

# Financial Audit of Cold Springs Water Company Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015



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## **Report of Independent Auditors**

Peter Kerns, President Cold Springs Water Company (CSWC), Inc. 29820 Highway 108 Cold Springs, CA 95335

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

The Utility Audit, Finance and Compliance Branch (UAFCB) of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has audited the accompanying financial statements of Cold Springs Water Company (CSWC), which are comprised of the balance sheets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of income, retained earnings and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

CSWC's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements presented in the 2016 and 2015 annual reports filed with the Commission. The Commission requires that the statements be in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Commission as set forth in the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) for Water Utilities, as described in Note 1 in the Notes to the Financial Statements attached herein. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls 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

The responsibility of the UAFCB is to express an opinion on CSWC's financial statements based on our audit. The audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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

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evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant 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.

#### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

Due to the lack of historical information on Retained Earnings, UAFCB could not attest to the balances of this account as of December 31, 2016 and 2015. Therefore, UAFCB does not express any opinion on those balances.

#### **Qualified Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the balances of Retained Earnings as described in the following paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cold Springs Water Company as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Commission as set forth in the USOA for Water Utilities, described in Note 1.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared by CSWC on the basis of the accounting requirements of the USOA, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Use of Report**

The report is intended solely for the information and use by the Commission and Cold Springs Water Company. It should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

Raymond Yin, CPA

Program and Project Supervisor

Utility Audit, Finance and Compliance Branch

## Audit of Financial Statements of Cold Springs Water Company For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

# **Balance Sheets**

	As of December 31	for the Year
	2016	2015
ASSETS		
UTILITY PLANT		
Water Plant in Service (Note 1)	\$891,205	\$861,533
Water Plant in Service – SDWBA (Note 1)	270,900	270,900
Accumulated Depreciation of Water Plant (Note 1)	(528,391)	(498,346)
Accumulated Amortization of SDWBA Loan	(270,900)	(270,900)
Net Utility Plant	362,814	363,187
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS		
Cash	26,457	58,048
Accounts Receivable	16,695	26,763
Materials and Supplies	2,360	2,360
Other Current Assets	0	1,500
<b>Total Current and Accrued Assets</b>	45,512	88,671
Total Assets	\$408,326	\$451,858
CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES		
CORPORATE CAPITAL AND SURPLUS		
Common Stock	\$75,000	\$75,000
Other Paid-in Capital	19,500	19,500
Retained Earnings (Note 1)	293,031	312,909
<b>Total Corporate Capital and Surplus</b>	387,531	407,409
LONG-TERM DEBT		
Long-Term Debt (Note 1)	0	533
CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	7,443	5,938
Short-Term Notes Payable (Note 1)	533	16,883
Accrued Taxes	0	7,172
<b>Total Current and Accrued Liabilities</b>	7,976	29,993
DEFERRED CREDITS		
Advances for Construction	12,819	13,923
Total Deferred Credits	12,819	13,923
Total Equity and Liabilities	\$408,326	\$451,858

(The accompanying notes and the appendices are an integral part of these Financial Statements)

## **Income Statements**

	For the Y	ear of
	2016	2015
OPERATING REVENUES		
Metered Water Revenue (Note 1)	\$303,470	\$314,613
Other Water Revenue	3,740	. 3,820
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	307,210	318,433
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Plant Operation and Maintenance Expenses		
Power	25,914	14,800
Other Volume Related Expenses	3,216	2,626
Employee Labor	56,533	56,281
Materials	604	1,163
Contract Work	5,335	5,295
Transportation Expenses	3,423	4,136
Other Plant Maintenance Expenses	20,550	3,778
<b>Total Plant Operation and Maintenance Expenses</b>	115,575	88,079
Administrative and General Expenses		
Office Salaries	37,193	40,500
Management Salaries	50,000	50,000
Employee Pensions and Benefits	13,663	16,813
Office Services and Rentals	17,633	17,370
Office Supplies and Expenses	10,628	13,928
Professional Services	9,443	1,963
Insurance	10,023	10,047
General Expenses	1,671	4,962
<b>Total Administrative and General Expenses</b>	150,254	155,583
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	265,829	243,662
Depreciation Expense (Note 1)	11,074	9,291
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	14,552	14,817
State Corporate Income Tax Expense	800	2,664
Federal Corporate Income Tax Expense	0	5,308
Total Operating Revenue Deductions	292,255	275,742
<b>Total Utility Operating Income</b>	14,955	42,691
OTHER INCOME AND DEDUCTIONS		
Interest Expenses	(347)	(1,169)
<b>Total Operating Revenue Deductions</b>	(347)	(1,169)
Net Income	\$14,608	\$41,522

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## **Statements of Retained Earnings**

	For the Year of		
	2016	2015	
Retained Earnings, Beginning of Year	\$312,909	(\$138,994)	
CREDITS:			
Net Income	14,608	41,522	
UAFCB Adjustment to Accumulated Depreciation of Water Plant	116,721	108,787	
UAFCB Adjustment to Cash	0	2,646	
UAFCB Adjustment to Other Paid-in Capital	176,335	358,432	
UAFCB Adjustment to Contributions in Aid of Construction	239,363	0	
Total Credits	547,027	511,387	
DEBITS:			
UAFCB Cumulative Adjustment to Beginning Balance <sup>1</sup>	(465,025)	0	
UAFCB Adjustment to Water Plant-in Service	(18,266)	(11,783)	
UAFCB Adjustment to Water Revenue	(29,230)	(47,701)	
UAFCB Adjustment to Accumulated Amortization of Contributions	(51,587)	0	
UAFCB Adjustment to Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	(2,797)	0	
Total Debits	(566,905)	(59,484)	
Retained Earnings, End of Year	\$293,031	\$312,909	

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This amount represents the cumulative adjustments to the reported beginning balance of the Retained Earnings as of January 1, 2016. Detail computation is shown below:

Retained Earnings as of 12/31/2015 - As Audited	(\$312,909)
Less: Retained Earnings as of 12/31/2015 - As Reported	152,116
Variance - UAFCB Cumulative Adjustments to Beginning Balance	(\$465,025)

## **Statements of Cash Flows**

·	For the Y	ear of
	2016	2015
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Income/(Loss)	\$14,608	\$41,522
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Cash		
Provided by Operating Activities		
Depreciation <sup>1</sup>	30,045	(91,997)
Amortization - SDWBA Loan	0	270,900
Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Receivable - Customers	10,068	(26,763)
Decrease (Increase) in Other Current Assets	1,500	0
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	1,505	5,938
Increase (Decrease) in Short-term Notes Payable	(16,350)	16,883
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Interest	(7,172)	1,853
Increase (Decrease) in Advances for Construction	(1,104)	(850)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	33,100	217,486
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Plant Additions	(29,672)	(137,249)
Net SDWBA Plant Additions	0	(125,924)
Increase (Decrease) in Contributions in Aid of Construction	0	(216,266)
Decrease (Increase) in Accumulated Amortization of Contributions	0	41,429
UAFCB Cumulative Adjustments to Retained Earnings <sup>2</sup>	(34,486)	410,381
Net Cash Provided (Used) for Investing Activities	(64,158)	(27,629)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Increase (Decrease) in Long-term Debt	(533)	(46,114)
Increase (Decrease) in Other Paid-in Capital	Ó	(118,301)
Net Cash Provided (Used) for Financing Activities	(533)	(164,415)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(31,591)	25,442
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	58,048	32,606
CASH AT END OF YEAR	\$26,457	\$58,048

(The accompanying notes and appendices are an integral part of these Financial Statements)

<sup>1</sup> For Statements of Cash Flows purpose, UAFCB included \$30,045 and (\$91,997) Depreciation of Water Plants from the depreciation expense

For Years 2016 and 2015, respectively.

For Year 2016, the total UAFCB debit adjustment of (\$34,486) to Retained Earnings represented the cumulative effect of UAFCB's adjustments to the Retained Earnings for Years 2016 and 2015. For Year 2015, the total UAFCB credit adjustment of \$410,381 to Retained Earnings was presented in the 2015 Summary of Audit Adjustments.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Cold Springs Water Company (CSWC) is a Class C water utility that provides water service in the unincorporated area known as Cold Springs and Peter Pam Subdivision approximately eight miles east of Long Barn in Tuolumne County. CSWC was incorporated on October 25, 1967. The Cold Springs system is mainly supplied from treated surface water, which is diverted from Tuolumne River's North Fork. CSWC services approximately 532 active service connections. The majority of the customers are seasonal, residing there only in warmer months or occasional weekends.

The Company has prepared the accompanying financial statements on the basis of accounting set forth in the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) for Water Utilities adopted and prescribed by the Commission, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under that basis of accounting, certain transactions, such as adjustments of certain estimated operating expenses related to prior years and gains on the sale of property rights, have been recorded directly in the statements of retained earnings. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America would require such transactions to be recorded in the statement of income.

#### (a) Appendices

The accompanying Appendices are an integral part of the financial statements. Appendix A and Appendix B present the net financial impact resulting from audit adjustments by Utility Audit, Finance and Compliance Branch (UAFCB) for years 2016 and 2015, respectively. Appendix C and Appendix D summarize the UAFCB detail audit adjustments for Years 2016 and 2015, respectively.

#### (b) Water Plant in Service

Utility plant is recorded at original cost when first constructed or purchased. Retired utility plant assets are removed from utility plant accounts based on estimated cost and charged against accumulated depreciation.

#### (c) Water Plant in Service – SDWBA

Utility plant funded using Safe Drinking Water Bond Act (SDWBA) aka State Revolving Fund (SRF) fund is recorded at SDWBA loan amount. CSWC's SDWBA loan of \$270,900 from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) was paid off as of June 30, 2000. The purpose of the loan was to assist in the financing of a construction project, which will enable the CSWC to meet the safe drinking water standards established pursuant to Part 12, Chapter 4 of Division 101 of the Health and Safety Code and California Code of Regulations, Title 22.

#### (d) Accumulated Depreciation and Depreciation Expense of Water Plant

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line composite rate of 2.6% (equivalent to a 38.5 years depreciation period) in order to depreciate all plant assets for ratemaking purposes and for reporting the depreciation expense in CSWC's Annual Reports filed with the Commission.

#### (e) Long-term Debt

CSWC had a Commission approved Vendor Tank Loan under the Commission's Resolution W-4756 in the amount of \$144,976 for system improvements and to institute a surcharge to pay off the loan to Porter/Cal-Western Inc. The term of the loan was for 84 months with the first payment beginning November 1, 2008. The Vendor Tank Loan principal payment amounts due beyond the immediate 12 months period are classified as long-term obligations. Long-term obligations also include a loan with Ford Credit.

#### (f) Short-term Notes Payable

The Short-term obligations include Vendor Tank Loan principal payment amounts due within the immediate 12 months period.

#### (g) Operating Water Revenue

CSWC's water service revenues include metered water revenue, which accounts for 99% of water service revenues including Vendor Tank Loan surcharges and Retro surcharges collected from customers. The Other Water Revenues comprise of late fees and accounts for 1% of total sales. Customers are billed on a monthly basis. CSWC computed its water service revenues and Vendor Tank loan surcharge revenues based on tariffs approved by the Commission.

#### (h) Retained Earnings

UAFCB could not attest to the accuracy of the Retained Earnings balances due to lack of historical information on them. Expressing an opinion on the Retained Earnings Balances as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 would require auditing the Retained Earnings balances from the inception of the company. Due to limitation of our audit scope, we cannot and do not express an opinion on those balances.

#### (2) Annual Reports

Per California Public Utilities Code, Sections 581, 582, and 584, CSWC is required to file an annual report with the Commission every year. For the years being audited, CSWC has complied with these requirements.

Appendix A

## Summary of Net Financial Impact Resulting from UAFCB's Audit Adjustments for Year 2016

The following is a summary of net financial impact resulting from UAFCB's audit adjustments for Year 2016:

Audit		Annual	Repor	t		For the Y	ear 2016
Adjustment				Acct.			
Number	Sch.	Line	Col.	No.	Description	Debit	Credit
					Net Financial Impact on Balance Sheets Items:		
1,2	A	2	C	101	Water Plant in Service- Excluding SDWBA	\$126,710	
2,3	A	3	C	101.1	Water Plant in Service - SDWBA	125,924	
4,5,6	A	11	C	108	Accumulated Depreciation of Water Plant		\$22,386
3,6	A	12	C	108.1	Accumulated Amortization of SDWBA Loan		125,924
7	A	43	C	211	Other Paid-in Capital	176,335	
1,5,6,7,9, 10,11,13	A	44	С	215	Retained Earnings		430,539
. 8	A	53	C	224	Long-term Debt	533	
8	A	58	C	232	Short-term Notes Payables		533
9	A	78	C	271	Contributions in Aid of Construction	239,363	
10	A	79	C	272	Accumulated Amortization of Contributions		51,587
					Net Financial Impact on Income Statements Items:		
11	B-1	14	В	470.1	Metered Water Revenue-Single Family Residential		\$7,839
11	B-1	14	В	470.9	Other Metered Revenues		21,391
12	B-2	8	В	660	Transportation Expenses		2,000
12	B-2	13	В	671	Management Salaries	\$2,000	
4	В	3	C	403	Depreciation Expense		5,869
13	В	5	C	408	Taxes Other Than Income Taxes		2,797

Appendix B

# Summary of Net Financial Impact Resulting from UAFCB's Audit Adjustments for Year 2015

The following is a summary of net financial impact resulting from UAFCB's audit adjustments for Year 2015:

Audit		Annual	Report			For the	Year 2015
Adjustment				Acct.			
Number	Sch.	Line	Col.	No.	Description	Debit	Credit
					<b>Net Financial Impact on Balance Sheets Items:</b>		
1,2	A	2	C	101	Water Plant in Service- Excluding SDWBA	\$133,193	
3	A	3	C	101.1	Water Plant in Service - SDWBA	270,900	
2	A	4	C	101.2	Water Plant in Service - Vendor Tank Loan		\$144,976
4,5	A	11	C	108	Accumulated Depreciation of Water Plant		19,443
3	A	12	C	108.1	Accumulated Amortization of SDWBA Loan		270,900
4	A	13	C	108.2	Reserve for Depreciation of Utility Plant- Prop 50	135,173	
6	A	27	C	131	Cash	2,646	
7	A	43	C	211	Other Paid-in Capital	358,432	
1, 4,6,7,9	A	44	С	215	Retained Earnings		410,381
8	A	53	С	224	Long-term Debt	16,883	
8	A	58	С	232	Short-term Notes Payable		16,883
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					Net Financial Impact on Income Statements Iter	ns:	
9	B-1	18	В	470.9	Other Metered Water Revenue		\$47,701
10	B-2	8	В	660	Transportation Expense		2,000
10	B-2	13	В	671	Management Salaries	\$2,000	
11	B-2	16	В	678	Office Services and Rental Expenses		3,881
11	B-2	17	В	681	Office Supplies and Expense	3,881	
5	В	3	С	403	Depreciation Expense		6,943
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# Appendix C

## Summary of Audit Adjustments for Year 2016

Audit	Annual Report		t	,	For the Y	Year 2016	
Adj.				Acct.			
No.	Sch.	Line	Col.	No.	Description	Debit	Credit
1	A	44	C	215	Retained Earnings	\$18,266	
	A	2	C	101	Water Plant in Service - Excluding SDWBA  To adjust Transportation Equipment to agree with the audited amount.		\$18,266
2	A	2	С	101	Water Plant in Service	\$144,976	
	A	3	С	101.1	Water Plant in Service - Vendor Tank Loan  To reclassify Water Plant in Service - Tank Loan to agree with the audited amount.		\$144,976
3	A	3	С	101.1	Water Plant in Service	\$270,900	
	A	12	С	108.1	Accumulated Amortization of SDWBA Loan To record SDWBA Plant to agree with the audited amount.		\$270,900
4	A	11	C	108	Accumulated Depreciation of Water Plant	\$5,869	
	В	3	С	403	Depreciation Expense  To adjust Accumulated Depreciation to agree  with the audited amount.		\$5,869
5	A	11	С	108	Accumulated Depreciation of Water Plant	\$1,900	
	A	44	С	215	Retained Earnings  To write-down excess Accumulated Depreciation associated with the Ford vehicle.		\$1,900
6	A	12	С	108.1	Accumulated Amortization of Vendor Tank	\$144,976	
J	A	11	C	108	Accumulated Depreciation of Water Plant	, , , , , ,	\$30,155
	A	44	С	215	Retained Earnings  To reclassify Accumulated Depreciation of Water  Plant to agree with the audited amount.		114,821
7	Α	43	С	211	Other Paid-in Capital	\$176,335	
	A	44	С	215	Retained Earnings  To adjust Other Paid-in Capital to agree with the audited amount.		\$176,335

Audit		Annua	l Repo	rt		For the Y	Zear 2016
Adj.				Acct.			
No.	Sch.	Line	Col.	No.	Description	Debit	Credit
8	A	53	C	224	Long-term Debt	\$533	
	A	58	С	232	Short-term Notes Payable  To reclassify Long-term Debt to agree with the audited amount.		\$533
9	A	78	С	271	Contributions in Aid of Construction	\$239,363	
	A	44	C	215	Retained Earnings  To adjust Contributions in Aid of Construction to agree with the audited amount.		\$239,363
10	A	44	С	215	Retained Earnings	\$51,587	
	A	79	C	272	Accumulated Amortization of Contributions  To adjust Accumulated Amortization of  Contributions to agree with the audited amount.		\$51,587
11	A	44	С	215	Retained Earnings	\$29,230	
	B-1	14	В	470.1	Metered Water Revenue-Single-family Residential		\$7,839
	B-1	18	В	470.9	Other Metered Revenue  To adjust Metered Water Revenue and Other  Metered Water Revenue to agree with the  audited amount.		21,391
12	B-2	13	В	671	Management Salaries	\$2,000	
	B-2	8	В	660	Transportation Expenses  To reclassify Transportation Expenses to agree with the audited amount.		\$2,000
13	A	44	С	215	Retained Earnings	\$2,797	
	В	5	С	408	Taxes Other Than Income Taxes  To adjust Taxes Other Than Income Taxes to agree with the audited amount.		\$2,797

# Appendix D

## Summary of Audit Adjustments for Year 2015

Audit		Annual	Repor	rt		For the Y	ear 2015
Adj.				Acct			
No.	Sch.	Line	Col.	No.	Description	Debit	Credit
1	A A	44 2	C C	215 101	Retained Earnings  Water Plant in Service  To adjust Transportation Equipment to agree with the audited amount.	\$11,783	\$11,783
2	A A	2 4	C C	101 101.2	Water Plant in Service  Water Plant in Service - Vendor Tank Loan  To reclassify Water Plant in Service - Tank Loan  to agree with the audited amount.	\$144,976	\$144,976
3	A A	3 12	C C	101.1 108.1	Water Plant in Service  Accumulated Amortization of SDWBA Loan  To record SDWBA Plant to agree with the audited amount.	\$270,900	\$270,900
4	A A A	13 11 44	C C C	108.2 108 215	Reserve for Depreciation of Utility Plant - Prop 50  Accumulated Depreciation of Water Plant  Retained Earnings  To reclassify Accumulated Depreciation of Water  Plant to agree with the audited amount.	\$135,173	\$26,386 108,787
5	A B	11 3	C C	108 408	Accumulated Depreciation of Water Plant  Depreciation Expense  To adjust Accumulated Depreciation of Water  Plant to agree with the audited amount.	\$6,943	\$6,943
6	A A	27 44	C C	131 215	Cash  Retained Earnings  To reclassify the bank cash balance to agree with the audited amount.	\$2,646	\$2,646
7	A A	43 44	C C	211 215	Other Paid-in Capital  Retained Earnings  To adjust Other Paid-in Capital to agree with the audited amount.	\$358,432	\$358,432

Audit		Annual	Repo	rt		For the Y	ear 2015
Adj.				Acct.			
No.	Sch.	Line	Col.	No.	Description	Debit	Credit
8	A A	53 58	C C	224 232	Long-term Debt Short-term Notes Payable To reclassify Long-term Debt to agree with the audited amount.	\$16,883	\$16,883
9	A B-1	44 18	C B	215 470.9	Retained Earnings  Other Metered Revenue  To adjust Other Metered Water Revenue to agree with the audited amount.	\$47,701	\$47,701
10	B-2 B-2	13 8	B B	671 660	Management Salaries  Transportation Expenses  To reclassify Transportation Expenses to agree with the audited amount.	\$2,000	\$2,000
11	B-2 B-2	17 16	B B	681 678	Office Supplies and Expenses  Office Services and Rental Expenses  To reclassify Office Services Rental Expense to agree with the audited amount.	\$3,881	\$3,881