

	FY 2012	FY 2011	Dollar Change
Current and Other Assets	\$ 91,495	\$ 89,173	\$ 2,322
Current Liabilities	70	86	16
Total net assets	\$ 91,425	\$ 89,087	\$ 2,338

As can be seen from the table above, net assets increased to \$91,425 in fiscal year 2012 from \$89,087 in fiscal year 2011. This increase is the result of an increase in current assets.

Table A-2 Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

	FY 2012	FY 2011	Dollar Change
Operating revenues	\$ 17,242	\$ 13,718	\$ 3,524
Operating expenses	14,904	13,315	(1,589)
Change in net assets	2,338	403	1,935
Beginning net asset	89,087	88,684	403
Ending net assets	\$ 91,425	\$ 89,087	\$ 2,338

While the Statement of Net Assets shows the change in financial position of net assets, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets provides answers as to the nature and source of these changes. As can be seen from the table above, revenues increased to \$17,242 in fiscal year 2012 from \$13,718 in fiscal year 2011 due to revenue being based on expenses that occurred throughout the year. Expenses increased to \$14,904 in fiscal year 2012 from \$13,315 in fiscal year 2011 due to an increase in the activity of the Water User's Board.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

Budgetary Highlights

The Association adopts an annual operating budget following public workshops and a public hearing. The operating budget includes proposed expenses and the means of financing them.

A fiscal year 2012 budget comparison and analysis is presented in Table A-3

Table A-3 Budget vs. Actual Year Ended June 30, 2012

	Original Budget	i	Final Budget	_	Actual Imounts	Р	ariance ositive egative)
Revenues						`	
Membership assessments	 8,600	\$	8,600	\$	2,760	\$	(5,840)
Total Revenues	 8,600		8,600		2,760		(5,840)
Expenses General government	 23,200		23,200		17,241		5,959
Total Expenses	\$ 23,200	\$	23,200	\$	17,241	\$	5,959
Transfer in	-		-				
Prior year cash balance	\$ 41,203	\$	41,203				
Net change in fund balance	\$ 26,603	\$	26,603	\$	(14,481)	\$	119

Significant Variances between Budget and Actual

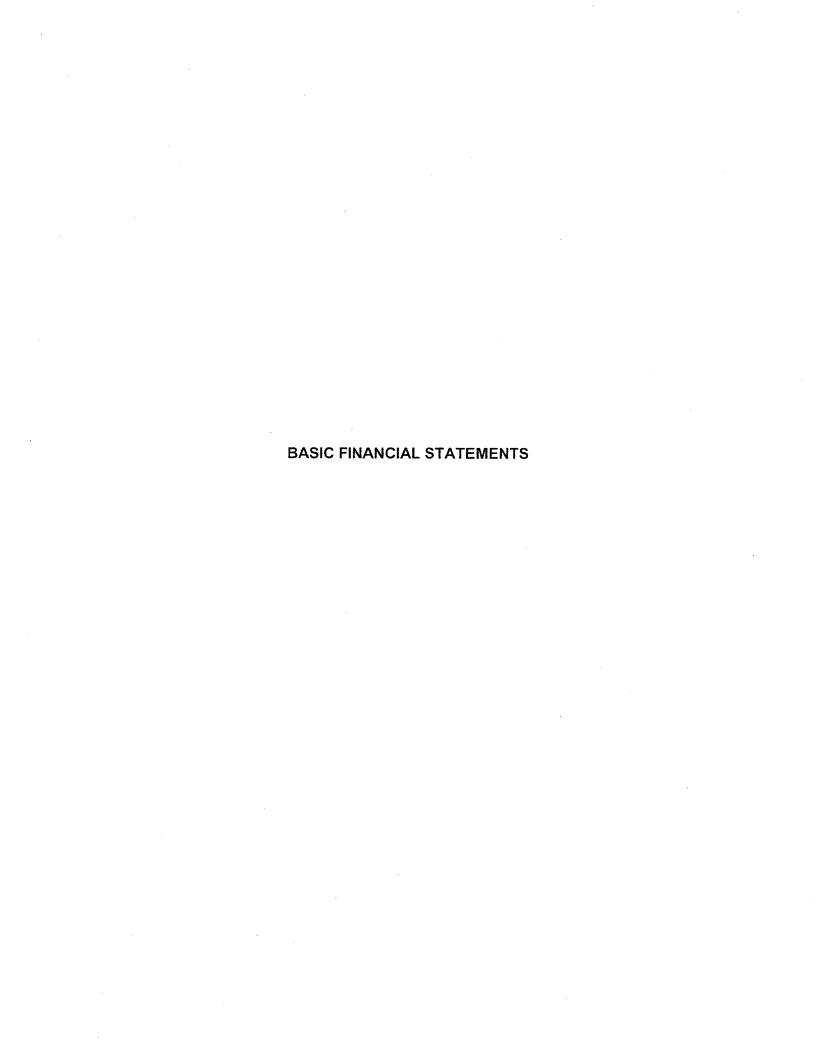
The budget amount of total revenues of \$8,600 was based on prior year actual cash received. General government expenses were \$5,959 less than budgeted due to less expense for legal fees, supplies, and other expense items.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The Board of Trustees of the Association considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2012 budget. Some factors considered are the expectation of issues related to the Water Plan and administrative costs.

Association Contact Information

This financial report is designed to provide our customers and creditors with a general overview of the Association's finances and to demonstrate the Association's accountability for the funds it receives. Anyone having questions regarding this report or desiring additional information may contact Sherri Bunch by phone at 575-396-8653.



STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

	June 30, 201	
ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable (NOTE B)	\$	26,722 64,773
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	91,495
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES Accounts payable	\$	70
TOTAL LIABILITIES		70
NET ASSETS Unrestricted		91,425
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	91,495

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

	Year Ended June 30, 201	
REVENUES Membership assessments (NOTE C)	\$ 17,242	
TOTAL REVENUES	17,242	
EXPENSES General government	14,904	
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,904	
CHANGE IN FUND NET ASSETS	2,338	
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	89,087	
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 91,425	

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	 Year Ended June 30, 2011			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash received from members Cash paid to suppliers	\$ 2,760 (17,241)			
Net cash (used) by operating activities	 (14,481)			
Net (decrease) in cash	(14,481)			
Cash - beginning of year	 41,203			
Cash - end of year	\$ 26,722			
Reconciliation of change in fund net assets to net cash provided by operating activities				
Change in fund net assets	\$ 2,338			
Change in assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable Accounts payable	 (16,802) (17)			
Net cash (used) by operating activities	\$ (14,481)			

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ORGANIZATION

Lea County Water Users Association (the Association) was established on September 23, 1997 under a joint powers agreement entered into by and between the County of Lea, the Cities of Lovington, Jal, Eunice, Tatum, and Hobbs. It was the desire of the parties to form a water users association in order to collectively address the immediate and future water needs of the citizens of Lea County. The joint powers agreement established Lea County as the fiscal agent of the Association.

2. REPORTING ENTITY

In evaluating how to define the government for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Organizations that are legally separate, tax-exempt entities and that meet *all* of the following criteria should be discretely presented as component units. These criteria are:

- The economic resources received or held by the separate organization are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of the primary government, its component units, or its constituents.
- 2. The primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, a majority of the economic resources received or held by the separate organization.
- 3. The economic resources received or held by an *individual organization* that the specific primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, are significant to that primary government.

Based upon the application of these criteria, there are no potential component units included in the Association's reporting entity and the Association is not a component unit of any other entity.

3. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Basis of Accounting:

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The Association has the option to apply all Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued after November 30, 1989, unless FASB conflicts with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The Association has elected not to apply FASB pronouncements issued after the applicable date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

Measurement Focus:

The unrestricted funds (enterprise funds) are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the period they are earned. Expenditures generally are recorded when a fund liability is incurred.

Fund Accounting:

The accounts of the Association are organized on the basis of fund type, of which there is only one fund which is considered an enterprise fund.

Enterprise Funds: (Unrestricted Funds)

Unrestricted funds are used to account for operations of the Association that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs, including depreciation, of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis, be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

4. BUDGET

The annual budget is adopted on the cash basis of accounting.

Annual budgets of the Association are prepared prior to June 1 and must be approved by the resolution of the Board, and submitted for approval by the State of New Mexico. Once the budget has been formally approved, any amendments must also be approved by the Board and the State.

Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board and approved by the State. Budgets for all fund types are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The schedule of budgeted revenues and expenditures presents comparisons of legally adopted budgets with actual data on a budgetary basis.

5. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash held by the Association's fiscal agent, Lea County. These funds are included in those insured and collateralized by Lea County according to the schedules included in the separately issued financial statements of the County.

7. REVENUE

Operating revenue includes activities that have the characteristics of an exchange transaction, such as a) assessments to related parties and b) reimbursements for the water plan.

Non-operating revenue includes activities that have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions. The Association does not typically have non-operating revenues.

8. NET ASSETS

Restricted assets are assets which have third-party limitations on their use. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

NOTE B - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable include a total of \$64,773 with the amounts for year ended June 30, 2012 as follows:

Lea County	\$ 53,108
City of Hobbs	4,310
City of Lovington	2,862
City of Eunice	724
City of Jal	724
City of Tatum	724
Other Receivables	 2,321
Total	\$ 64,773

NOTE C - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Revenues include assessments to the members of \$17,242 with the amounts for year ended June 30, 2012 as follows:

Lea County	\$	7,897
City of Hobbs		4,311
City of Lovington		2,862
City of Eunice		724
City of Jal		724
City of Tatum	 	724
Total	\$	17,242

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE D - LEGAL COMPLIANCE BUDGET

Annual budgets are adopted by the Association with final approval by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. The budgets are established under the following procedures:

Prior to June 30, the Association's Board of Directors approves an operating budget proposed by Lea County for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenses and the means for financing the expenses.

If these expenses exceed the revenues anticipated, sufficient cash balances are appropriated to cover the excess. Such occurrences are shown in the financial statements as "prior year cash balances" and/or fund balances designated for subsequent year's expenses. All appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

The budget is legally enacted by the Association's Board. The adopted budget is then submitted, as a part of the Lea County budget to the Department of Finance and Administration whose personnel review, adjust, and approve the final budget.

The level at which expenses may not legally exceed the amount appropriated is at the function level. Lea County, as fiscal agent, is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within the fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenses of any fund must be approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

The budgets are prepared on the cash basis in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration. The budget comparisons presented in the combined financial statements are reported on the cash basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with budgeted amounts. The budgeted amounts reflected in the comparisons are reported as originally adopted or legally amended by the Association.

NOTE E - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Association is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, errors and omissions; among other risks. The activities of the board members, as representatives of the Association, are covered by the liability insurance of the separate member entities. Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. As of June 30, 2012, the Association had no probable risks of loss.

NOTE F - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Association has evaluated subsequent events through November 27, 2012, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES -BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	 Original Budget	Final Budget	 Actual Amounts	P	ariance ositive egative)
Revenues					,
Membership assessments	 8,600	\$ 8,600	\$ 2,760	\$	(5,840)
Total revenues	 8,600	 8,600	2,760		(5,840)
Expenses					
General government	 23,200	 23,200	17,241		5,959
Total expenses	 23,200	 23,200	17,241		5,959
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenses	\$ (14,600)	\$ (14,600)	\$ (14,481)	\$	119
Other financing sources (uses) Prior year cash balance	41,203	 41,203	· -		
Net change in fund balance	\$ 26,603	\$ 26,603	(14,481)		
Reconciliation to GAAP basis: Increase in accounts receivable Decrease in accounts payable		-	16,802 17		
Change in net assets			\$ 2,338		



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

Mr. Hector H. Balderas New Mexico State Auditor The Office of Management and Budget and Lea County Water Users Association Chairman, Board of Directors and Citizens of Lea County Lovington, New Mexico

We have audited the basic financial statements of the business-type activities and related budgetary comparison presented as supplemental information of Lea County Water Users Association (the Association), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 2012. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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 a 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.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Mr. Hector H. Balderas
New Mexico State Auditor
The Office of Management and Budget and Lea County
Water Users Association Chairman, Board of Directors and
Citizens of Lea County
Lovington, New Mexico

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Association's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, New Mexico State Auditor, the New Mexico Legislature, the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, Lea County, City of Hobbs, City of Lovington, City of Eunice, City of Jal, City of Tatum, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Hobbs, New Mexico November 27, 2012

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LEA COUNTY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION STATE OF NEW MEXICO

SCHEDULE OF STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS

Prior Year Findings

There are no findings for the prior year.

OTHER DISCLOSURES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The financial statements of the Lea County Water Users Association were prepared from the original books and records provided by the management of this entity by Johnson, Miller & Co., CPAs.

EXIT CONFERENCE

An exit conference was conducted on November 27, 2012 in which the contents of this report were discussed with the following:

Association Officials

Sherri Bunch, Finance Director Mary Hinds, CPA

Auditors

Tim Woomer, Board Member Kerri Gray

Mr. Hector Balderas
New Mexico State Auditor
The Office of Management and Budget and
Lea County Water Users Association Chairman, Board of Directors and
Citizens of Lea County
Lovington, New Mexico

PASSED ADJUSTMENTS

The State Auditor's Rule 2.2.2.10 AA (2) states that the auditor must present a list of passed adjustments to the agency management and governing board representatives and a copy of the list must be attached to the audit report submitted to the State Auditor for review.

No passed adjustments were identified during the audit for Lea County Water Users Association for the year ended June 30, 2012.