Metro Waste Authority
Des Moines, Iowa

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2015

C O N T E N T S

Metro Waste Authority
OFFICIALS

Name	Title	Representing
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Michael McCoy	Vice Chair (Interim Chair June 1, 2015)	Clive
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Kevin Smith	Member	Elkhart
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Grant Johnson	Chief Financial Officer (Through June 19, 2015)	
Kent Farver	Director of Finance (August 31, 2015 – present)	

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
Metro Waste Authority
Des Moines, Iowa

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Metro Waste Authority (a joint public body) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 Authority'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 Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements, the Authority adopted new accounting guidance related to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27.* Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Metro Waste Authority as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the schedule of the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability and the schedule of Authority pension contributions on pages 6-10 and 35-38, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 6, 2015, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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West Des Moines, Iowa
November 6, 2015

METRO WASTE AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of Metro Waste Authority (MWA), we offer readers of MWA's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial performance for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013. We encourage readers to consider this information with Metro Waste Authority's financial statements that follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Metro Waste Authority continues to provide for the environmentally safe disposal of solid waste for the Central Iowa area and has exceeded its budgeted income the last three years. Here are some of the financial highlights from fiscal years 2015 and 2014:

- Operating revenues increased by 8% for 2015 and by 13.9% for 2014. The increase for 2015 was due to increased tonnage in commercial, residential, and construction and demolition waste. The increase for 2014 was due to increased construction and demolition revenue, revenue from increased compost sales, as well as additional revenue from contract management of the Metro Waste Authority member communities and additional liquid waste disposal.
- The increase in non-operating revenue for 2015 was due to a gain on sale of fixed assets and interest income.
- The increase in capital assets for 2015 was due to the work in process at the new Metro Northwest Transfer Station in Grimes. The increase in capital assets for 2014 was due to the completion of the Silo and Humidification system, the purchase of a scraper pull unit, track loader, lube truck, evaporator system, building improvements at Metro Park East, the purchase of transfer trailers for the Metro Transfer Station, the completion of the Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off building, the purchase of additional property at Metro Park West, and continued building of Sub Title D Cells at the Metro Park East Landfill.
- Decreased operating expenses for 2015 were due to a reduction in fuel costs and engineering services costs. Increased operating expenses for 2014 were due to increased fuel costs and engineering costs, as well as increased contract management expense for the hauling contract for MWA member communities.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report includes this management discussion and analysis report, the independent auditor's report, and the basic financial statements of MWA. The financial statements also include notes that explain in more detail some of the information in the financial statements. Additional supplemental information is also in schedule form and begins after the notes to the financial statements.

REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements report information about MWA using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. These statements offer short-term and long-term information about its activities. The Statement of Net Position includes all of MWA's assets and liabilities and provides information about types and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to MWA's creditors (liabilities). It also provides the basis for evaluating MWA's liquidity, financial flexibility, and overall financial health of the agency.

All of the current year and prior year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. These statements measure the success of MWA's operations over the past two years and can be used to determine whether the organization has covered all its costs through its tipping fees and other charges.

The final required financial statements are the Statements of Cash Flows. These statements report cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operating, investing, and capital and related financing activities. They also provide answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in the cash balance during the reporting periods.

ANALYSIS OF MWA FINANCIAL POSITION

Is MWA's financial position as a whole better off or worse off as a result of this year's activities? The Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report information about the net position of Metro Waste Authority and the changes in them. MWA's net position (the difference between assets and liabilities) is one way to measure the organization's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in MWA's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, one will need to consider other non-financial factors such as changes in economic conditions, population growth, and new or changed government regulations.

NET POSITION

To begin our analysis, a summary of MWA's Statement of Net Position is presented in Table A-1

Table A-1
Condensed Statements of Net Position

	FY 14/15	FY 13/14	Change	% Change	FY 12/13	Change	% Change
Current and Other Assets	$10,660,758	$ 9,627,763	$1,032,995	10.73%	$12,184,865	($2,557,102)	(20.99%)
Restricted Assets	31,571,386	31,063,882	507,504	1.63%	19,563,173	11,500,709	58.79%
Capital Assets	53,900,704	48,772,901	5,127,803	10.51%	47,761,799	1,011,102	2.12%
Total Assets	96,132,848	89,464,546	6,668,302	7.45%	79,509,837	9,954,709	12.52%
Deferred outflows of resources	608,494	-	608,494	100.00%	-	-	-
Current Liabilities	7,159,894	5,451,637	1,708,257	31.33%	7,083,002	(1,631,365)	(23.03%)
Long-term Debt Outstanding	11,904,496	13,277,923	(1,373,427)	(10.34%)	4,644,546	8,633,377	185.88%
Closure and Post Closure Costs	15,380,317	14,508,605	871,712	6.00%	13,940,619	567,986	4.07%
Net Pension Liability	2,943,221	-	2,943,221	100.00%	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	37,387,928	33,238,165	4,149,763	12.48%	25,668,167	7,569,998	29.49%
Deferred inflows of resources	1,122,160	-	1,122,160	100.00%	-	-	-
Net Position:							
Invested in Capital Assets net of Related Debt	40,552,781	43,918,356	(3,365,575)	(7.66%)	41,746,442	2,171,914	5.20%
Restricted by Board	5,482,368	6,054,830	(572,462)	(9.45%)	5,132,623	922,207	17.97%
Restricted for Transfer Station closure	320,000	160,000	160,000	100.00%	160,000	-	0.00%
Unrestricted	11,876,105	6,093,195	5,782,910	94.91%	6,802,605	(709,410)	(10.43%)
Total Net Position	58,231,254	$56,226,381	2,004,873	3.57%	$53,841,670	$ 2,384,711	4.43%

The table above shows that net assets increased $2 million in 2015 and $2.4 million in 2014. The $2 million increase in 2015 was due to an overall increase in current and capital assets.The increase in net assets for 2014 was due to a $11.5 million increase in restricted assets and a decrease of $1.63 million in current liabilities, along with a $8.63 million increase in long term debt, as well as a decrease in current assets of $2.56 million. Restricted Assets are cash and investments that have been designated by MWA's Board of Directors for closure and post closure care costs and for the purchase of capital assets. Federal and State regulations require Metro Waste Authority to complete a closure/post closure plan and to provide funding necessary for full closure and post closure, including the proper monitoring and care of the landfill after closure. Investments totaling $15.4 million in 2015 and $14.5 million in 2014 have been restricted for this purpose. For more detailed information on the restriction of these funds, see note 7 of the financial statements.

Table A-2

Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	FY 14/15	FY 13/14	Change	% Change	FY 12/13	Change	% Change
Operating Revenues	$33,097,552	$30,622,815	$2,474,737	8.08%	$26,865,810	$3,757,005	13.98%
Investment Income (Loss)	565,037	474,451	90,586	19.09%	(344,085)	818,536	237.89%
Nonoperating Revenues	345,098	(209,581)	554,679	264.66%	136,814	(346,395)	(253.19%)
Total Revenues	34,007,687	30,887,685	3,120,002	10.10%	26,658,539	4,229,146	15.86%
Operating Expense	22,291,936	22,618,067	(326,131)	(1.44%)	20,627,988	1,990,079	9.65%
Depreciation	5,503,031	5,739,994	(236,963)	(4.13%)	5,308,576	431,418	8.13%
Nonoperating Expense	534,252	144,913	389,339	268.67%	161,084	(16,171)	(10.04%)
Total Expenses	28,329,219	28,502,974	(173,755)	(.61%)	26,097,648	2,405,326	9.22%
Change in Net Position	5,678,468	2,384,711			560,891		
Beginning Net Position	52,552,786	53,841,670			53,280,779		
Ending Net Position	$58,231,254	$56,226,381			$53,841,670		

While the Statement of Net Position shows the change in net position, the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position provide answers as to the nature and source of these changes. Table A-2 shows operating revenues increased by $2,474,737 million in 2015 and by $3,757,005 in 2014. Operating revenues increased in 2015 due to increased tonnages in residential, commercial, and construction and demolition waste. The increase for 2014 was due to increased construction and demolition revenue, revenue from increased compost sales, as well as additional revenue from contract management of the Metro Waste Authority member communities and additional liquid waste disposal. Nonoperating revenues increased in 2015 due to a gain on sale of fixed assets and interest income. Operating expenses decreased in 2015 by $326,131. This decrease was due to a reduction in fuel costs and engineering services costs. Increased operating expenses for 2014 were due to increased fuel costs and engineering costs, as well as increased contract management expense for the hauling contract for MWA member communities.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Table A-3

Capital Assets

	FY 14/15	FY 13/14	Change	% Change	FY 12/13	Change	% Change
Land & Land Improvements	$17,388,029	$17,258,681	$129,348	0.75%	$17,138,085	$120,596	0.70%
Buildings & Building Improvements	25,107,057	23,304,432	1,802,625	7.74%	22,642,844	202,671	2.92%
Landfill Cell Development	20,462,351	19,351,976	1,110,375	5.74%	17,311,031	2,040,945	11.79%
Wetlands Treatment Facility	4,408,832	4,408,832	-	0%	4,882,595	(473,763)	(9.70%)
Equipment	30,891,852	30,434,455	457,397	1.50%	25,952,566	4,481,889	17.27%
Work in Process	8,626,707	2,612,211	6,014,496	230.25%	3,071,128	(458,917)	(14.94%)
Sub-total	106,884,828	97,370,587	9,514,241	9.77%	90,998,249	6,372,338	7.00%
Less: Accumulated depreciation	52,984,124	48,597,686	4,386,438	9.03%	43,236,450	5,361,236	12.40%
Net Capital Assets	$53,900,704	$48,772,901	$5,127,803	10.51%	$47,761,799	$1,011,102	2.12%

The increase in capital assets in 2015 was due to the work in process at the new Metro Northwest Transfer Station in Grimes. The increase in capital assets for 2014 was due to the completion of the $2 million Silo and Humidification system, the purchase of a $600 thousand scraper pull unit, a $328 thousand track loader, a lube truck, evaporator system, building improvements at Metro Park East, the purchase of transfer trailers for the Metro Transfer Station, the completion of the $1.3 million Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off building, the purchase of additional property at Metro Park West, and continued building of Sub Title D Cells at the Metro Park East Landfill.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

On June 25, 2014, Metro Waste Authority entered into a loan agreement with a bank for $10.0 million with an interest rate of 4.28%. Interest and principal is due monthly each year through June 1, 2024. The proceeds from this loan are to be used to build the Metro Northwest Transfer Station located in Grimes, Iowa.

On October 1, 2012, Metro Waste Authority entered into a loan agreement with a bank for $4.4 million with an interest rate of 1.94%. Interest and principal is due quarterly each year through October 1, 2017. The proceeds from this loan were to build a Coal Combustion and Humidification Silo, refinance the Solid Waste Disposal Note, Series 2009, and build the MHWD addition and improvement.

On April 20, 2009, Metro Waste Authority entered into a Real Estate Contract for $2.3 million to purchase the North Dallas Landfill, at Perry, Iowa. Interest at the rate of 3.52% and principal is due annually each year through April 20, 2023.

On February 10, 2006, Metro Waste Authority entered into a Real Estate Contract for $1.4 million to purchase farm land adjacent to the Metro Park East Landfill. Interest at the rate of 5% and principal is due semiannually each year through September 1, 2015. The seller has the right to demand the unpaid balance of the contract at any time after giving a 60 day notice to MWA.

For more information on MWA's long-term debt, see note 5 of the financial statements.

CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to present users with a general overview of Metro Waste Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the funds generated. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact the Finance Department, Metro Waste Authority, 300 East Locust Street, Suite 100, Des Moines, IA 50309-1864.

Metro Waste Authority
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

ASSETS	June 30 2015	June 30 2014 (Not restated)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 5,616,286	$ 3,565,493
Investments	2,104,983	3,179,293
Disposal fees receivable, less allowance for uncollectible accounts 2015 and 2014 $100,000	2,059,731	2,067,215
Prepaid expenses, accrued interest and other assets	542,832	528,198
Inventories	336,926	287,327
Current maturities of notes receivable	–	237
Total current assets	10,660,758	9,627,763
ASSETS WHOSE USE IS LIMITED		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,074,457	954,143
Investments	30,496,929	30,109,739
Total assets whose use is limited	31,571,386	31,063,882
CAPITAL ASSETS		
Land and building—Metro Park East	42,296,163	41,005,846
Land and building—Metro Park West	7,672,636	7,388,131
Land—Grimes	712,505	712,505
Land and building—Transfer Station	4,225,064	4,214,330
Leasehold improvements—Metro Compost Center	1,507,780	1,449,447
Land and building—Regional Collection Center	2,968,596	1,576,617
Land and building—300 East Locust	7,983,525	7,977,045
Automobiles, trucks and other equipment	30,891,852	30,434,455
Construction in progress	8,626,707	2,612,211
	106,884,828	97,370,587
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	52,984,124	48,597,686
Total capital assets	53,900,704	48,772,901
Total assets	96,132,848	89,464,546
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related deferred outflows	608,494	–

See Notes to Financial Statements.

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	June 30 2015	2014 (Not restated)
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current portion of notes payable	$ 1,443,427	$ 1,576,622
Construction contracts payable	317,672	55,669
Trade accounts payable	2,810,943	1,395,008
Disposal fee rebates payable	227,374	239,305
Landfill tax payable	349,783	340,448
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	1,674,338	1,509,844
Other accrued expenses	336,357	334,741
Total current liabilities	7,159,894	5,451,637
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Notes payable, less current portion	11,904,496	13,277,923
Accrued landfill closure and postclosure care costs	15,380,317	14,508,605
Net pension liability	2,943,221	–
Total long-term liabilities	30,228,034	27,786,528
Total liabilities	37,387,928	33,238,165
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related deferred inflows	1,122,160	–
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	40,552,781	43,918,356
Unrestricted	17,358,473	12,148,025
Restricted for transfer station closure	320,000	160,000
Total net position	$ 58,231,254	$56,226,381

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Metro Waste Authority
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	Year ended June 30	
	2015	2014 (Not restated)
REVENUES		
Landfill, transfer, compost, RCC, curbside recycling, and rental	$33,097,552	$30,622,815
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Operating expenses (excluding depreciation and amortization)	20,991,551	21,069,975
Provision for landfill closure and postclosure care costs	1,300,385	1,548,092
Operating income before depreciation and amortization	10,805,616	8,004,748
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION		
Depreciation	4,176,241	3,877,283
Amortization	1,326,790	1,862,711
	5,503,031	5,739,994
Operating income	5,302,585	2,264,754
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Farm income, net of related expenses	68,180	21,439
Investment income	565,037	474,451
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	267,062	(238,539)
Interest expense	(534,252)	(144,913)
Other	9,856	7,519
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	375,883	119,957
Increase in net position	5,678,468	2,384,711
NET POSITION, beginning of year, as restated	52,552,786	53,841,670
NET POSITION, end of year	$58,231,254	$56,226,381

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Metro Waste Authority
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Year ended June 30	
	2015	2014 (Not restated)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from customers	$33,104,158	$30,753,996
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(14,959,436)	(15,967,062)
Cash paid to employees for services	(4,763,028)	(4,767,232)
Cash paid for host fees	(499,245)	(410,715)
Community clean up grants paid	(110,954)	(114,907)
Net cash provided by operating activities	12,771,495	9,494,080
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Principal payments on notes payable	(1,506,622)	(1,160,812)
Proceeds from notes payable	–	10,000,000
Interest paid on notes payable	(514,539)	(145,240)
Principal collections on notes receivable	237	210,671
Purchase of capital assets	(9,813,484)	(8,805,472)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	322,300	10,759
Payments for landfill cell closure	(428,673)	(980,106)
Net cash (used in) capital and related financing activities	(11,940,781)	(870,200)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments	11,779,709	7,689,695
Purchases of investments	(11,018,677)	(16,733,258)
Interest received	501,325	498,290
Net cash received from farming and other activities	78,036	28,958
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	1,340,393	(8,516,315)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,171,107	107,565
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Beginning	4,519,636	4,412,071
Ending	$ 6,690,743	$ 4,519,636

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Metro Waste Authority
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

	Year ended June 30	
	2015	2014 (Not restated)
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating income	$ 5,302,585	$2,264,754
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	5,503,031	5,739,994
Provision for closure and postclosure costs	1,300,385	1,548,092
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Disposal fees receivable	7,484	106,979
Prepaid expenses and other assets, net of investing activities	(24,834)	(70,963)
Inventories	(49,599)	(63,005)
Deferred outflows due to pension	(174,837)	–
Payables, net of amounts for capital assets	784,959	(148,152)
Accrued payroll and benefits payable	164,494	116,381
Net pension liability	(1,164,333)	–
Deferred inflows	1,122,160	–
Net cash provided by operating activities	$12,771,495	$9,494,080
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS PER STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS TO THE BALANCE SHEET		
Per balance sheet		
Current assets, cash and cash equivalents	$ 5,616,286	$3,565,493
Assets whose use is limited, cash and cash equivalents	1,074,457	954,143
Total per statement of cash flows	$ 6,690,743	$4,519,636

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Metro Waste Authority
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Metro Waste Authority (the Authority) was formed in 1969 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa by a majority of the local governmental jurisdictions comprising the Des Moines, Iowa metropolitan area. The purpose of the Authority is to provide for the economic disposal, or collection and disposal, of all solid waste produced or generated within the metropolitan area. Currently, this purpose is being met by operating sanitary landfills, transfer station, regional collection center and compost facility, as well as managing volume reduction and recycling programs. The Authority also provides disposal services to private contractors.

The Authority is comprised of one representative from each of the sixteen member cities and one representative from Polk County. The member cities are: Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Clive, Des Moines, Elkhart, Grimes, Johnston, Mitchellville, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Runnells, Urbandale, West Des Moines, and Windsor Heights. Each member is entitled to one vote for each 50,000 population or fraction thereof, residing in the governmental jurisdiction, as determined by the most recent general Federal Census.

Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Authority has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The Authority has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Authority are such that exclusion would cause the Authority's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the Authority to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Authority. The Authority has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting policies of the Authority conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization, are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. The Authority has no government or fiduciary funds.

The Authority's accounts are organized into a single proprietary fund. The enterprise fund (a proprietary fund) is used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expense, including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or (b) where the governing body has decided that the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or changes in net position is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

Accounting Standards

The Authority has elected to apply all applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Authority considers all cash and short-term investments that are highly liquid to be cash equivalents.

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Inventories

Inventories, which consist of yard bags and stickers, are stated at cost, based on the first-in, first-out method.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are accounted for at historical cost or estimated historical cost where historical cost is not available. Depreciation and amortization of all exhaustible capital assets is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful life of each class of depreciable asset and is computed on the straight-line method using these asset lives:

Landfill improvements	5 to 10 years
Wetlands treatment facility	10 to 30 years
Buildings	10 to 40 years
Building improvements	10 years
Automobiles and trucks	3 to 10 years
Equipment	5 to 10 years

Amortization is computed using the straight-line method as follows:

Landfill cell development	Landfill capacity used
Leasehold improvements	Lease term

The cost of repairs and maintenance is charged to expense, while the cost of renewals or substantial betterments is capitalized. The cost and accumulated depreciation and amortization of assets disposed of are deleted, with any gain or loss recorded in current operations.

Disposal Fee Rebates Payable

The Authority has entered into waste delivery contracts with certain haulers which provide that eligible haulers will be rebated specified rates per ton for waste delivered directly to the landfill, after delivering a specified minimum volume in a year. Disposal fee rebates payable represent amounts due to eligible haulers under these contracts.

Compensated Absences

Authority employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. The cost of vacation and sick leave accumulations are recorded as liabilities and expenses. The compensated absences liability, included in accrued payroll and employee benefits, has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs

Costs expected to be incurred in ultimately closing the present landfill site are being systematically provided for through charges to expense over the estimated useful life of the landfill on the basis of capacity used (see Note 7).

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments and Investment Income

The Authority's investments and the methods used in determining the reported amounts are as follows:

Type	Method
Interest-earning investment contracts	
Nonnegotiable certificates of deposit	Cost
Debt securities	
U.S. Government Agency securities	
Maturity of one year or less when purchased	Amortized cost
Maturity of more than one year when purchased	Fair value based on quoted market prices
Foreign agency securities	Fair value based on quoted market prices

The nonnegotiable certificates of deposit and U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government Agency securities are nonparticipating contracts not significantly affected by impairment of the issuer's credit standing or other factors. The debt securities with a remaining maturity of one year or less when purchased are also not significantly affected by the issuer's credit standing or by other factors.

Investment income from investments is reported as nonoperating revenue. Investment income includes interest income and the net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments which includes realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments.

Net Position

Net position is presented in the following three components:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization and reduced by the outstanding balance of the note payable obligations that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted

This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net position use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Authority currently has reported restricted net position related to transfer station closure investments. Amounts related to an escrow agreement and amounts restricted for closure and postclosure care costs are reported net of the liabilities accrued related to these costs.

Unrestricted

Unrestricted net position has no externally imposed restrictions on use.

Accounting Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Net Pension Liability

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

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. Deferred outflows of resources consist of unrecognized items not yet charged to pension expense and contributions from the employer after the measurement date but before the end of the employer's reporting period.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Deferred inflows of resources in the statement of net position consists of the unamortized portion of the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments.

NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Authority's deposits in banks at June 30, 2015 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Authority is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Directors; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

As of June 30, 2015, the Authority's deposits and investments are as follows:

Deposits	
Money market funds	$ 1,648,306
Nonnegotiable certificates of deposit	920,000
Investments	
Certificates of deposit	3,173,529
U.S. Government agency securities	26,283,840
U.S. Treasury securities	576,237
Total	$32,601,912

NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

Credit Risk. The Authority's investment policy does not limit its investment portfolio based upon credit quality of the issuer. At June 30, 2015, all of the Authority's investments subject to credit quality ratings were rated AAA by Moody's Investor Service.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The Authority's investment policy limits the amount that may be invested in one issuer (excluding U.S. Government obligations) to 25% of the portfolio. At June 30, 2015, more than 5% of the Authority's investments were invested in obligations of the following agencies: Federal National Mortgage Association 29.0%; Federal Home Loan Bank 26.9%; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation 22.2% and Federal Farm Credit Bank 18.9%.

Interest Rate Risk. The Authority's investment policy limits the investing of operating funds (defined as funds reasonably expected to be expended within fifteen months) to instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in instruments with maturities longer than 397 days, provided that the maturities are consistent with the needs and use of the Authority. The Authority's investments in debt securities had the following weighted average maturities at June 30, 2015: U.S. Treasury securities 1.58 years; U.S. Government agency securities 1.93 years; and certificates of deposit 1.27 years.

NOTE 3 ASSETS WHOSE USE IS LIMITED

Assets whose use is limited at June 30, 2015 and 2014 were limited for the following purposes:

	June 30	
	2015	**2014**
Legally restricted assets whose use is limited		
For closure and postclosure care costs	$15,380,317	$14,508,605
For transfer station closure	320,000	160,000
Under escrow agreement	349,783	340,447
Total - legally restricted	16,050,100	15,009,052
Board designated assets whose use is limited		
For capital projects	13,846,829	14,500,687
For environmental contingencies	600,000	600,000
For debt repayment	1,074,457	954,143
Total - board designated	15,521,286	16,054,830
Total assets whose use is limited	$31,571,386	$31,063,882

Assets designated by the Board of Directors for capital projects, environmental contingencies, and debt repayment represent assets set aside for these purposes. The Board retains control of these assets and may, at its discretion, subsequently use the assets for other purposes.

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

During the year ended June 30, 2015, capital asset additions and disposals by type were as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2014	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2015
Metro Park East					
Land	$ 8,324,595	$ –	$ –	$ –	$ 8,324,595
Building	8,706,426	–	–	445,563	9,151,989
Landfill improvements	2,476,970	–	–	–	2,476,970
Landfill cell development	17,089,023	844,754	–	–	17,933,777
Wetlands treatment facility	4,408,832	–	–	–	4,408,832
	41,005,846	844,754	–	445,563	42,296,163
Metro Park West					
Land	4,651,249	–	–	–	4,651,249
Land improvements	254,454	18,884	–	–	273,338
Building	219,475	–	–	–	219,475
Landfill cell development	2,262,953	265,621	–	–	2,528,574
	7,388,131	284,505	–	–	7,672,636
Land—Grimes	712,505	–	–	–	712,505
Transfer Station					
Land	89,221	–	–	–	89,221
Land improvements	182,521	10,734	–	–	193,255
Building	3,942,588	–	–	–	3,942,588
	4,214,330	10,734	–	–	4,225,064
Metro Compost Center					
Leasehold improvements	1,449,447	–	–	58,333	1,507,780
Regional Collection Center					
Land	69,166	–	–	99,730	168,896
Building	1,507,451	–	–	1,292,249	2,799,700
	1,576,617	–	–	1,391,979	2,968,596
300 East Locust					
Land	498,000	–	–	–	498,000
Building	7,479,045	6,480	–	–	7,485,525
	7,977,045	6,480	–	–	7,983,525
Automobiles, trucks and other equipment					
Office equipment - Central Office and Landfills	849,290	19,650	–	110,860	979,800
Disposal	19,516,337	–	(1,136,165)	1,391,873	19,772,045
Transfer Station	3,286,013	31,399	–	–	3,317,412
Regional Collection Center	396,512	39,780	–	–	436,292
Recycling	4,340,561	–	–	–	4,340,561
Compost Facility	2,045,742	–	–	–	2,045,742
	30,434,455	90,829	(1,136,165)	1,502,733	30,891,852
Construction in progress	2,612,211	9,838,241	(425,137)	(3,398,608)	8,626,707
Totals	97,370,587	11,075,543	(1,561,302)	–	106,884,828
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(48,597,686)	(5,503,031)	1,116,593	–	(52,984,124)
Net capital assets	$48,772,901	$ 5,572,512	$ (444,709)	$ –	$ 53,900,704

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

During the year ended June 30, 2014, capital asset additions and disposals by type were as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2013	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2014
Metro Park East					
Land	$ 8,306,004	$ 18,591	$ –	$ –	$ 8,324,595
Building	8,514,077	192,349	–	–	8,706,426
Landfill improvements	2,476,970	–	–	–	2,476,970
Landfill cell development	15,048,078	230,060	(330,577)	2,141,462	17,089,023
Wetlands treatment facility	4,882,595	–	(473,763)	–	4,408,832
	39,227,724	441,000	(804,340)	2,141,462	41,005,846
Metro Park West					
Land	4,550,910	100,339	–	–	4,651,249
Land improvements	254,454	–	–	–	254,454
Building	159,435	–	–	60,040	219,475
Landfill cell development	2,262,953	–	–	–	2,262,953
	7,227,752	100,339	–	60,040	7,388,131
Land—Grimes	712,505	–	–	–	712,505
Transfer Station					
Land	89,221	–	–	–	89,221
Land improvements	182,521	–	–	–	182,521
Building	3,848,790	–	–	93,798	3,942,588
	4,120,532	–	–	93,798	4,214,330
Metro Compost Center					
Leasehold improvements	1,449,447	–	–	–	1,449,447
Regional Collection Center					
Land	67,500	1,666	–	–	69,166
Building	1,431,838	55,593	–	20,020	1,507,451
	1,499,338	57,259	–	20,020	1,576,617
300 East Locust					
Land	498,000	–	–	–	498,000
Building	7,239,257	159,011	–	80,777	7,479,045
	7,737,257	159,011	–	80,777	7,977,045
Automobiles, trucks and other equipment					
Office equipment - Central Office and Landfills	807,009	42,281	–	–	849,290
Disposal	15,468,969	1,892,588	(153,705)	2,308,485	19,516,337
Transfer Station	2,981,052	113,612	–	191,349	3,286,013
Regional Collection Center	320,783	75,729	–	–	396,512
Recycling	4,340,561	–	–	–	4,340,561
Compost Facility	2,034,192	11,550	–	–	2,045,742
	25,952,566	2,135,760	(153,705)	2,499,834	30,434,455
Construction in progress	3,071,128	4,833,980	(396,966)	(4,895,931)	2,612,211
Totals	90,998,249	7,727,349	(1,355,011)	–	97,370,587
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(43,236,450)	(5,739,994)	378,758	–	(48,597,686)
Net capital assets	$47,761,799	$1,987,355	$ (976,253)	$ –	$48,772,901

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Land with a carrying value of approximately $8,232,000 was not used in the landfill operations as of June 30, 2015 and 2014. Of this amount, approximately $6,998,500 was leased or farmed as farmland as of June 30, 2015 and 2014.

At June 30, 2015, contract commitments of approximately $5,209,000 remain on the Authority's engineering and construction contract for the Metro Northwest Transfer Station construction, and $3,073,000 remain on the Authority's engineering and construction contract for Metro Park East and Metro Park West 2015 Cell Developments.

NOTE 5 NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable at June 30, 2015 and 2014 are summarized as follows:

	2015	2014
Solid Waste note payable	$ 2,253,211	$ 3,124,410
Taxable Revenue Note, Series 2014	9,651,068	10,000,000
Note payable	1,373,644	1,520,135
Farm installment contract	70,000	210,000
	13,347,923	14,854,545
Less current portion	1,443,427	1,576,622
Long-term debt	$11,904,496	$13,277,923

Solid Waste Note Payable

The Authority entered into a loan agreement with a bank on October 1, 2012 for the purposes of building the Coal Combustion and Residue Silo and Humidification at Metro Park East and refinancing the Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Note, Series 2009. The note is payable in quarterly principal payments due on January 1, April 1, June 1 and October 1 each year through October 1, 2017. Interest is also payable quarterly on January 1, April 1, June 1 and October 1 at 1.94%. The note is secured by future net revenues of the Authority. For the current year, $50,076 in interest was expensed on the note.

Taxable Revenue Note, Series 2014

A Taxable Revenue Note, Series 2014 was issued to a bank on June 25, 2014, for the purpose of building the Grimes Solid Waste Transfer Station. The note requires monthly principal and interest payments which commenced on July 1, 2014 of $62,243 through June 1, 2024, when all unpaid principal and interest are due. The note has a fixed interest rate of 4.28%. The note is secured by future net revenues of the Authority. The agreement contains certain covenants. The Authority was in compliance with all covenants at June 30, 2015. For the current year, $425,268 in interest was expensed on the note.

Note payable

The Authority purchased the North Dallas Landfill in April 2009. The note is payable in annual installments of $200,000 from April 2014 through 2023. Installment payments include principal and interest at 3.52%. For the current year, $52,492 in interest was expensed on the note.

NOTE 5 NOTES PAYABLE (continued)

Farm installment contract

The farm installment contract was signed in February 2006, when the Authority agreed to purchase a farm property from an individual adjacent to the landfill. The contract is payable in semiannual principal installments of $70,000 due on March 1 and September 1 each year through September 1, 2015. Interest is also payable semiannually each March 1 and September 1 at 5%. Under the terms of this contract, the seller has the right to demand full payment of any unpaid principal balance at any time by giving the Authority 60 days written notice. Although management of the Authority believes it unlikely that this demand provision will be exercised, the entire note payable balance is classified as maturing in the year ending June 30, 2015, due to the note's 60-day demand provision. For the current year, $6,416 in interest was expensed on the note.

Principal and interest maturities of the notes payable at June 30, 2015 are summarized as follows:

Year ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	$ 1,443,427	$ 500,736	$ 1,944,163
2017	1,412,020	460,393	1,872,413
2018	986,841	422,821	1,409,662
2019	549,310	397,602	946,912
2020	571,145	375,767	946,912
2021-2024	8,385,180	1,252,535	9,637,715
Totals	$13,347,923	$3,409,854	$16,757,777

A summary of changes in notes payable for the year ended June 30, 2015 follows:

	Beginning balance	Additions	Principal payments	Ending balance	Amounts due within one year
Solid Waste note payable	$ 3,124,410	$ –	$ 871,199	$ 2,253,211	$ 888,224
Taxable Revenue Note, Series 2014	10,000,000	–	348,932	9,651,068	333,555
Note payable	1,520,135	–	146,491	1,373,644	151,648
Farm installment contract	210,000	–	140,000	70,000	70,000
Totals	$14,854,545	$ –	$1,506,622	$13,347,923	$1,443,427

A summary of changes in notes payable for the year ended June 30, 2014 follows:

	Beginning balance	Additions	Principal payments	Ending balance	Amounts due within one year
Solid Waste note payable	$3,978,911	$ –	$ 854,501	$ 3,124,410	$ 871,199
Taxable Revenue Note, Series 2014	–	10,000,000	–	10,000,000	348,932
Note payable	1,661,646	–	141,511	1,520,135	146,491
Farm installment contract	350,000	–	140,000	210,000	210,000
Solid Waste Alternatives Program note	24,800	–	24,800	–	–
Totals	$6,015,357	$10,000,000	$1,160,812	$14,854,545	$1,576,622

NOTE 6 OPERATING LEASES

The Authority leases office space in the 300 East Locust building to various tenants under operating leases. At June 30, 2015, approximate future minimum lease payments receivable from noncancelable operating leases are as follows:

Year ending June 30	
2016	$ 455,000
2017	426,000
2018	291,000
2019	169,000
2020	109,000
	$1,450,000

In addition, the Authority has entered into an agreement with the City of Des Moines to lease and operate the City's yard waste processing site. The lease, which extends through March 31, 2020, can be cancelled by either party by giving 60 days notice. Annual rent payments are $40,000.

NOTE 7 CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS

To comply with federal and state regulations, the Authority is required to complete a monitoring system plan and a closure/postclosure plan and to provide funding necessary to effect closure and postclosure care, including the proper monitoring and care of the landfill after closure. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements have established closure and thirty-year postclosure care requirements for all municipal solid waste landfills that receive waste after October 9, 1993. State governments are primarily responsible for implementation and enforcement of those requirements and have been given flexibility to tailor requirements to accommodate local conditions that exist. The effect of the EPA requirements is to commit landfill owners to perform certain closing functions and postclosure monitoring functions as a condition for the right to operate the landfill in the current period. The EPA requirements provide that when a landfill stops accepting waste, it must be covered with a minimum of twenty-four inches of earth to keep liquid away from the buried waste. Once the landfill is closed, the owner is responsible for maintaining the final cover, monitoring ground water and methane gas, and collecting and treating leachate (the liquid that drains out of waste) for thirty years.

The Authority is required to estimate total landfill closure and postclosure care costs and recognize a portion of these costs each year based on the percentage of estimated total landfill capacity used that period. Estimated total costs would consist of four components: (1) the cost of equipment and facilities used in postclosure monitoring and care, (2) the cost of final cover (material and labor), (3) the cost of monitoring the landfill during the postclosure period and (4) the cost of any environmental cleanup required after closure. Estimated total cost is based on the cost to purchase those services and equipment currently and is required to be updated annually for changes due to inflation or deflation, technology, or applicable laws or regulations.

The Authority's estimated closure and postclosure care liabilities are as follows as of June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	June 30	
	2015	2014
Postclosure care	$ 8,340,618	$ 8,327,611
Landfill closure	7,039,699	6,180,994
Totals	$15,380,317	$14,508,605

NOTE 7 CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS (continued)

The provision for landfill closure and postclosure care costs recognized for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

	Year ended June 30	
	2015	2014
Provision for postclosure care	$ 548,520	$ 574,063
Provision for landfill closure	751,865	974,029
Totals	$1,300,385	$1,548,092

The total closure and postclosure care costs for Metro Waste Authority have been estimated at approximately $17,327,000 as of June 30, 2015, and the portion of the liability that has been recognized is $15,380,317. This liability represents the cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of approximately 85 percent of the capacity of the landfill less payments for cell closure, with a remaining life of 48 years. A provision for the above liability has been made on the Authority's balance sheet as of June 30, 2015 and 2014. The Authority has accumulated resources to fund these costs. They are included in assets whose use is limited on the balance sheet and total $15,380,317 as of June 30, 2015.

NOTE 8 TRANSFER STATION CLOSURE CARE

To comply with state regulations, the Authority is required to complete a closure plan detailing how the transfer station will comply with proper disposal of all solid waste and litter at the site, cleaning the transfer station building, including the rinsing of all surfaces which have come in contact with solid waste or washwater, cleaning of all solid waste transport vehicles which will remain on site, including the rinsing of all surfaces which have come in contact with solid waste, and the removal and proper management of all washwater in the washwater management system.

To comply with state regulations, the Authority is required to maintain a closure account as financial assurance for the closure care costs. The effect of the state requirement is to commit landfill owners to perform certain closing functions as a condition for the right to operate the transfer station.

The total closure care costs for the Authority as of June 30, 2015 have been estimated at $320,000. The balance has been restricted and is fully funded at June 30, 2015.

NOTE 9 SOLID WASTE TONNAGE FEES RETAINED

The Authority has established an account for restricting and using solid waste tonnage fees retained by the Authority in accordance with Chapter 455B.310 of the Code of Iowa. As required by the Code of Iowa, fifty cents per ton of the solid waste tonnage fee must be used for the following: (1) development and implementation of an approved comprehensive plan, (2) development of a closure or postclosure care plan, (3) development of a plan for the control and treatment of leachate which may include a facility plan or detailed plans and specifications, and (4) preparation of a financial plan. One dollar and five cents per ton of the retained funds shall be disbursed to a city, county, or public agency using the sanitary disposal project for the purpose of implementation of waste volume reduction and recycling required by the Authority's approved comprehensive plan. The fees retained may also be used for other environmental protection and environmental compliance activities. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, there were no unspent amounts retained by the Authority.

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

IPERS is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System. Membership is mandatory for employees of the Authority, except for those covered by another retirement system. IPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at 7401 Register Drive P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117 or at www.ipers.org.

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general informational purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits

A regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is age 65, any time after reaching age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment, or when the member's years of service plus the member's age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. (These qualifications must be met on the member's first month of entitlement to benefits.) Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits before age 55. The formula used to calculate a Regular member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

- A multiplier (based on years of service).
- The member's highest five-year average salary. (For members with service before June 30, 2012, the highest three-year average salary as of that date will be used if it is greater than the highest five-year average salary.)

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member's monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service earned before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25 percent for each month that the member receives benefits before the member's earliest normal retirement age. For service earned starting July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50 percent for each month that the member receives benefits before age 65.

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member's lifetime. However, to combat the effects of inflation, retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990 receive a guaranteed dividend with their regular November benefit payments.

Disability and Death Benefits

A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member's beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member's accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

Contributions

Effective July 1, 2012, as a result of a 2010 law change, the contribution rates are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation, which applies IPERS' Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization Method. Statute limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to 1 percentage point. IPERS Contribution Rate Funding Policy requires that the actuarial contribution rate be determined using the "entry age normal" actuarial cost method and the actuarial assumptions and methods approved by the IPERS Investment Board. The actuarial contribution rate covers normal cost plus the unfunded actuarial liability payment based on a 30-year amortization period. The payment to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability is determined as a level percentage of payroll, based on the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board.

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN (continued)

Contributions (continued)

In fiscal year 2015, pursuant to the required rate, Regular members contributed 5.95 percent of pay and the Authority contributed 8.93 percent for a total rate of 14.88 percent.

The Authority's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 were $438,824 and $433,935, respectively.

Net Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2015, the Authority reported a liability of $2,943,211 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The Authority net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Authority's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. The following table summarizes the change in the Authority's proportionate share:

	June 30		
	2014	2013	Change
Authority's proportionate share	0.074213%	0.071539%	0.002674%

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Authority recognized pension expense of $222,114. At June 30, 2015, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Total	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	$ 31,987	$ –
Change in assumptions	129,891	–
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	–	1,122,160
Change in proportion and difference between Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	7,792	–
Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date	438,824	–
Totals	$ 608,494	$1,122,160

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN (continued)

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

$438,824 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Members
2016	$ (240,972)
2017	(240,972)
2018	(240,972)
2019	(240,972)
2020	11,098
Totals	$ (952,790)

There were no non-employer contributing entities at IPERS.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Rate of inflation (effective June 30, 2014)	3.00 percent
Salary increases (effective June 30, 2010)	4.00 percent, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return (effective June 30, 1996)	7.50 percent per annum, compounded annually, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies with dates corresponding to those listed above.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

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

Asset Class	Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US Equity	23%	6.31
Non US Equity	15	6.76
Private Equity	13	11.34
Real Estate	8	3.52
Core Plus Fixed Income	28	2.06
Credit Opportunities	5	3.67
TIPS	5	1.92
Other Real Assets	2	6.27
Cash	1	(0.69)
Total	100%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the contractually required rate and that contributions from the Authority will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5 percent, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.5 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.5 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.5%)	Discount Rate (7.5%)	1% Increase (8.5%)
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$5,561,134	$2,943,221	$ 733,432

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS' website at www.ipers.org.

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN (continued)

Payables to the Pension Plan

At June 30, 2015, the Authority reported payables to the defined benefit pension plan of $46,200 for legally required employer contributions and $30,800 for legally required employee contributions which had been withheld from employee wages but not yet remitted to IPERS.

NOTE 11 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note 10, the Authority provides post employment healthcare benefits to all eligible employees who retire from the Authority. There are 23 active members and 1 retired members in the plan. The Authority pays the insurance premiums based on the rate of coverage for a single employee until the retired employee reaches age 65. Payments under these benefits totaled $6,750 for 2015 and $-0- for 2014.

NOTE 12 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Authority assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations.

The Authority is a member of the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by Chapter 670.7 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool whose 700 members include various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials' liability, police professional liability, property, inland marine, and boiler/machinery. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual casualty operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses and reinsurance expenses estimated for the fiscal year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained at a level determined by the Board not to exceed 300 percent of the total current members' basis rates or to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory Authority having jurisdiction over the Pool.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, reinsurance premiums, losses and loss expenses for property risks estimated for the fiscal year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if insufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The Authority's contributions to the risk pool are recorded as expenditures from its operating funds at the time of payment to the risk pool. The Authority's contributions to the Pool for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 were $189,705 and $202,382, respectively.

NOTE 12 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials' liability risks up to $350,000 per claim. Claims exceeding $350,000 are reinsured through reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements up to the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the Authority's risk-sharing certificate. Property and automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to $150,000 each occurrence, each location. Property risks exceeding $150,000 are reinsured through reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements up to the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the Authority's risk-sharing certificate.

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim, property loss or series of claims or losses exceeds the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the Authority's risk-sharing certificate, or in the event a casualty claim, property loss or series of claims or losses exhausts the Pool's funds and any reinsurance and any excess risk-sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims or losses shall be the obligation of the respective individual member against whom the claim was made or the loss was incurred. The Authority does not report a liability for losses in excess of reinsurance or excess risk-sharing recoveries unless it is deemed probable such losses have occurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, at June 30, 2015, no liability has been recorded in the Authority's financial statements. As of June 30, 2015, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance coverage since the Pool's inception.

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days' prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claims expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Upon withdrawal, a formula set forth in the Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members is applied to determine the amount (if any) to be refunded to the withdrawing member.

NOTE 13 CONTINGENCIES

The Authority is subject to constantly changing laws and regulations at both the federal and state levels. These regulations and related enforcement activities reflect a continuing public and governmental concern in providing for environmentally sound solid and chemical waste collection, transportation, storage, treatment and disposal practices. The impact of present and developing laws, regulations and enforcement activities upon the Authority's future capital and operating costs cannot reasonably be estimated, but management believes that such costs may be significant. In addition, there are a number of inherent risks and uncertainties in operating landfill, transfer station, regional collection and composting sites, with related environmental impact challenges possible. However, the future effect, if any, on the Authority cannot be foreseen at the present time.

NOTE 14 CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

At June 30, 2015, receivables from four customers totaled approximately $730,000, or 35% of total net receivables.

NOTE 15 ACCOUNTING CHANGE/RESTATEMENT

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB No. 27* was implemented during fiscal year 2015. The revised requirements establish new financial reporting requirements for state and local governments which provide their employees with pension benefits, including additional note disclosures and required supplementary information. In addition, GASB No. 68 requires a state or local government employer to recognize a net pension liability and changes in the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources which arise from other types of events related to pensions. During the transition year as permitted, beginning balances for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will not be reported, except for deferred outflows of resources related to contributions made after the measurement date of the beginning net pension liability which is required to be reported by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. Beginning net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 was restated to retroactively report the beginning net pension liability and deferred outflows of resources related to contributions made after the measurement date, as follows:

	Net position
Net position June 30, 2014, as previously reported	$56,226,381
Net pension liability at June 30, 2014	(4,107,554)
Deferred outflows of resources related to contributions made after the June 30, 2013 measurement date	433,959
Net position July 1, 2014, as restated	$52,552,786

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Metro Waste Authority
SCHEDULE OF THE AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System
(In Thousands)
Required Supplementary Information

	June 30 2015
Authority's proportion of the net pension liability	.074213%
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$2,943
Authority's total payroll	$4,928
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its total payroll	60%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	88%

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information - pension liability.

Metro Waste Authority
SCHEDULE OF AUTHORITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System
(In Thousands)
Required Supplementary Information

	Year ended June 30			
	2015	**2014**	**2013**	**2012**
Statutorily required contribution	$ 439	$ 434	$ 404	$ 363
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	439	434	404	363
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ –	$ –	$ –	$ –
Authority's total payroll	$4,928	$4,884	$4,635	$4,497
Contributions as a percentage of total payroll	8.9%	8.9%	8.7%	8.1%

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information - pension liability.

Year ended June 30					
2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
$ 295	$ 266	$ 232	$ 204	$ 184	$ 173
295	266	232	204	184	173
$ –	$ –	$ –	$ –	$ –	$ –
$4,250	$4,028	$3,703	$3,414	$3,191	$2,944
6.9%	6.6%	6.3%	6.0%	5.8%	5.9%

Metro Waste Authority
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PENSION LIABILITY
Year ended June 30, 2015

CHANGES OF BENEFIT TERMS

Legislation passed in 2010 modified benefit terms for current Regular members. The definition of final average salary changed from the highest three to the highest five years of covered wages. The vesting requirement changed from four years of service to seven years. The early retirement reduction increased from 3 percent per year measured from the member's first unreduced retirement age to a 6 percent reduction for each year of retirement before age 65.

In 2008, legislative action transferred four groups – emergency medical service providers, county jailers, county attorney investigators, and National Guard installation security officers – from Regular membership to the protection occupation group for future service only.

Benefit provisions for sheriffs and deputies were changed in the 2004 legislative session. The eligibility for unreduced retirement benefits was lowered from age 55 by one year each July 1 (beginning in 2004) until it reached age 50 on July 1, 2008. The years of service requirement remained at 22 or more. Their contribution rates were also changed to be shared 50-50 by the employee and employer, instead of the previous 40-60 split.

CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

The 2014 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent.
- Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 4.00 percent to 3.75 percent per year.
- Adjusted male mortality rates for retirees in the Regular membership group.
- Reduced retirement rates for sheriffs and deputies between the ages of 55 and 64.
- Moved from an open 30 year amortization period to a closed 30 year amortization period for the UAL beginning June 30, 2014. Each year thereafter, changes in the UAL from plan experience will be amortized on a separate closed 20 year period.

The 2010 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Adjusted retiree mortality assumptions.
- Modified retirement rates to reflect fewer retirements.
- Lowered disability rates at most ages.
- Lowered employment termination rates.
- Generally increased the probability of terminating members receiving a deferred retirement benefit.
- Modified salary increase assumptions based on various service duration.

The 2007 valuation adjusted the application of the entry age normal cost method to better match projected contributions to the projected salary stream in the future years. It also included in the calculation of the UAL amortization payments the one-year lag between the valuation date and the effective date of the annual actuarial contribution rate.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The Board of Directors
Metro Waste Authority
Des Moines, Iowa

We have audited the financial statements of Metro Waste Authority as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, and our report thereon dated November 6, 2015, which appears on pages 4 and 5, contains an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The following supplementary information, which is the responsibility of management, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information, except for the portion marked “unaudited”, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole. We previously audited the years ended June 30, 2006 through 2013, and expressed unmodified opinions on those financial statements.

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West Des Moines, Iowa
November 6, 2015

Metro Waste Authority
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES, BY DEPARTMENT
Year ended June 30, 2015

	Combined	Metro Park East Landfill
REVENUES		
Tipping fees, service fees and rental revenue	$33,097,552	$13,025,171
EXPENSES		
Operating expenses (excluding depreciation and amortization)	20,991,551	6,219,142
Provision for landfill closure and postclosure care costs	1,300,385	1,177,167
Total operating expenses	22,291,936	7,396,309
Operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization	10,805,616	5,628,862
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION		
Depreciation	4,176,241	1,998,239
Amortization	1,326,790	1,326,790
	5,503,031	3,325,029
Operating income (loss)	5,302,585	2,303,833
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Farm income, net of related expenses	68,180	65,516
Investment income	565,037	–
Interest expense	(534,252)	(26,454)
Gain on sale of capital assets	267,062	–
Other	9,856	1,244
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	375,883	40,306
Increase (decrease) in net position	$ 5,678,468	$ 2,344,139

*Included in administration is activity of the central office, grant programs, engineering studies, and other miscellaneous Authority activity.

Metro Park West Landfill	Metro Transfer Station	Metro Compost Center	Regional Collection Center	Recycling	Rental-300 East Locust	Administration
$1,393,954	$8,406,868	$2,633,330	$ 588,990	$3,430,878	$ 619,787	$2,998,574
684,550	1,941,864	2,139,785	880,539	3,543,983	467,573	5,114,115
123,218	–	–	–	–	–	–
807,768	1,941,864	2,139,785	880,539	3,543,983	467,573	5,114,115
586,186	6,465,004	493,545	(291,549)	(113,105)	152,214	(2,115,541)
552,872	526,808	213,848	143,138	443,883	224,271	73,182
–	–	–	–	–	–	–
552,872	526,808	213,848	143,138	443,883	224,271	73,182
33,314	5,938,196	279,697	(434,687)	(556,988)	(72,057)	(2,188,723)
2,664	–	–	–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–	–	2	565,035
(52,492)	(425,268)	–	(16,360)	(13,678)	–	–
–	–	–	–	–	–	267,062
–	–	–	3,320	–	–	5,292
(49,828)	(425,268)	–	(13,040)	(13,678)	2	837,389
$ (16,514)	$5,512,928	$ 279,697	$ (447,727)	$ (570,666)	$ (72,055)	$(1,351,334)

Metro Waste Authority
COMBINING SUMMARY OF OPERATING EXPENSES, EXCLUDING DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION, BY DEPARTMENT
Year ended June 30, 2015

	Combined	Metro Park East Landfill
Salaries	$ 4,927,522	$2,100,783
Payroll taxes	598,155	258,000
Benefits	1,108,034	500,989
Site maintenance	800,565	483,210
Recycling programs	5,949,866	–
Vehicle repairs and maintenance	993,270	466,662
Vehicle fuel	952,388	651,751
Computer maintenance	138,248	47,142
Minor equipment	79,482	61,456
Professional services	467,407	103,769
Engineering services	317,198	227,128
Graphics design/contract printing	10,693	352
Contract disposal	536,693	288,947
Property taxes and host fees	413,943	165,934
Telephone and utilities	301,361	116,725
Building and office supplies	271,060	84,721
Advertising	284,576	20,539
Travel	85,600	33,591
Postage	18,434	1,138
Credit card discount	245,699	245,699
Miscellaneous	87,817	26,626
Insurance	207,785	78,540
Leachate processing	284,549	235,030
Investment expense	47,095	–
Machinery and equipment rental	23,495	20,410
Office and facilities rent	209,467	–
Yard waste collection and bags	1,496,884	–
Community cleanup grants	110,954	–
Environmental Management System	23,311	–
Total operating expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization	$20,991,551	$6,219,142

*Included in administration is activity of the central office, grant programs, engineering studies, and all other miscellaneous Authority activity.

Metro Park West Landfill	Metro Transfer Station	Metro Compost Center	Regional Collection Center	Recycling	Rental-300 East Locust	Administration*
$ 285,579	$ 902,845	$ 263,847	$ 359,163	$ 172,632	$ –	$ 842,673
32,897	109,641	32,179	45,929	21,015	–	98,494
58,108	182,880	65,653	102,375	40,470	–	157,559
47,638	64,407	26,134	24,690	19,926	134,459	101
–	–	–	–	2,967,271	–	2,982,595
41,782	306,651	57,356	3,894	116,925	–	–
43,223	195,805	54,414	5,897	–	–	1,298
3,206	2,959	2,285	1,944	–	–	80,712
1,626	882	2,265	8,879	–	–	4,374
–	–	–	–	4,076	–	359,562
46,519	20,088	19,700	2,028	–	–	1,735
32	–	1,757	955	6,499	–	1,098
–	–	–	151,110	95,630	1,006	–
–	32,666	–	19,144	–	196,199	–
18,526	27,068	4,620	45,745	–	51,447	37,230
13,556	52,134	5,042	33,263	1,726	56,659	23,959
1,615	1,600	52,529	33,406	79,511	–	95,376
2,503	2,680	208	19,454	6,602	–	20,562
265	–	–	20	1,962	–	15,049
–	–	–	–	–	–	–
556	7,455	1,018	5,698	737	507	45,220
14,157	31,268	14,977	16,945	9,001	27,296	15,601
49,519	–	–	–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–	–	–	47,095
–	835	2,250	–	–	–	–
–	–	36,667	–	–	–	172,800
–	–	1,496,884	–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–	–	–	110,954
23,243	–	–	–	–	–	68
$ 684,550	$1,941,864	$2,139,785	$ 880,539	$3,543,983	$ 467,573	$5,114,115

Metro Waste Authority
SUMMARY OF HISTORICAL OPERATING INFORMATION

	Year ended		
	2015	**2014**	**2013**
REVENUES	$33,097,552	$30,622,815	$26,865,810
EXPENSES			
Operating expenses (excluding depreciation and amortization)	20,991,551	21,069,975	19,084,041
Provision for landfill closure and postclosure care costs	1,300,385	1,548,092	1,543,947
Operating income before depreciation and amortization	10,805,616	8,004,748	6,237,822
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION			
Depreciation	4,176,241	3,877,283	3,513,636
Amortization	1,326,790	1,862,711	1,794,940
	5,503,031	5,739,994	5,308,576
Operating income	5,302,585	2,264,754	929,246
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Farm income (loss), net of related expenses	68,180	21,439	102,095
Investment income (loss)	565,037	474,451	(344,085)
Gain (loss) on sale of land and capital assets	267,062	(238,539)	8,640
Interest expense	(534,252)	(144,913)	(161,084)
Other	9,856	7,519	26,079
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	375,883	119,957	(368,355)
Increase in net position	$ 5,678,468	$ 2,384,711	$ 560,891
Percent increase (decrease) from prior period			
Revenues	8.08%	13.98%	2.86%
Operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortization	(0.37)%	10.37%	6.78%
Provision for depreciation and amortization	(4.13)%	8.13%	(7.70)%
Tonnage delivered to landfill (unaudited)	673,870	629,003	575,553
Compost tonnage (unaudited)	48,747	35,566	32,611

* During 2006, the Authority recognized a change in accounting estimate of $4,875,566 when the Authority determined that non-composite liners would be utilized in the portions of the landfill in which composite liners are not required.

June 30						
2012	**2011**	**2010**	**2009**	**2008**	**2007**	**2006***
$26,118,067	$24,709,213	$22,476,221	$22,334,440	$21,416,712	$19,472,340	$18,497,337
17,871,941	16,227,319	15,489,209	15,715,024	13,899,799	12,570,040	11,791,128
1,351,195	1,768,088	1,407,606	1,266,388	998,862	1,119,852	(4,080,754)
6,894,931	6,713,806	5,579,406	5,353,028	6,518,051	5,782,448	10,786,963
3,877,884	3,445,727	3,298,212	2,659,138	2,891,392	2,391,022	2,169,425
1,873,668	1,880,017	2,188,400	2,388,956	1,895,793	725,400	725,400
5,751,552	5,325,744	5,486,612	5,048,094	4,787,185	3,116,422	2,894,825
1,143,379	1,388,062	92,794	304,934	1,730,866	2,666,026	7,892,138
184,253	50,372	107,322	(64,124)	75,933	92,584	1,895
416,862	325,172	655,857	800,914	1,431,260	1,730,338	801,886
30,509	8,312	4,170	–	88,106	184,602	4,000
(196,526)	(227,012	(254,632)	(119,877)	(126,549)	(320,253)	(127,154)
21,669	108,359	56,740	45,935	22,740	25,641	17,715
456,767	265,203	569,457	662,848	1,491,490	1,712,912	698,342
$ 1,600,146	$1,653,265	$ 662,251	$ 967,782	$ 3,222,356	$ 4,378,938	$ 8,590,480
5.70%	9.93%	0.63%	4.29%	9.99%	5.27%	5.70%
10.13%	4.77%	(1.44)%	13.06%	10.58%	6.61%	2.33%
8.00%	(2.93)%	8.69%	5.45%	53.61%	7.65%	7.40%
551,228	561,792	548,384	560,468	552,349	495,203	490,599
32,937	32,569	32,664	30,385	24,990	25,421	20,447

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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*

The Board of Directors
Metro Waste Authority
Des Moines, Iowa

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of Metro Waste Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2015.

<u>Internal Control Over Financial Reporting</u>

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Metro Waste Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Authority'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 Metro Waste Authority'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*.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Authority's operations for the year ended June 30, 2015 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Authority. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes. Those comments are presented in Part II of the accompanying schedule of findings.

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 testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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West Des Moines, Iowa
November 6, 2015

Metro Waste Authority
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
Year ended June 30, 2015

Part I—Findings Related to the Financial Statements

No matters regarding significant deficiencies, material weaknesses or instances of noncompliance relative to the financial statements were reported.

Metro Waste Authority
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
Year ended June 30, 2015

Part II—Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting

15-II-A QUESTIONABLE EXPENSES

No questionable expenditures of Authority funds were noted.

15-II-B TRAVEL EXPENSE

No expenditures of Authority money for travel expenses of spouses of Authority officials or employees were noted.

15-II-C BOARD MINUTES

No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Authority minutes but were not.

15-II-D DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

No instances on noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapters 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Authority's investment policy were noted.

15-II-E SOLID WASTE FEES RETAINAGE

During the year ended June 30, 2015, the Authority used or retained the solid waste fees in accordance with Chapter 455B.310 of the Code of Iowa.

15-II-F FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

The Authority has demonstrated financial assurance for closure and postclosure care costs by establishing a local government dedicated fund as provided in Chapter 111.6(8) of the Iowa Administrative Code. Amounts are as follows:

	Closure	Postclosure
Total estimated costs for closure and postclosure care at June 30, 2015	$7,039,699	$8,340,618
Less balance of funds held in the local dedicated fund at June 30, 2015	7,039,699	8,340,618
	–	–
Divided by the number of years remaining in the pay-in period	÷ 1	÷ 1
Required payment into the local dedicated fund for the year ended June 30, 2015	$ –	$ –
Required balance of funds held in the local dedicated fund at June 30, 2015	$7,039,699	$8,340,618
Amount Authority has restricted for closure and postclosure care at June 30, 2015	$7,039,699	$8,340,618