Financial Report September 30, 2018



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**Financial Section** 



#### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. (the BCRUA) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the BCRUA'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 audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the BCRUA as of September 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Board of Directors Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information 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. 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 Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the BCRUA's basic financial statements. The combining financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Emphasis-of-Matter

As discussed in Note 6 to the financial statements, the BCRUA is dependent on the Cities of Cedar Park, Leander, and Round Rock, Texas for the continued funding of its operating activities. The Cities annually budget funds for operational expenses and debt service requirements of the BCRUA. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

The Board of Directors Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 15, 2019, on our consideration of the BCRUA'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 BCRUA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Weaver and Sidnell L.L.P.

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Austin, Texas February 15, 2019

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## About BCRUA

The Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA) is a partnership between the Cities of Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock, Texas to design, construct, and operate a regional water system that supplies treated water to the three communities.

Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock are among the fastest growing cities in Texas. Their combined population, based on 2018 U.S. census estimates, is approximately 240,000. By 2040, their population is projected to exceed 500,000. In addition, the three cities provide potable water service to a variety of external subdivisions and municipal utility districts. This project provides facilities to access, treat and deliver water from Lake Travis to each partner city's customers. All three cities have other treated water sources and BCRUA will provide water for the cities' future growth. When completed, the project will meet the needs of Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock to their ultimate build-out.

The regional concept ensures the responsible use of resources and the least impact on both the environment and neighboring communities. Rather than three communities building three separate water supply projects with three pipelines, three intakes, and three treatment plants, the BCRUA project streamlined the effort for minimum impact and maximum efficiency. The regional option affords the three cities the opportunity to realize "economy of scale" savings of approximately 30%, or more than \$90 million.

The BCRUA Board of Directors is composed of six members, two appointed from each of the city councils of the partnering cities. A General Manager directs the day-to-day business of the BCRUA, and a Plant Superintendent oversees the operation of the system.

The regional water treatment plant will have an ultimate capacity of 106 million gallons per day (mgd) and is being built in three phases to better match the capacity with near-term needs. The initial Phase 1 was substantially completed in July 2012 and includes the full sized 106 mgd raw water and treated water pipelines, and a 17 mgd water treatment plant, readily expandable to 42 mgd. Phase 1 operates with an interim floating intake on Lake Travis with an ultimate design capacity of 30 mgd, but a permanent deep- water intake with an ultimate capacity of 144.7 mgd will be required as part of Phase 2. The permanent deep-water intake will be sized to deliver raw water to existing City of Cedar Park and City of Leander water treatment plants, in addition to the BCRUA regional water treatment plant.

Plant operations officially began July 1, 2012. Operations for the project have been divided into three categories: plant staffing; General Manager/administrative support; and financial support/accounting services, with each city taking responsibility for one of the categories. Plant staffing is provided by Leander consisting of one plant superintendent and six plant operators. The General Manager and administrative support are provided by Round Rock. Finance and Accounting is provided by Cedar Park. While each city maintains responsibility for their own category, the Operations Committee (composed of engineering and finance staff from each city) provides oversight of each city's contribution in order to ensure appropriate controls are in place.

While substantial completion and start-up of the Phase 1 Project occurred in 2012, final project close-out has been delayed, due to several construction related issues that became evident prior to final completion. Final settlement and close-out is expected in FY 2019.

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The BCRUA is working on planning, environmental studies and real-estate acquisition for Phase 2. In 2013, two sites were identified for the permanent deep-water intake structure (in the Village of Volente), and the permanent raw water pumping station (in Sandy Creek Park). Purchase of the Sandy Creek Park site from the Lower Colorado River Authority was finalized in April 2014. Purchase of the privately-owned parcel in the Village of Volente was completed in 2016.

See construction phasing details and estimated costs for the project on pages 10 and 11.

In November 2017, the Lower Colorado River Authority announced the discovery of Zebra Mussels in Lake Travis. Given their rapid rate of reproduction, combined with the significant damage these aquatic organisms can cause to raw water intakes and pumps, BCRUA requested Walker Partners to investigate the possibility of constructing a single, joint use chemical injection system that could be used to treat the raw water intake facilities for BCRUA's, Cedar Park's, and Leander's water treatment plants. Walker Partners recommended a joint use chemical injection facility that utilizes potassium permanganate as the control chemical. They also recommended use of an empty dry chemical storage building owned by Cedar Park and located on their water treatment plant site. The total anticipated cost of the Zebra Mussel Control Project is \$1.8 million, of which \$840 thousand is BCRUA's portion. The remaining cost belongs to the cities of Cedar Park and Leander. The construction contract was awarded in July 2018 for \$1.46 million, of which \$677 thousand is BCRUA's portion.

In December 2017, the City of Round Rock portion of BCRUA's debt received an upgraded rating to AAA, the highest rating of creditworthiness, from Standard and Poor's (S&P).

What follows is a discussion and analysis of the BCRUA's financial performance for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. Please read it in conjunction with the Independent Auditors' Report on pages 2 through 4, and the BCRUA's Basic Financial Statements, which begin on page 14.

### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of three parts: (1) management's discussion and analysis (this section), (2) basic financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains combining statements as supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

#### Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include the Statement of Net Position (page 14), the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (page 15) and the Statement of Cash Flows (page 16). The BCRUA operates as an enterprise activity and consists of one proprietary fund.

The notes to the financial statements (starting on page 17) provide narrative explanations or additional data needed for full disclosure in the basic financial statements.

The basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the BCRUA's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the BCRUA's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. The BCRUA's net position provides one measure of the BCRUA's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the BCRUA is improving or deteriorating. To fully assess the overall health of the BCRUA, however, you should consider nonfinancial factors as well, such as the condition of assets, and the total economic impact of the entity on the Cities of Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock, Texas.

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The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents information showing how the BCRUA's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The *Statement of Cash Flows* presents cash receipts, cash disbursements and net changes in cash resulting from operating, financing and investing activities. This statement provides information such as where cash originated, how it was used and the net change in cash balances during the reporting period.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide required disclosures and other additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes to the financial statements present information about the accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, commitments, contingencies and subsequent events, if any. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 17 through 25 of this report.

#### Supplementary Information

The combining statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and to provide an overview of the financial position and results of operations related to each partner City. The combining statements can be found on pages 28 through 30 of this report.

### Financial Analysis

#### Financial Highlights

- Partner city contributions to net position for the year ended September 30, 2018 were \$12,046,088.
- Total net position at September 30, 2018 was \$23,149,202, an increase of \$1,829,554 from September 30, 2017.
- Total capital assets, net of depreciation, were \$157,891,749 as of September 30, 2018. This is a decrease of \$1,472,465 from the prior year.
- Total noncurrent liabilities were \$179,632,831 and \$169,702,705 as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Principal payments on this debt began in fiscal year 2012.

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The following condensed financial statements (Tables I and II) provide key financial data as of and for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

Table I Net Position		
	2018	2017
Current assets Restricted assets	\$     7,657,196 31,165,412	\$     5,749,976 18,325,661
Capital assets, net	157,891,749	159,364,214
Total assets Deferred outflows of resources	196,714,357 14,811,692	183,439,851 15,558,001
Current liabilities Current liabilities payable from restricted assets Noncurrent liabilities	2,227,125 6,516,891 179,632,831	2,460,996 5,514,503 169,702,705
Total liabilities	188,376,847	177,678,204
Net position Unrestricted Net investment in capital assets	4,368,180 18,781,022	2,244,477 19,075,171
Total net position	\$ 23,149,202	\$ 21,319,648

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Change in Net Position					
	2018	2017			
Operating revenues	\$ 1,859,004	\$ 2,302,665			
Operating expenses					
Interest expense	6,554,224	6,032,788			
Depreciation	3,979,911	3,982,241			
Personnel	723,919	609,926			
Power	452,678	445,389			
Legal fees	290,083	163,260			
Chemicals	218,112	258,657			
Repairs and maintenance	138,180	44,796			
Office supplies	70,295	85,536			
Audit, investment, banking fees	51,674	50,522			
Insurance	37,560	32,012			
Accounting services	29,743	27,046			
Miscellaneous expense	20,162	17,935			
Contract services	5,050	5,184			
Total operating expenses	12,571,591	11,755,292			
Operating loss	(10,712,587)	(9,452,627)			
Other income (expense)	496,053	(495,484)			
Change in net position	(10,216,534)	(9,948,111)			
Net position - beginning of year	21,319,648	19,471,253			
Capital contributions from partner cities	12,046,088	11,796,506			
Net position - end of year	\$ 23,149,202	\$ 21,319,648			

# Table II

### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets at September 30, 2018 amounted to \$157,891,749 and consisted of land, easements, buildings, improvements, infrastructure and construction in progress. Construction in progress is made up of costs attributed to Phase 2 of the BCRUA Project and consists primarily of engineering costs but also includes additional costs incurred regarding the construction defects of the plant and the recommissioning of the floating intake barge.

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The construction phasing and estimated costs for the project are planned as follows:

#### Phase 1:

### Phase 1a:

- Construction of an interim, floating intake structure near Cedar Park's existing plant on the Sandy Creek arm of Lake Travis
- New raw water pipeline within right-of-way along Trails End Road
- New treatment plant in Cedar Park to serve all three cities with an initial capacity of 17 million gallons per day (mgd) and a final Phase 1 capacity of 42 mgd
- Treated water transmission pipeline across the north side of Cedar Park, along West New Hope Road
- Construction began in late 2009 and was substantially complete in July 2012.
- Total cost of the project was approximately \$150 million.
- Partial retainage in the amount of approximately \$1.58 million and unpaid project balance in the amount of approximately \$755 thousand were withheld in fiscal year 2014, pending resolution of outstanding construction issues and final project close-out.
- In August 2016, the construction contractor made a claim against BCRUA, and joined it to
  existing legal claims it holds against several of its sub-contractors on the project. The primary
  focus of the claims revolve around allegations of structural design defects made by the design
  engineer, and its structural engineering sub-consultant. BCRUA has rejected the claims, but has
  enjoined the design engineer to the litigation, and holds the position that any potential judicial
  award related to design defects would be the responsibility of the design engineer.
- Final resolution of any remaining construction/design litigation is currently anticipated to be completed by mid-2019.

#### Phase 1b:

• Rerating the capacity of treatment facilities to approximately 22 mgd by engineering analysis and plant operational testing was approved by TCEQ in February 2018. The cost of the rerate was approximately \$110 thousand.

### Phase 1c:

• Expansion of the floating intake and treatment facilities to 32.5 mgd. Design costs were funded with unspent debt proceeds from Phase 1A savings at a total cost of approximately \$1.8 million. Construction funding was secured through a Texas Water Development Board SWIFT Loan, which was funded in November 2017. Construction is projected to run from early-2019 through mid-2020 at an estimated cost of \$17 million.

#### Phase 1d:

• Funding for the design of expansion of the BCRUA regional water treatment facilities to 42 mgd has been secured from a combination of unspent debt proceeds from Phase 1A savings, 2018 SWIFT funds borrowed from the Texas Water Development Board, and cash contributions. The cost of planning and design is estimated at \$1.2 million. Final design is expected to commence in 2023 with completion in 2026.

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#### Phase 2:

#### <u>Phase 2a:</u>

- Permanent, deep-water intake structure on Lake Travis, a gravity tunnel to transmit the raw water to a new pump station, a raw water pipeline connecting the raw water pump station to two locations (the Phase 1 raw water pipeline, the City of Cedar Park water treatment plant,)
- Final design will begin in early 2019 and be completed in mid-2021. Final design cost is estimated at \$14 million and will be funded with unspent debt proceeds from Phase 1A savings and 2018 SWIFT funds borrowed from the Texas Water Development Board.
- Construction is estimated to begin in 2021 with completion in 2026.
- Total project cost is estimated at approximately \$180 million (subject to ENR/inflation adjustments)
- This phase is needed to provide a deep-water intake source for the BCRUA Regional Water Supply System and existing Cedar Park and Sandy Creek Water Plants during prolonged drought conditions.

#### <u>Phase 2b:</u>

- Expansion of the water treatment plant to 67 mgd
- Expansion of pumping capacity at the raw water pump station to deliver 67 mgd to the BCRUA water treatment plant
- Phase will occur at a future date to be decided by the three cities.

#### Phase 3:

- Final expansion of water treatment plant to 106 mgd
- Expansion of pumping capacity at the raw water pump station to deliver 106 mgd to the BCRUA water treatment plant.
- Phase will occur at a future date to be decided by the three cities.

#### Restricted Assets

Restricted assets at September 30, 2018 were \$31,165,412, an increase from the September 30, 2017 balance of \$18,325,661. Restricted assets consist of debt service, escrow and reserve funds arising from the proceeds of long-term debt. The increase reflects additional funding to finance current construction and investment purchases.

#### Long-Term Debt

In 2009, the BCRUA issued three series of contract revenue bonds totaling \$182,020,000 for construction and other costs related to Phase 1A of the BCRUA Project. Additionally, one refunding issuance was made in 2016, to reduce the total debt costs on two of the previously issued series, and another in 2017 for the same purpose. During the year ended September 30, 2018, BCRUA issued contract revenue bonds dated November 16, 2017, totaling \$16,995,000. Additional information on long-term debt can be found in Note 5 to the financial statements.

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#### Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The economy in the local area continues to grow, and the service areas which will be supplied by the BCRUA at project completion are positioned for continued customer growth. The BCRUA's board adopted an administrative operating budget for fiscal year 2019 in the amount of approximately \$2,454,000, a reduction of reserves of approximately \$548,000 in 2019 and a debt service budget for fiscal year 2019 in the amount of approximately \$11,968,000.

### Contacting the BCRUA's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide citizens of the partner cities, customers and creditors with a general overview of the BCRUA's finances and to show the BCRUA's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the BCRUA at 450 Cypress Creek, Building 1, Cedar Park, Texas 78613.

**Basic Financial Statements** 

# Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2018

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net	\$ 7,567,643 89,553
Total current assets	7,657,196
NONCURRENT ASSETS Restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments Debt service Escrow	57,799 31,099,101
Reserve Capital assets Land, easements and construction in progress Capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated	8,512 24,858,779
depreciation of \$16,746,570	 133,032,970
Total noncurrent assets	 189,057,161
Total assets	196,714,357
Deferred outflows of resources - refunding	 14,811,692
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 211,526,049
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Retainage payable Due to partner cities	\$ 437,919 1,582,268 206,938
Total current liabilities	2,227,125
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets Current portion of revenue bonds payable Accrued interest	 5,455,000 1,061,891
Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets	6,516,891
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES Revenue bonds payable	 179,632,831
Total noncurrent liabilities	 179,632,831
Total liabilities	188,376,847
NET POSITION Unrestricted	4,368,180
Net investment in capital assets	18,781,022
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 23,149,202

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.** Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Year Ended September 30, 2018

OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 1,859,004
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Interest expense	6,554,224
Depreciation	3,979,911
Personnel	723,919
Power	452,678
Legal fees	290,083
Chemicals	218,112
Repairs and maintenance	138,180
Office supplies	70,295
Audit, investment, banking fees	51,674
Insurance	37,560
Accounting services	29,743
Miscellaneous expense	20,162
Contract services	 5,050
Total operating expenses	 12,571,591
OPERATING LOSS	(10,712,587)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	
Interest and investment income	666,666
Bond issuance costs	(170,613)
Total other income (expense)	 496,053
Change in net position	(10,216,534)
Net position, beginning of year	21,319,648
Capital contributions from partner cities	 12,046,088
NET POSITION, end of year	\$ 23,149,202

<b>Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.</b> Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended September 30, 2018		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Service revenues received from partner cities Other income received from third parties Interest Payments to suppliers for goods and services	\$	1,859,004 496,053 (6,570,401) (2,271,327)
Net cash used by operating activities		(6,486,671)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES Construction of capital assets Principal payments on bonds Proceeds from issuance of bonds Capital contributions from partner cities		(2,507,446) (5,300,000) 16,995,000 12,046,088
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities		21,233,642
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		14,746,971
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year		23,986,084
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$	38,733,055
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments	\$	7,567,643 31,165,412
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	38,733,055
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating loss Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities	\$	(10,712,587)
net cash used by operating activities Income from third party Depreciation Change in accounts payable and retainage Amortization and change in accrued interest Change in due to partner cities NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	496,053 3,979,911 (214,175) (16,177) (19,696) (6,486,671)
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Notes to the Financial Statements

### Note 1. Nature of Activities

Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. (BCRUA) was incorporated in Texas in July 2007 as a local government corporation pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 431, Texas Transportation Code. The BCRUA was organized by the Cities of Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock, Texas (the Cities) for the purpose of providing an efficient vehicle for the financing, construction, acquisition, ownership, maintenance and operation of a regional water and wastewater collection, transmission, treatment and distribution system on behalf of the Cities in performance of their governmental functions.

#### Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of BCRUA have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental entities. The more significant of these accounting policies are described below.

#### **Reporting Entity**

BCRUA is a joint venture between the Cities. The BCRUA operates as an enterprise activity. These financial statements present only BCRUA's activities and are not intended to present the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of any of the Cities.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of BCRUA are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are included in the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Revenues are recorded when earned and become measurable and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred and measurable, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with BCRUA's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

#### Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to the Financial Statements

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits, investments with investment pools, and other short-term liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, regardless of whether restricted or unrestricted.

Cash and cash equivalents held in money market accounts and investment pools (which determine their net asset value based on fair value) are recorded at fair value.

#### **Restricted Assets**

Restricted funds consist of escrow funds derived from bond proceeds, debt service funds, reserve funds, and revenues that have been designated for specific purposes by the Board, or other funds with legal or contractual constraints. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is BCRUA's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at historical cost. To the extent construction is performed by the BCRUA, the cost includes certain general and administrative expenses. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred. Improvements and betterments, which extend the useful lives of assets, are capitalized. Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over estimated service lives ranging from 5 to 40 years. When capital assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, a gain or loss on disposal of assets is recognized.

Interest is normally capitalized on construction costs. The amount of interest cost capitalized for assets constructed with tax-exempt borrowings is equal to the cost of borrowing, less interest earned on related interest-bearing investments acquired with proceeds of the related tax-exempt borrowings. No interest was capitalized during the year ended September 30, 2018.

#### Note 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

<u>Cash Deposits</u>. BCRUA's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act (the Act). The depository bank pledges securities that comply with state law and these securities are held for safekeeping and trust with the depository bank's agent bank. The pledged securities are to be in an amount sufficient to protect BCRUA's funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance. At September 30, 2018, the carrying amount of the BCRUA's deposits was \$8,267,184 and the bank balance was \$8,368,146. At September 30, 2018, cash deposits were adequately secured by either FDIC insurance, or by pledged collateral held in trust by the agent bank.

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*Investments.* The Public Funds Investment Act (Government Code Chapter 2256) contains specific provisions in the areas of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies. Among other things, it requires the BCRUA to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, (9) and bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit. Statutes authorize the BCRUA to invest in (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas; (2) certificates of deposit, (3) certain municipal securities, (4) money market savings accounts, (5) repurchase agreements, (6) bankers acceptances, (7) mutual funds, (8) investment pools, (9) guaranteed investment contracts, (10) and common trust funds. The Act also requires the BCRUA to have independent auditors perform test procedures related to investment practices as provided by the Act. The BCRUA is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Act.

TexSTAR has been established for governmental entities pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code and operates in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. TexSTAR's governing body is a five-member Board consisting of three representatives of participants and one member designated by each of the co-administrators. The Board holds legal title to all money, investments, and assets and has the authority to employ personnel, contract of services, and engage in other administrative activities necessary or convenient to accomplish the objectives of TexSTAR. TexSTAR's strategy is to seek preservation of principal, liquidity and current income through investment in a diversified portfolio of short-term marketable securities. BCRUA has no unfunded commitments related to the investment pool. TexSTAR has a redemption notice period of one day and may redeem daily. The investment pool's authorities may only impose restrictions on redemptions in the event of a general suspension of trading on major securities market, general banking moratorium or national or state emergency that affects the pool's liquidity. TexSTAR's fair value is reported by BCRUA using the pool's net asset value (NAV).

*Fair Value*. BCRUA categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application* provides a framework for measuring fair value which establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that describes the inputs that are used to measure assets and liabilities.

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

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The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs and the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs. If a price for an identical asset or liability is not observable, a government should measure fair value using another valuation technique that maximizes the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. If the fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using inputs from more than one level of the fair value hierarchy, the measurement is considered to be based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the entire measurement. BCRUA's investment balances and weighted average maturity of such investments are as follows:

				Quoted					
			Pric	ces in Active	Sign	ificant Other	Signifi	cant Other	Weighted
			Ν	Aarkets for	0	bservable	Ob	servable	Average
	Sep	otember 30,	lde	ntical Assets		Inputs	I	Inputs	Maturity
Investment Type		2018		(Level 1)		(Level 2)	(L	evel 3)	(Days)
Investments not subject to Fair Value (amortized cost)									
TexSTAR	\$	6,784,620	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	1
Investments by Fair Value Level									
U.S. Agency Securities		-		7,952,200		-		-	214
U.S. Treasury Bonds		-		9,767,314		-		-	98
Commercial Paper		-		-		5,961,737		-	91
Total	\$	6,784,620	\$	17,719,514	\$	5,961,737	\$	-	

BCRUA's portfolio balances were as follows at September 30, 2018:

	Carrying Amount		
TexSTAR	\$	6,784,620	
Commercial paper		5,961,737	
US Treasury Bonds		9,767,314	
US Agency Securities		7,952,200	
Total investments		30,465,871	
Cash in bank		8,267,184	
Total cash and cash equivalents and investments	\$	38,733,055	

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A reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents and investments to the presentation on the Statement of Net Position is as follows:

Statement of net position presentation	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,567,643
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	
and investments	
Debt service	57,799
Escrow	31,099,101
Reserve	8,512
Total cash and cash equivalents and investments	\$ 38,733,055

<u>Credit Risk and Custodial Credit Risk.</u> A primary stated objective of the BCRUA's adopted Investment Policy is the safety of principal and avoidance of principal loss. Credit risk within BCRUA's portfolio among the authorized investments approved by BCRUA's adopted Investment Policy includes only time and demand deposits, obligations of states and their subdivisions, repurchase agreements and AAA rated SEC registered money market mutual funds. All other investments are rated AAA, or equivalent, by at least one nationally recognized rating agency. Investments are made primarily in obligations of the US Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

State law and the BCRUA's adopted Investment Policy restricts both time and demand deposits, including certificates of deposit (CD's) to those banks doing business in the State of Texas and further requires full insurance or collateralization from these depositories (banks only). Certificates of deposit are limited to a stated maturity of one year. Collateral is required at a 102% margin with securities priced at market on a daily basis as a contractual responsibility of the bank. Collateral is restricted to obligations of the US Government, its agencies or instrumentalities or direct obligations of any state, its subdivisions or agencies rated at least A, or equivalent, as to investment quality by two nationally recognized statistical rating agencies. Independent safekeeping is required outside the bank holding company with monthly reporting.

Repurchase agreements are limited to those with defined termination dates with a primary dealer (as defined by the Federal Reserve) and require an industry standard written master repurchase agreement and a minimum 102% margin on collateral as well as delivery versus payment settlement and independent safekeeping. Repurchase agreements may not exceed one year to stated maturity with the exception of flex repurchase agreements with a stated termination date not to exceed the planned completion date of the project(s).

TexStar is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's, US Agency Securities and US Treasury Bonds are rated AAA and Commercial Paper is rated A1.

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u>. In order to limit interest and market rate risk from changes in interest rates, the BCRUA's adopted Investment Policy sets a maximum stated maturity limit of two years for Operating Funds and three years for Construction Funds. For Escrow Funds, the maximum maturity shall not exceed three years and each fund's weighted average maturity (WAM) shall not exceed one year. The WAM of the total Operating Funds portfolio is restricted to a maximum of twelve months and compared to the one-year Treasury Bill. There is no maximum WAM for Construction funds.

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<u>Concentration of Credit Risk</u>. The BCRUA recognizes over-concentration of assets by market sector or maturity as a risk to the portfolio. BCRUA's adopted Investment Policy establishes diversification as a major objective of the investment program and sets diversification limits for all authorized investment types that are monitored on at least a monthly basis. Diversification limits are set by Policy as:

U.S. obligations	80%
U.S. agencies / instrumentalities	75%
State and local obligations	50%
Certificates of deposit	40%
in any one bank	10%
Repurchase agreements	50%
with any one dealer	20%
FlexRepo with CIP funds	100%
LGIP	100%
Ownership in pool	10%
Money market mutual funds	100%
Ownership in fund	20%

#### Note 4. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2018 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated Land and easements	\$ 8,893,325	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,893,325
Construction in progress	13,458,008	2,507,446		15,965,454
Total capital assets, not being				
depreciated	22,351,333	2,507,446	-	24,858,779
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	71,185,354	-	-	71,185,354
Infrastructure	78,334,379	-	-	78,334,379
Equipment	259,807		-	259,807
Total capital assets, being depreciated	149,779,540	-	-	149,779,540
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	5,636,013	1,789,769	-	7,425,782
Infrastructure	6,933,220	2,161,339	-	9,094,559
Equipment	197,426	28,803	-	226,229
Total accumulated depreciation	12,766,659	3,979,911		16,746,570
Total capital assets, being				
depreciated, net	137,012,881	(3,979,911)	-	133,032,970
Total capital assets, net	\$ 159,364,214	\$ (1,472,465)	\$ -	\$ 157,891,749

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#### Note 5. Long-Term Debt

During the year ended September 30, 2018, BCRUA issued contract revenue bonds dated November 16, 2017, totaling \$16,995,000. The bonds mature serially beginning August 1, 2018 through August 1, 2037, with coupon rates ranging from .580% to 2.290%. Proceeds from the bond issue are restricted for the construction and equipment of the second phase of the BCRUA Regional Water Treatment and Distribution Project. The bonds were issued in three series, one series for each partner city's share of expected project costs. Each bond series is payable solely from and secured, in part, by an assignment of the bond payments made under the Master Contract Agreement dated September 2, 2008 by and between each city. Each city is solely responsible for bond payments on its series of bonds. No city has any liability or responsibility for any bond payment on a series of bonds issued for another city.

During the year ended September 30, 2017, BCRUA issued contract revenue refunding bonds dated April 19, 2017, totaling \$80,505,000. The bonds mature in 2017 through 2038, with coupon rates ranging from 2.0% to 5.0%. The bonds were issued by the City of Leander, to refund bonds outstanding for the City of Leander. Each bond series is payable solely from and secured, in part, by an assignment of the bond payments made under the Master Contract Agreement dated September 2, 2008, as amended, by and between each city. The City of Leander is solely responsible for bond payments on its series of bonds. No city has any liability or responsibility for any bond payment on a series of bonds issued for another city. The refunding reduced BCRUA's total debt service payments over the next 22 years by \$17,898,892 and generated an economic gain of \$12,596,769 and a deferred charge on refunding of \$7,246,648.

During the year ended September 30, 2016, BCRUA issued contract revenue refunding bonds dated August 15, 2016, totaling \$75,890,000. The bonds mature in 2017 through 2038, with coupon rates ranging from 2.0% to 5.0%. The bonds were issued in two series, to refund bonds outstanding for two of the partner cities. Each bond series is payable solely from and secured, in part, by an assignment of the bond payments made under the Master Contract Agreement dated September 2, 2008, as amended, by and between each city. Each city is solely responsible for bond payments on its series of bonds. No city has any liability or responsibility for any bond payment on a series of bonds issued for another city. The refunding reduced BCRUA's total debt service payments over the next 22 years by \$17,433,680 and generated an economic gain of \$10,922,929 and a deferred charge on refunding of \$8,881,242.

During the year ended September 30, 2009, BCRUA issued contract revenue bonds dated July 6, 2009, totaling \$182,020,000. The bonds mature serially beginning August 1, 2012 through August 1, 2019, with coupon rates ranging from 2.254% to 5.084%. Proceeds from the bond issue are restricted for the construction and equipment of the first phase of the BCRUA Regional Water Treatment and Distribution Project. The bonds were issued in three series, one series for each partner city's share of expected project costs. Each bond series is payable solely from and secured, in part, by an assignment of the bond payments made under the Master Contract Agreement dated September 2, 2008 by and between each city. Each city is solely responsible for bond payments on its series of bonds. No city has any liability or responsibility for any bond payment on a series of bonds issued for another city.

# Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. Notes to the Financial Statements

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2018, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Bonds payable Series 2009 contract Revenue bonds City of Cedar Park City of Round Rock	\$ 1,285,000 3,235,000	\$ -	\$ 625,000 1,575,000	\$ 660,000 1,660,000	\$ 660,000 1,660,000
Series 2016 contract Revenue bonds City of Cedar Park City of Round Rock	21,755,000 53,625,000	-	-	21,755,000 53,625,000	- -
Series 2017 contract Revenue bonds City of Leander	78,015,000	-	2,270,000	75,745,000	2,375,000
SWIFT 2017 contract Revenue bonds City of Cedar Park City of Leander City of Round Rock	- - -	4,430,000 8,130,000 4,435,000	215,000 400,000 215,000	4,215,000 7,730,000 4,220,000	195,000 365,000 200,000
Total principal	157,915,000	16,995,000	5,300,000	169,610,000	5,455,000
Issuance premiums	16,257,705		779,874	15,477,831	_
Total bonds payable	\$ 174,172,705	\$ 16,995,000	\$ 6,079,874	\$ 185,087,831	\$ 5,455,000

Debt service requirements are as follows:

Years Ended	Bonds					Total		
September 30,		Principal		Interest		Requirements		
2019	\$	5,455,000	\$	6,512,933	\$	11,967,933		
2020		5,800,000		6,346,833		12,146,833		
2021		6,040,000		6,162,443		12,202,443		
2022		6,270,000		5,979,387		12,249,387		
2023		6,510,000		5,795,812		12,305,812		
2024-2028		37,575,000		24,580,633		62,155,633		
2029-2033		46,335,000		16,476,375		62,811,375		
2034-2038		55,625,000		6,621,595		62,246,595		
	\$	169,610,000	\$	78,476,011	\$	248,086,011		

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### Note 6. Economic Dependency

The BCRUA is dependent on the Cities of Cedar Park, Leander, and Round Rock, Texas for the continued funding of its operating activities. The Cities annually budget funds for operational and overhead expenses and debt service requirements in accordance with the Master Contract Agreement and the System Operating Agreement between the Cities. Fixed operations and maintenance expenses are allocated among the Cities based upon each city's reserved capacity in the BCRUA Project components, and variable expenses are allocated based upon the volume of treated water delivered to each city in relation to the total delivered volume. Overhead expenses are paid by each city based upon certain formulas and reserve capacities in the BCRUA Project and/or the quantity of treated water actually delivered to each city. Each city is responsible for bond principal and interest payments due on the bond series issued by BCRUA for each respective city.

### Note 7. Contingency

A contract dispute between the BCRUA and the general contractor arose during the year ended September 30, 2013, during the inspection of Phase I construction concerning defects in the construction and design of the plant. The BCRUA has retained legal counsel who specializes in construction contract disputes. The retainage balance held by BCRUA in relation to this contingency is approximately \$1,580,000 and management intends to hold this retainage until the identified issues have been rectified and final settlement negotiation have been completed. Additional costs related to the dispute incurred by the BCRUA, such as legal, engineering, and inspection fees, are expected by management to be largely recovered from the general contractor. Management is still disputing this with the general contractor and has not made final settlement negotiations as of September 30, 2018. Management does not expect the dispute to materially affect BCRUA's financial statements.

#### Note 8. Subsequent Events

The BCRUA has evaluated subsequent events after the balance sheet date of September 30, 2018 through February 14, 2019, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

In November 2018, the BCRUA completed the issuance of approximately \$16,000,000 of contract revenue bonds notes payable to provide additional financing for future capital improvements.

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**Supplementary Information** 

**Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.** Combining Statement of Net Position September 30, 2018

	Cedar Park	Leander	Round Rock	Eliminations	Total
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 459,834	\$ 3,489,594	\$ 3,618,215	\$-	\$ 7,567,643
Accounts receivable, net	15,327	71,189	3,037	-	89,553
Total current assets	475,161	3,560,783	3,621,252	-	7,657,196
Noncurrent assets					
Restricted cash and cash					
equivalents and investments					
Debt service	11,088	22,515	24,196	-	57,799
Escrow	5,372,108	11,081,666	14,645,327	-	31,099,101
Reserve	-	8,512	-	-	8,512
Capital assets					
Land, easements and construction					
in progress	4,873,666	12,527,206	7,457,907	-	24,858,779
Capital assets being depreciated,					
net of accumulated					
depreciation of \$16,746,570	20,096,976	63,636,175	49,299,819	-	133,032,970
Total noncurrent assets	30,353,838	87,276,074	71,427,249		189,057,161
Total assets	30,828,999	90,836,857	75,048,501	-	196,714,357
Deferred outflows of					
resources - refunding	2,287,415	6,752,601	5,771,676	-	14,811,692
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED					
OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$33,116,414	\$97,589,458	\$80,820,177	\$-	\$ 211,526,049

**Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.** Combining Statement of Net Position – Continued September 30, 2018

	Cedar Park	Leander	Round Rock	Eliminations	Total	
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$ 263,024	\$ 340,159	\$ 41,674	\$ (206,938)	\$ 437,919	
Retainage payable	291,454	744,615	546,199	-	1,582,268	
Due to partner cities	-	-	-	206,938	206,938	
Total current liabilities	554,478	1,084,774	587,873	-	2,227,125	
Current liabilities payable						
from restricted assets						
Current portion of revenue						
bonds payable	855,000	2,740,000	1,860,000	-	5,455,000	
Accrued interest	146,323	541,063	374,505	-	1,061,891	
Total current liabilities payable						
from restricted assets	1,001,323	3,281,063	2,234,505	-	6,516,891	
Noncurrent liabilities						
Revenue bonds payable	28,092,153	86,849,812	64,690,866	-	179,632,831	
Total noncurrent liabilities	28,092,153	86,849,812	64,690,866		179,632,831	
Total liabilities	29,647,954	91,215,649	67,513,244	-	188,376,847	
NET POSITION						
Unrestricted	(222,169)	1,942,054	2,648,295	-	4,368,180	
Net investment in capital assets	3,690,629	4,431,755	10,658,638		18,781,022	
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 3,468,460	\$ 6,373,809	\$13,306,933	\$ -	\$ 23,149,202	

**Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.** Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses And Changes in Net Position Year Ended September 30, 2018

	Cedar Park		Leander		Round Rock		Total	
OPERATING REVENUES	\$	564,232	\$	990,441	\$	304,331	\$	1,859,004
OPERATING EXPENSES								
Interest expense		907,429		3,373,439		2,273,356		6,554,224
Depreciation		624,771		1,875,234		1,479,906		3,979,911
Personnel		253,680		376,730		93,509		723,919
Power		205,704		246,927		47		452,678
Legal fees		52,468		136,553		101,062		290,083
Chemicals		99,132		118,980		-		218,112
Repairs and maintenance		47,347		71,625		19,208		138,180
Office supplies		31,148		38,007		1,140		70,295
Audit, investment, banking fees		8,820		23,614		19,240		51,674
Insurance		5,623		17,728		14,209		37,560
Accounting services		10,527		15,503		3,713		29,743
Miscellaneous expense		6,021		10,241		3,900		20,162
Contract services		2,295		2,755		-		5,050
Total operating expenses		2,254,965		6,307,336		4,009,290		12,571,591
OPERATING LOSS	(	1,690,733)		(5,316,895)		(3,704,959)	(	10,712,587)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)								
Interest and investment income		108,860		283,185		274,621		666,666
Bond issuance costs		(56,656)		(57,260)		(56,697)		(170,613)
Total other income (expense)		52,204		225,925		217,924		496,053
Change in net position	(	1,638,529)		(5,090,970)		(3,487,035)	(	10,216,534)
Net position, beginning of year	:	3,323,724		5,369,522		12,626,402		21,319,648
Capital contributions from partner cities		1,783,265		6,095,257		4,167,566		12,046,088
NET POSITION, end of year	\$	3,468,460	\$	6,373,809	\$	13,306,933	\$	23,149,202



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* 

To the Board of Directors Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.

We have audited in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc. (the BCRUA) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the BCRUA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 2019.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the BCRUA'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the BCRUA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the BCRUA's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

The Board of Directors Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc.

#### Purpose of this Report

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

Weaver and Siduell L.L.P.

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Austin, Texas February 15, 2019