

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER
AUTHORITY**

A Joint Powers Authority

Sacramento, California

Independent Auditors' Report,
Management's Discussion and Analysis,
Basic Financial Statements and
Required Supplementary Information

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority, JPA
Sacramento, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (the Groundwater Authority), a joint powers authority, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Groundwater Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; 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 opinions 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 auditor's 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 opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Groundwater Authority, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Groundwater Authority adopted new accounting guidance, GASB No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 7 and 19 through 20 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 March 4, 2014, on our consideration of the Groundwater 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 Groundwater Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Vavrinik, Trine, Day & Co. LLP

Sacramento, California
March 4, 2014

**Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013**

This section of Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority's (Groundwater Authority) annual financial statements presents a discussion and analysis of the Groundwater Authority's financial performance during the year ended June 30, 2013. Please read it in conjunction with the Groundwater Authority's basic financial statements following this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As of June 30, 2013 the Groundwater Authority's general fund reported a fund balance of \$838,646.
- The increase in total net position in Fiscal Year 2012-13 was attributable to the contributions the Groundwater Authority received from member agencies and interest earned on contributions.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Groundwater Authority's basic financial statements. The Groundwater Authority's basic financial statements are comprised of three components 1) **Government-wide** financial statements; 2) **Fund** financial statements and 3) **Notes** to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Groundwater Authority's finances in a manner similar to private-sector businesses.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all Groundwater Authority assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator as to whether the financial position of the Groundwater Authority is improving or declining.

The *Statement of Activities* shows changes in net position during the fiscal year. All changes in net position 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 result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., warrants payable).

The purpose of both of these government-wide financial statements is to distinguish functions of the Groundwater Authority that are principally supported by grants and other intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or in part a portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). However, the Groundwater Authority does not have business-type activities. The governmental activities of the Groundwater Authority consist of groundwater protection and preservation.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 8 through 9 of this report.

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Fund Financial Statements are groupings of related accounts that are used to control resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Groundwater Authority, like other states and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate finance-related legal compliance. However, the Groundwater Authority only has *governmental funds* and does not have *proprietary funds* or *fiduciary funds*.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental funds financial statements focus on *near-term inflows* and *outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Groundwater Authority's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The governmental funds financial statements can be found on pages 10 through 11 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes can be found starting on page 12 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator as to whether the financial position of the Groundwater Authority is improving or declining.

**Statement of Net Position
Governmental Activities
June 30,**

	2013	2012	Increase / (Decrease)	
			Amount	Percentage
Total current assets	\$ 851,965	\$ 719,388	\$ 132,577	18.4%
Current and other liabilities	13,319	23,250	(9,931)	-42.7%
Net position				
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 838,646</u>	<u>\$ 696,138</u>	<u>\$ 142,508</u>	<u>20.5%</u>

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Groundwater Authority reported a balance of \$838,646 in *net position*. The increase in net position is primarily due to member contributions exceeding operating expenses.

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The following table indicates the changes in net position for the Groundwater Authority's governmental activities:

Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30,

	2013	2012	Increase / (Decrease)	
			Amount	Percentage
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Contributions	\$ 254,492	\$ 264,048	\$ (9,556)	-3.6%
General revenues:				
Interest	5,332	2,862	2,470	86.3%
Total revenues	<u>259,824</u>	<u>266,910</u>	<u>(7,086)</u>	<u>-2.7%</u>
Expenses:				
Groundwater protection and preservation	<u>117,316</u>	<u>181,484</u>	<u>(64,168)</u>	<u>-35.4%</u>
Total expenses	<u>117,316</u>	<u>181,484</u>	<u>(64,168)</u>	<u>-35.4%</u>
Change in net position	142,508	85,426	57,082	66.8%
Net Position, July 1	<u>696,138</u>	<u>610,712</u>	<u>85,426</u>	<u>14.0%</u>
Net Position, June 30	<u>\$ 838,646</u>	<u>\$ 696,138</u>	<u>\$ 142,508</u>	<u>20.5%</u>

The decrease in groundwater protection and preservation expenditures was attributable to decreased activity under the Groundwater Authority's Database Management System.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Groundwater Authority uses *fund accounting* to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Groundwater Authority's general fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Groundwater Authority's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At June 30, 2013, the Groundwater Authority's general fund reported a fund balance of \$838,646.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013**

The following table presents the amount of revenues from various sources.

**Revenues Classified by Source
Governmental Funds**

Revenues by Source	FY 2013		FY 2012		Increase / (Decrease)	
	Amount	Percent of Total	Amount	Percent of Total	Amount	Percent Change
Contributions	\$ 254,492	97.9%	\$ 264,048	98.9%	\$ (9,556)	-3.6%
Interest	5,332	2.1%	2,862	1.1%	2,470	86.3%
Total	\$ 259,824	100.0%	\$ 266,910	100.0%	\$ (7,086)	-2.7%

Contributions revenue remained relatively stable from FY 2012 to FY 2013 while interest income increased due to increased interest allocations.

The following table presents expenditures by object class.

**Expenditures by Object Class
Governmental Funds**

Expenditures by Object Class	FY 2013		FY 2012		Increase/(Decrease)	
	Amount	Percent of Total	Amount	Percent of Total	Amount	Percent Change
Office supplies	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 44	0.0%	\$ (44)	0.0%
Professional services and fees	13,894	11.8%	31,824	17.5%	(17,930)	(56.3%)
County engineering and administrative services	103,422	88.2%	149,616	82.4%	(46,194)	(30.9%)
Total	\$ 117,316	100.0%	\$ 181,484	100.0%	\$ (64,168)	(35.4%)

The decrease in expenditures was mainly attributable to the current phase of the Groundwater Authority's Database Management System upgrade being concluded during the prior year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The fiscal year 2012-2013 Final Budget was adopted by the Groundwater Authority's Board of Directors on May 9, 2012.

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General Fund Budgetary Highlights (Continued)

Other Professional Fees decreased due to the AB303 grant being concluded in a prior year. Decreased costs resulted in a favorable variance in Other Professional Fees for fiscal year 2012-13.

Water Resources Services decreased due to the AB303 grant being concluded in a prior year. Decreased costs resulted in a favorable variance in Water Resources Services for fiscal year 2012-13.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The fiscal year 2013-2014 Final Budget was adopted by the Groundwater Authority's Board of Directors on May 8, 2013.

The proposed means of financing the \$554,050 in budgeted expenditures for fiscal year 2013-14 includes member contributions totaling \$244,222 and AB303 grant proceeds in the amount of \$200,000. The remaining expenditures will be paid with residual balances in the fund.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Groundwater Authority's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Susan R. Purdin, CPA, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, Sacramento County Department of Water Resources, 827 7th Street, Room 301, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
Statement of Net Position – Governmental Activities
June 30, 2013

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 850,069
Due from Sacramento County	1,896
Total Assets	851,965
LIABILITIES	
Warrants payable and accounts payable	12,994
Due to Sacramento County	325
Total Liabilities	13,319
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	838,646
Total Net Position	\$ 838,646

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
Statement of Activities – Governmental Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Expenses	<u>Program Revenues</u> Operating Grants and Contributions	Net Revenue / (Expense) and Change in Net Position
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS			
Groundwater protection and preservation	\$ 117,316	\$ 254,492	\$ 137,176
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 117,316	\$ 254,492	137,176
General revenues:			
Interest and other income			5,332
Total General Revenues			5,332
Change in Net Position			142,508
Net Position, July 1			696,138
Net Position, June 30			\$ 838,646

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2013

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Authorized Legislation and Organization

The Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (Groundwater Authority), which was created effective August 29, 2006, pursuant to Section 6500 of the California State Government Code and the provisions of a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, is a political subdivision of the State of California. The Groundwater Authority is a jointly governed organization under GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus-an amendment of GASB Statements No.14 and No.34*. Parties to this agreement are the City of Elk Grove, City of Folsom, City of Rancho Cordova, City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water Service, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, and Rancho Murieta Community Services District. The Groundwater Authority was formed to maintain the long-term sustainable yield of the Central Basin; ensure implementation of the Basin Management Objectives prescribed in the Groundwater Management Plan; oversee the operation of a Well Protection Program; manage the use of groundwater in the Central Basin and facilitate implementation of an appropriate conjunctive use program by water purveyors; coordinate efforts among those entities represented on the governing body of the Groundwater Authority to devise and implement strategies to safeguard groundwater quality; and to work collaboratively with other entities in order to promote coordination of water policies and activities throughout the region. The Groundwater Authority is governed by a Board of Directors, which consists of sixteen members. Representation includes a Board member from nine public agencies, two private water purveyors, one representative of agricultural interests, one representative of agriculture-residential groundwater users, one representative of commercial/industrial self-supplied groundwater users, one representative of conservation landowners, and one representative of public agencies that are self-supplied groundwater users. The County of Sacramento is responsible for the Treasurer and Controller functions of the Groundwater Authority.

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the primary government (Groundwater Authority).

The statement of activities presents direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Groundwater Authority's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and; therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2013

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements (Continued)

Program revenues include grants and contributions that are intended to meet the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including interest income, are presented instead as general revenues.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, restricted resources are used first, then unrestricted resources as needed.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the Groundwater Authority's funds, which include only *governmental funds*.

The Groundwater Authority reports the following major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is used to account for all revenues and expenditures necessary to carry out basic governmental activities of the Groundwater Authority.

Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Groundwater Authority gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants, entitlements and contributions. Revenues from grants, entitlements and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Revenues are considered measurable and available when their receipt occurs within sixty days after the end of the accounting period.

Contribution Revenue

Each member of the Groundwater Authority contributes annually based on various formulas set forth in the Joint Powers Agreement. Budgeting for each fiscal year is based on the amount to be received from these contributions. Contributions are payable in annual installments within 30 days of receipt of billing.

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June 30, 2013

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Balance

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) fund balances are available, the Groundwater Authority's policy is to first apply restricted fund balance. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Groundwater Authority's policy is to first apply committed fund balance, then assigned fund balance, and finally unassigned fund balance.

Only the Board has the authority to assign unassigned fund balance amounts where the Groundwater Authority's intent is for those amounts to be used for specific purposes.

The Board of Directors, as the highest level of decision-making authority, may commit fund balance for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal actions taken, such as a resolution. These committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use through the same type of formal action taken to establish the commitment. Board action to commit fund balance needs to occur within the fiscal reporting period; but the amount, if any, which will be subject to the constraint, may be determined at a subsequent period.

Minimum Fund Balance Policy

The Groundwater Authority is required to budget for and maintain a 20% operating reserve. This is an ongoing reserve with the purpose of assuring adequate funds are available for operations pending the receipt of annual contributions from member agencies. The policy requires unassigned fund balance to be at least equal to 20% of budgeted expenditures.

Cash and Investments

Pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, the Treasurer of the County of Sacramento (County) has custody of all cash for the Groundwater Authority. The Groundwater Authority's share of the pooled cash account is separately accounted for and interest earned, net of related expenses, is apportioned at the end of each quarter based upon the relationship of its daily cash balance to the total of the pooled account. The value of the Groundwater Authority's shares in the pools is determined on an amortized cost basis, which approximates fair market value.

New Accounting Pronouncements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) releases new accounting and financial reporting standards which may have a significant impact on the Groundwater Authority's financial reporting process. The Groundwater Authority became subject to the following GASB Statements for the year ended June 30, 2013:

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2013

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

New Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

Governmental Accounting Standard No. 60

In November 2010, the GASB issued Statement No. 60, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession Arrangements*, for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The requirements of this Statement improve financial reporting by establishing recognition, measurement, and disclosure requirements for services concession arrangements (SCAs) for both transferors and governmental operators, requiring governments to account for and report SCAs in the same manner, which improves the comparability of financial statements. This pronouncement did not have a significant effect on the Groundwater Authority's financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standard No. 61

In November 2010, the GASB issued Statement No. 61, *Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus*, effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2012. The requirements of this Statement result in financial reporting entity financial statements being more relevant by improving guidance for including, presenting, and disclosing information about component units and equity interest transactions of a financial reporting entity. The amendments to the criteria for including component units allow users of financial statements to better assess the accountability of elected officials by ensuring that the financial reporting entity includes only organizations for which the elected officials are financially accountable or that are determined by the government to be misleading to exclude. The amendments to the criteria for blending improve the focus of a financial reporting entity on the primary government by ensuring that the primary government includes only those component units that are so intertwined with the primary government that they are essentially the same as the primary government, and by clarifying which component units help ensure that primary government financial statements do not understate their financial position and provide for more consistent and understandable display of those equity interests. Implementation of this pronouncement did not have a significant effect on the Groundwater Authority's financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standard No. 62

In December 2010, the GASB issued Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*, effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The objective of this Statement is to incorporate into the GASB's authoritative literature certain accounting and financial reporting guidance that is included in Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principle Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) Committee on Accounting Procedure. Applicable pronouncements are those that were issued on or before November 30, 1989 and which do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. Implementation of this pronouncement did not have a significant effect on the Groundwater Authority's financial statements.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2013

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Governmental Accounting Standard No. 63

In June 2011, the GASB issued Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The requirements of this Statement result in improved financial reporting by standardizing the presentation of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources as well as their effects on net financial position. Implementation of this pronouncement did not have a significant effect on the Groundwater Authority's financial statements.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

As discussed in Note 1, the Groundwater Authority's cash and investment are held in the County Treasurer's pool. The County Treasurer's pool is not rated by credit rating agencies. At June 30, 2013, the Groundwater Authority's cash and investments held in the County Treasurer's pool totaled \$850,069. Additional information regarding the Pool, including the investment portfolio and related interest rate, custodial credit, credit and concentration of credit risks, is presented in Note 4 of the County's basic financial statements. The Groundwater Authority has not formally adopted an investment policy that addresses any of the risks previously noted.

NOTE 3 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Groundwater Authority uses County of Sacramento departments for other services, such as engineering, administrative, accounting, etc. Expenditures paid to the County of Sacramento during the year were \$103,422.

NOTE 4 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Groundwater Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The Groundwater Authority is of the position that appropriate action has been taken to mitigate these risks and the risk of loss has been brought to an acceptable level.

NOTE 5 – FUTURE ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) releases new accounting and financial reporting standards, any of which may have a significant impact on the Groundwater Authority's financial reporting process. Future new standards which may impact the Groundwater Authority include the following:

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 5 – FUTURE ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Governmental Accounting Standard No. 65

In March 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011. This statement redefines the reporting of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that were previously reported as assets and liabilities in the financial statements. The Groundwater Authority has not determined its effect on the financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standard No. 66

In March 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 66, *Technical Corrections – 2012 – An Amendment of GASB 10 and GASB 62*, effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2012. The objective of this statement was to improve accounting and financial reporting for governmental reporting entities by resolving conflicting guidance contained in GASB 54 and GASB 62. The Groundwater Authority has not determined its effect on the financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standard No. 67

In June 2012, the GASB issued Statement 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 25*, effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2013. This statement's objective is to improve financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans. The Groundwater Authority has not determined its effect on the financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standard No. 68

In June 2012, the GASB issued Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2014. This statement's objective is to improve financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans. The Groundwater Authority has not determined its effect on the financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standard No. 69

In January 2013, the GASB issued Statement No. 69, *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*, effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2013. The objective of this statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by State and local governments for government combinations and disposals of government operations. The statement provides authoritative guidance on a variety of government combinations including mergers, acquisitions, and transfers of operations. The Groundwater Authority has not determined its effect on the financial statements.

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NOTE 5 – FUTURE ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Governmental Accounting Standard No.70

In April 2013, the GASB issued Statement 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*, effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2013. This statement's objective is to enhance comparability of financial statements among governments by requiring consistent reporting by those governments that extend nonexchange financial guarantees and by those governments that receive nonexchange financial guarantees. The Groundwater Authority has not determined its effect on the financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standard No. 71

In November 2013, the GASB issued Statement 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*, effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2014. This statement's objective is to address an issue regarding application of the transition provisions of *Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, and to improve financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans. The Groundwater Authority has not determined its effect on the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (GAAP Basis)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013
General Fund

	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES:				
Contributions	\$ 254,492	\$ 254,492	\$ 254,492	\$ -
State grant revenue	250,000	250,000	-	(250,000)
Interest	2,000	2,000	5,332	3,332
Total Revenues	506,492	506,492	259,824	(246,668)
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Groundwater Protection and Preservation:				
Business / Conferences	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Insurance - Liability	6,000	6,000	-	6,000
Membership dues	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Office supplies	400	400	-	400
Printing services	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Accounting services	15,454	15,454	5,700	9,754
Legal services	5,000	5,000	325	4,675
Other professional services	312,000	312,000	8,194	303,806
Administrative services	6,400	6,400	510	5,890
Water Resources Services	162,235	162,235	102,587	59,648
Total Expenditures	514,489	514,489	117,316	397,173
Excess / (Deficiency) of Revenues Over / (Under) Expenditures	(7,997)	(7,997)	142,508	150,505
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE (GAAP BASIS)	\$ (7,997)	\$ (7,997)	\$ 142,508	\$ 150,505
FUND BALANCE, July 1	696,138	696,138	696,138	-
FUND BALANCE, June 30	<u>\$ 688,141</u>	<u>\$ 688,141</u>	<u>\$ 838,646</u>	<u>\$ 150,505</u>

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

NOTE 1 – BUDGET AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority prepares and legally adopts a final budget on or before June 30 of each fiscal year. Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority's operation, commencing July 1st, is governed by the proposed budget, adopted by the Groundwater Authority Board of Directors by June of the prior fiscal year.

After the budget is approved, modifications can only be made after consideration and approval by the Groundwater Authority Board of Directors. All such changes must be within the revenues and reserves estimated as available in the final budget or within revised revenue estimates as approved by the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority board.

The Executive Director prepares and submits a proposed budget to the Board of Directors no later than the last regularly scheduled meeting before the commencement of the ensuing fiscal year. After reviewing the proposed budget and making such revisions as it may deem advisable, a final budget is prepared and adopted no later than the June board meeting. Budgetary control is administered at the fund and object level.

An operating budget is adopted each year on the modified accrual basis. Additionally, encumbrance accounting is utilized to assure effective budgetary control. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end represent the estimated amount of the expenditures ultimately to result if the unperformed contracts in process at year-end are completed or purchase commitments satisfied. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

OTHER REPORTS

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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**

To the Board of Directors
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority, JPA
Sacramento, California

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 governmental activities and the General Fund of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (the Groundwater Authority), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, which collectively comprise the Groundwater Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 4, 2014. Our report included an emphasis of a matter paragraph regarding the Groundwater Authority's adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Groundwater Authority's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 Groundwater Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Groundwater 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 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. 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 Groundwater 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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Vavrinik, Trine, Day & Co. LLP

Sacramento, California

March 4, 2014