

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPONENT
UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

To the Commissioners of
St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission (MetCom), component unit of St. Mary's County, Maryland, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission'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 opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Notes 6 and 10 to the financial statements, MetCom changed the manner in which it accounts for pensions. As described within the notes to the financial statements, MetCom adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, pension schedules, and the OPEB funding progress and schedule of contributions on pages 4 through 10, 44 through 45, and 46, 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 Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission's basic financial statements. The other supplemental information on pages 47 through 51 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplemental information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates 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 other supplemental information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 30, 2015, on our consideration of St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission'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 St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Murphy & Murphy, CPA, LLC

La Plata, Maryland
September 30, 2015

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission's (MetCom's) annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of MetCom's financial performance during the fiscal years that ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. Please read it in conjunction with MetCom's financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- MetCom's total net position increased by \$10.3 million and \$9.7 million, or 10.7% and 10.7%, as a result of operations in FY 2015 and 2014, respectively.
- During the current year, MetCom's revenue from operations was \$14.2 million, representing an increase of 2.8% over the prior year. The current year increase is mainly due to an average increase in sewer rates of approximately 3.6% which was offset by a reduction in sewer volumes billed. In FY 2014 operating revenues were \$13.8 million which was an increase of 1.5% over FY 2013. The increase in FY 2014 operating revenue was mainly due to an average increase in sewer rates of approximately 3% and an increase in most water service rates of almost 1.3%, except non-metered water service rates which decreased significantly.
- MetCom's operating expenses excluding depreciation were \$11.7 million during the current year and \$11.5 million in the prior year.
- MetCom's nonoperating revenue was \$12.3 million during the current year and \$11.6 million in FY 2014, representing an increase of 5.4% in the current year and an increase of 104% in the prior year. The large increase in the prior year was mainly attributable to the increase in capital contributions and debt service charges received.
- In FY 2008, MetCom established a trust fund for the management of assets and accounting for financial transactions associated with the provision of retiree health insurance coverage. In FY 2015, MetCom joined in the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Pooled Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan (OPEB) Trust. The balance in trust was \$3.7 million as of 6/30/15 and \$3.3 million as of 6/30/14. In FY 2015, MetCom contributed \$573 thousand, to fully fund the annual required contribution.
- MetCom recorded one new loan in FY 2015.
- On August 14, 2015 MetCom closed on two loans with TD Bank, for \$8.1 million to refinance some or all of Bond 17, Bond 21 and Bond 23.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of three parts – management’s discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements and supplemental information. The basic financial statements consist of:

- Statements of Net Position
- Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
- Statements of Cash Flows
- Statements of Fiduciary Net Position
- Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
- Notes to Financial Statements

The Statements of Net Position provide a snapshot of MetCom’s financial position at both June 30, 2015 and 2014. Amounts of Net Position are cumulative from inception. Both current and long-term assets and liabilities, as well as net position, are presented.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position provide information about the activities of MetCom as a whole and reflect activity for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. These statements measure operating revenues and expenses as well as non-operating revenues and expenses. The statements also present capital contributions as well as changes in net position.

The Statements of Cash Flows present the sources and uses of MetCom’s cash. MetCom uses the direct method for presenting the cash flow statements.

The Notes to the Financial Statements provide information and more detailed data about the financial statements. The Required Supplemental Information provides information about the Pension Plan and Other Post Employment Benefit Plan (OPEB). The Supplementary Departmental Financial Statements report MetCom’s activities in more detail by providing information about MetCom’s most financially significant funds.

MetCom operates as an enterprise fund, which is one type of proprietary fund. All of MetCom’s basic services are reported here, including water, sewer, engineering services and general administration, as well as other nonoperating revenues and expenses. MetCom charges customers fees to cover all of the costs of the services it provides. MetCom’s financial statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resource measurement focus. All assets and liabilities are included in the financial statements. Revenue is recognized when water and other services are delivered, and expenses are recognized when goods and services are received, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

MetCom has one fiduciary fund, the Retiree Health Benefit Fund, which is used to account for resources held for the benefit of MetCom employees and retirees. These funds are not available to support MetCom’s operations. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The Supplementary Departmental Financial Statements provide details about MetCom's most significant funds – not MetCom as a whole. The Board of Commissioners of MetCom establishes funds to help it manage and control monies for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities.

METCOM AS A WHOLE

Statements of Net Position

MetCom's total net position increased by approximately \$10.3 million in FY 2015, and \$6.4 million in FY 2014. FY 2014 has been adjusted for the implementation of GASB 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, and GASB 71. Most of the current year's increase is attributable to the change in net investment of capital assets. During the current year MetCom received \$4.9 million in grants and \$.5 million of assets built by developers and donated to MetCom. MetCom also earned \$4.9 million. During FY 2014, the increase was mainly attributable to the change in net investment in capital assets. The following condensed statements show the changes in assets, liabilities and net position for the years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

MetCom's Net Position
(in millions of dollars)
Business-type activities

	<u>June 30,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 26.20	\$ 22.00	\$ 16.50
Capital assets	139.40	119.50	107.40
Deferred outflow - pension	<u>0.50</u>	<u>0.50</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows	<u>\$ 166.10</u>	<u>\$ 142.00</u>	<u>\$ 123.90</u>
Long-term debt outstanding	\$ 47.10	\$ 35.10	\$ 28.20
Other liabilities	11.60	10.20	5.40
Deferred inflow - pension	<u>0.40</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 59.10</u>	<u>\$ 45.30</u>	<u>\$ 33.60</u>
Net position			
Net invested in capital assets	\$ 88.70	\$ 82.00	\$ 77.00
Restricted	10.60	8.60	6.30
Unrestricted	<u>7.70</u>	<u>6.10</u>	<u>7.00</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 107.00</u>	<u>\$ 96.70</u>	<u>\$ 90.30</u>

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

Changes in MetCom's net position can be determined by reviewing the following condensed Statements of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position:

MetCom's Changes in Net Position (in millions of dollars) Business-type activities

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 14.20	\$ 13.80	\$ 13.60
Operating expenses	(11.70)	(11.50)	(11.20)
Depreciation expense	<u>(4.50)</u>	<u>(4.20)</u>	<u>(4.00)</u>
Operating loss	(2.00)	(1.90)	(1.60)
Nonoperating revenues	6.90	6.60	4.60
Capital contributions	<u>5.40</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>1.10</u>
Change in net position	10.30	9.70	4.10
Prior period adjustment	-	(3.30)	-
Net position at beginning of year, restated	<u>96.70</u>	<u>90.30</u>	<u>86.20</u>
Net position at end of year, restated	<u>\$ 107.00</u>	<u>\$ 96.70</u>	<u>\$ 90.30</u>

MetCom's operating revenues totaled \$14.2 million during the current year. Total operating revenues increased by 3% over the prior year, compared to operating revenue in the prior year of \$13.8 million which was an increase of 1.5% over FY 2013. The current year increase is mainly due to an average increase in sewer rates of approximately 3.6%, which was offset by a reduction in sewer volumes billed. The prior year's increase was due mainly to an average increase in sewer rates of approximately 3% and an increase in most water service rates of almost 1.3% with the exception of non-metered water service rates which decreased significantly. Expenses from MetCom's operating activities excluding depreciation totaled \$11.7 million during the current year and \$11.5 million in the prior year. All of these expenses are considered related to providing water, sewer and engineering services to the residents/businesses of St. Mary's County. Salaries and benefits comprised \$8.0 million, or 68% of operating expenses. Power for plant operations was \$1.0 million, or 9%. Maintenance of the system was \$1.0 million or 8% of operating expenses. The remaining \$1.7 million, or 15%, is related to administrative and direct costs.

Total Nonoperating Revenue increased \$.3 million to \$6.9 million in the current year. Debt Service Charges increased \$.4 million to \$9.2 million and interest expense increased \$.2 million. The Debt Service Charges are made up of \$7.4 million of System Improvement Charges and \$1.8 million of Capital Contribution Charges. System Improvement Charges increased \$1.0 million or 16%. The increase is due to a 6% increase in both Water and Sewer System Improvement Charges and a new System

Improvement Charge for the Navy for their 20% share of the debt service for the ENR project loan, \$.5 million annually for twenty years. Capital Contribution Charges decreased by \$.6 million. Sewer Capital Contribution charges increased by \$.2 million as many customers chose to take advantage of the FY 2015 rates as these rates increased substantially in FY 2016. Water Capital Contribution charges actually went down in FY 2015 by \$.8 million because in FY 2014 many customers took advantage of the lower FY 2014 Water Capital Contribution rates to avoid the rate increase of 59% in FY 2015.

Capital contributions, which includes both grants and assets built by developers and donated to MetCom, were \$5.4 million in FY 2015, an increase of \$.4 million from the prior year. Grants increased \$1.0 million in FY 2015, while donated assets went down \$.6 million. In FY 2014 Capital contributions increased \$3.9 million from the prior years due to grants of \$3.9 million. The grants received are for the Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) Project and the Radio Read Meter Project.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets

At June 30, 2015, MetCom had \$198.0 million prior to depreciation invested in capital assets. This represents a 14% increase over the previous year. At June 30, 2014, MetCom had \$173.7 million prior to depreciation invested in capital assets. This represents an increase of 10% over the previous year. MetCom owns utility and water plants in addition to numerous vehicles, furniture, equipment and computer equipment and buildings. The following table summarizes MetCom's capital assets (in millions):

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Utility plants	\$ 106.50	\$ 102.00	\$ 98.20
Water plants	40.00	38.10	36.90
Equipment	8.50	8.00	7.60
Capitalized interest	.80	.80	.80
Buildings	3.90	3.90	3.90
Land	.90	.80	.60
Construction in process	<u>37.40</u>	<u>20.10</u>	<u>9.40</u>
Total before depreciation	198.00	173.70	157.40
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(58.60)</u>	<u>(54.20)</u>	<u>(50.00)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 139.40</u>	<u>\$ 119.50</u>	<u>\$ 107.40</u>

This year's major capital asset additions included:

- The Sewer Interceptor on the Naval Air Station was rehabilitated at a cost of \$2.5 million. This project was funded with a loan from MDE.

- Grinder Pumps were replaced in St. Georges Island at a cost of \$869 thousand. This project was funded with a loan from DHCD.
- Three water towers and four water storage tanks were painted and rehabilitated at a cost of \$1.04 million. This project was funded with a loan from DHCD.
- The Bay Interceptor Relining project was completed at a cost of \$437 thousand and was funded with a loan from DHCD.

MetCom's FY 2016 Capital Improvement Budget for water is \$9.7 million, which includes \$9.3 million for water lines, \$.1 million for water storage tanks, and \$.3 million for miscellaneous projects. The Radio Read Water Meter Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$8.3 million was approved in FY 2012; construction started in FY 2013 and is almost complete. MDE has awarded a grant to MetCom for \$3 million and the balance will be funded with loans from MDE and DHCD. The FY 2016 budget includes funds for several large projects; the construction of the Piney Point Water System, Patuxent Park Water Main Replacement Phase 4 and St. Clements Shores Water System Replacement.

The FY 2016 Capital Improvement Budget for sewer is \$6.8 million, \$2.8 million for replacement projects, \$2.9 million for pump stations and \$1.1 million for upgrades/expansions. The Enhanced Nutrient Removal Project, ENR, at the Marlay-Taylor Wastewater Reclamation Facility in the amount of \$39.1 million was approved in prior years. This project is in the construction phase and should be completed in FY 2016. This project is required to meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay 2000 agreement and achieves 3mg/l total nitrogen and 0.3mg/l total phosphorous in the effluent. The state is expected to pay for the ENR portion of this project estimated to be \$10 million and the Navy is expected to pay \$7.8 million for this project. The FY 2016 budget includes funds for several large projects: Patuxent Park Sewer Replacement Phase 4, First Colony #2 Wastewater Pumping Station and Grinder Pump Replacements.

MDE will provide a loan for the Piney Point Water System project. Most of the remaining FY 2016 capital projects will be financed with DHCD loans.

Debt administration

At the end of FY 2015 and FY 2014, MetCom had a total of \$50.7 million and \$37.6 million in debt outstanding, respectively. As of June 30, 2015 MetCom has \$55 million available on existing debt, loans in place that have not been fully drawn down. The undrawn amount is not included in Bonds Payable.

On August 14, 2015 MetCom closed on two loans with TD Bank, for \$8.1 million to refinance some or all of Bond 17, Bond 21 and Bond 23.

The following table summarizes MetCom's debt (in millions):

	Years ended June 30,			% change	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>
Bonds payable	\$ 21.5	\$ 21.1	\$ 19.8	1.9%	6.6%
Notes, leases and loans payable	<u>29.2</u>	<u>16.5</u>	<u>10.6</u>	77.0%	55.7%
Total debt	<u>\$ 50.7</u>	<u>\$ 37.6</u>	<u>\$ 30.4</u>	34.8%	23.7%

The primary sources of revenue available for repayment of debt are System Improvement Charges that are paid by all customers with allocations on our system and Capital Contribution Charges which are paid by all new customers.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

MetCom anticipates about a 7% increase in the total operating revenues for next year compared to FY 2015 actuals. MetCom is implementing a new increasing block rate structure, which includes a Ready-To-Serve charge and a Usage fee for all usage, where the rates increase with usage. The new rate structure allows customers to pay for the volumes used, benefiting lower volume customers. The increasing block rate structure encourages conservation.

The total operating expenses in MetCom's Operating Budget for FY 2016 are \$15.0 million, about \$1.3 million more than the FY 2015 Amended Budget. Salaries are the largest component of MetCom's operating expenses, in FY 2016 salaries are \$6 million, a \$279 thousand increase over FY 2015 Amended Operating Budget. Health insurance is \$1.4 million and OPEB is \$397 thousand to fully fund the Annual Required Contribution, ARC, to the Other Post-Employment Benefit Trust, OPEB. Electricity to operate the water and sewer systems is \$1.1 million in the FY 2016 Operating Budget.

MetCom is in the middle of an aggressive plan to upgrade or replace many of MetCom's existing water and sewer facilities consistent with the guidance provided by the 5th & 8th Sanitary Districts Facilities Plan prepared by CH2M Hill.

CONTACTING METCOM'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of MetCom's finances and show MetCom's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, contact the MetCom Administrative office at 23121 Camden Way, California, Maryland 20619.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

ASSETS

	<u>June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,564,508	\$ 14,159,362
Accounts receivable	2,663,671	2,434,594
Loans/grants receivable	6,239,143	4,600,921
Inventory	267,137	323,820
Prepaid expenses	<u>351,612</u>	<u>347,563</u>
Total current assets	<u>26,086,071</u>	<u>21,866,260</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Net capital assets	139,420,927	119,532,065
Unamortized bond discount	<u>79,339</u>	<u>100,245</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>139,500,266</u>	<u>119,632,310</u>
Deferred outflow of resources:		
Pension	<u>495,003</u>	<u>451,374</u>
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	<u>\$ 166,081,340</u>	<u>\$ 141,949,944</u>

See accompanying notes.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION (CONTINUED)

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

	<u>June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,536,458	\$ 2,002,155
Accrued interest payable	802,155	876,997
Accrued expenses	859,386	876,653
Unearned revenue	29,341	47,366
Bond premiums	351,244	136,798
Bonds payable	1,714,688	1,500,156
Notes, leases and loans payable	<u>1,894,866</u>	<u>920,184</u>
 Total current liabilities	 <u>8,188,138</u>	 <u>6,360,309</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Bonds payable	19,774,689	19,567,253
Notes, leases and loans payable	27,307,041	15,563,271
Net pension liability	<u>3,411,505</u>	<u>3,764,603</u>
 Total noncurrent liabilities	 <u>50,493,235</u>	 <u>38,895,127</u>
Deferred inflow of resources:		
Pension	<u>373,412</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total liabilities and deferred inflow of resources	 <u>59,054,785</u>	 <u>45,255,436</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	88,729,643	81,981,201
Restricted	10,637,867	8,629,351
Unrestricted	<u>7,659,045</u>	<u>6,083,956</u>
 Total net position	 <u>107,026,555</u>	 <u>96,694,508</u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflow of resources and net position	 <u>\$ 166,081,340</u>	 <u>\$ 141,949,944</u>

See accompanying notes.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating revenue:		
Service charges	\$ 13,911,252	\$ 13,581,393
Miscellaneous	<u>288,292</u>	<u>227,615</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>14,199,544</u>	<u>13,809,008</u>
Operating expenses:		
Direct operating expenses	6,986,284	6,839,562
Administrative expenses	<u>4,674,600</u>	<u>4,679,270</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>11,660,884</u>	<u>11,518,832</u>
Operating income before depreciation	2,538,660	2,290,176
Depreciation	<u>(4,489,898)</u>	<u>(4,248,072)</u>
Operating loss	<u>(1,951,238)</u>	<u>(1,957,896)</u>
Nonoperating revenue (expenses):		
Interest income	15,979	14,552
Debt service charges	9,232,122	8,798,307
House connection charges- net	(15,242)	14,552
Interest expense	(2,506,195)	(2,317,947)
Other fees	<u>150,658</u>	<u>167,869</u>
Total nonoperating revenue, net	<u>6,877,322</u>	<u>6,677,333</u>
Income before contributions	4,926,084	4,719,437
Capital contributions	<u>5,405,963</u>	<u>4,972,479</u>
Change in net position	10,332,047	9,691,916
Total net position- beginning, as restated	96,694,508	90,315,821
Prior period adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,313,229)</u>
Total net position- ending, as restated	<u>\$ 107,026,555</u>	<u>\$ 96,694,508</u>

See accompanying notes.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	\$ 13,664,150	\$ 12,421,074
Payments to suppliers	(5,421,852)	(6,060,554)
Payments to employees	(5,582,827)	(5,206,023)
Other receipts	<u>288,292</u>	<u>227,615</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>2,947,763</u>	<u>1,382,112</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Proceeds from capital debt	16,076,938	10,798,488
Purchases of capital assets	(19,384,357)	(12,928,673)
Principal paid on capital debt	(4,273,030)	(3,423,457)
Interest paid on capital debt	(2,345,685)	(1,746,104)
Other receipts and payments	<u>9,367,538</u>	<u>8,980,728</u>
Net cash provided (used) by capital and relating financing activities	<u>(558,596)</u>	<u>1,680,982</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	<u>15,979</u>	<u>14,552</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,405,146	3,077,646
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>14,159,362</u>	<u>11,081,716</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 16,564,508</u>	<u>\$ 14,159,362</u>

See accompanying notes.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net		
Cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating loss	\$ (1,951,238)	\$ (1,957,896)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss		
to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	4,599,748	4,357,856
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(229,077)	(1,154,707)
Prepaid expense	(4,049)	(1,591)
Inventory	56,683	(47,772)
Deferred outflows	(43,629)	-
Accounts payable	534,303	48,243
Accrued expenses	(17,267)	143,591
Unearned revenue	(18,025)	(5,612)
Net pension liability	(353,098)	-
Deferred inflows	373,412	-
	<u>2,947,763</u>	<u>1,382,112</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities:	<u>\$ 2,947,763</u>	<u>\$ 1,382,112</u>

SCHEDULE OF NONCASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Increase in capital assets	\$ 24,488,610	\$ 16,424,269
Capital contribution	(5,405,963)	(4,972,479)
Change in grants receivable	<u>301,710</u>	<u>1,476,883</u>
Purchase of capital assets	<u>\$ 19,384,357</u>	<u>\$ 12,928,673</u>
Additions to capital debt	\$ 17,413,450	\$ 10,546,172
Change in loans receivable	<u>(1,336,512)</u>	<u>252,316</u>
Proceeds from capital debt	<u>\$ 16,076,938</u>	<u>\$ 10,798,488</u>

See accompanying notes.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

ASSETS

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Restricted investments	\$ <u>3,716,032</u>	\$ <u>3,277,779</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>3,716,032</u>	\$ <u>3,277,779</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Net assets held in trust for OPEB	\$ <u>3,716,032</u>	\$ <u>3,277,779</u>

See accompanying notes.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
ADDITIONS:		
Contributions	\$ 573,000	\$ 550,000
Interest income	2,928	1,667
	<u>\$ 575,928</u>	<u>\$ 551,667</u>
Net additions	<u>\$ 575,928</u>	<u>\$ 551,667</u>
 DEDUCTIONS:		
Benefits paid	\$ (117,146)	\$ (118,339)
Administrative expenses	(15,489)	-
Unrealized loss	(5,040)	-
	<u>(137,675)</u>	<u>(118,339)</u>
Net deductions	<u>(137,675)</u>	<u>(118,339)</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 438,253</u>	<u>\$ 433,328</u>
 NET POSITION:		
Beginning of year	<u>\$ 3,277,779</u>	<u>\$ 2,844,451</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 3,716,032</u>	<u>\$ 3,277,779</u>

See accompanying notes.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Financial reporting entity

The St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) is responsible for providing water and wastewater facilities and services within the jurisdiction of St. Mary's County, Maryland. MetCom's commissioners are appointed by the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County. MetCom, a body politic and corporate, organized under section 113 of the code of St. Mary's County, is a component unit of the St. Mary's County Government.

The financial statements of MetCom have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The significant accounting policies are described below.

Fund accounting and basis of accounting

MetCom maintains its accounting system as an enterprise fund to report its nonfiduciary activities. An enterprise fund is used to account for operations that are primarily financed by user charges. Separate financial statements are provided for its fiduciary fund.

Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid in financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. An enterprise fund is used to account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Both enterprise and fiduciary funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the statement of net position. Fund equity (i.e., net position) is segregated into net investment in capital assets and restricted and unrestricted components. Enterprise fund-type operating statements present increases (e.g., revenue) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net position.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Fund accounting and basis of accounting (continued)

Net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net assets use are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributions, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through legislation.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U. S. 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits and any highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the average cost method. The consumption method of recording inventory is used, which means that the acquisition of materials and supplies is recorded initially in inventory accounts and charged as expenses when used.

Receivables

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivables include inspection fees and water and sewer billings receivable.

Compensated absences

Compensated absences are accrued as incurred and recognized as a current liability in the financial statements. These absences represent vacation leave earned but not taken, and sick leave earned prior to October 2004 that will be paid out at the rate of 50% upon the employees' retirement. The total leave earned but not taken was \$556,115 and \$523,445 at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Pensions

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 fiduciary net position of MetCom's pension plan and additions to/ deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net pension have been determined on the same basis as they are reported in MetCom's financial statements. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments reported at fair value.

Capital assets

All purchased capital assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. Depreciation expense is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Life</u>
Utility plants	18 to 50 years
Water plant systems	18 to 50 years
Equipment	3 to 10 years
Capitalized interest	50 years
Buildings	20 to 30 years

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets, as applicable.

Capital contributions

Capital grants and contributions from federal and state governments are reported as capital contributions in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

Donated assets consist principally of capital assets constructed by developers and subsequently donated to MetCom and reported as capital contributions. They are

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Capital contributions (continued)

recorded at estimated fair value using developers' estimated costs to construct the assets. The capital assets and related capital contributions are recognized upon completion of construction.

Bond issue costs

Bond issue costs include legal fees, advertising, rating fees and other costs incurred when bonds were issued. The costs are expensed in the period that the bonds are issued.

2. Deposits and investments

Policy

Maryland law prescribes that local government units such as MetCom must deposit their cash in banks transacting business in the State of Maryland, and that such banks must secure any deposits in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance levels with collateral whose market value is at least equal to the deposits.

State statutes authorize MetCom to invest in obligations of the United States government, federal government agency obligations, and repurchase agreements secured by direct government or agency obligations. All of the funds were invested in the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP), which qualifies under the statutes.

Deposits

The carrying amount of MetCom's deposits was \$14,292,088 and \$11,432,436 at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and the bank balances were \$15,425,267 and \$13,704,639, respectively. Of the bank balances, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance at June 30, 2015 and 2014, with the remaining \$15,175,267 and \$13,454,639, respectively, adequately covered by collateral.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

2. Deposits and investments (continued)

Deposits (continued)

At June 30, 2015 and 2014, there were no deposits exposed to custodial credit risk, interest rate risk or foreign currency risk.

Cash and cash equivalents consisted of the following as of June 30,

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Investments	\$ 2,271,520	\$ 2,726,026
Cash	14,292,088	11,432,436
Petty cash	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>\$ 16,564,508</u>	<u>\$ 14,159,362</u>

Investments

Investments in the MLGIP are not evidenced by securities. The State Treasurer of Maryland exercises oversight responsibility over the MLGIP. A single financial institution is contracted to operate the Pool. Separately issued financial statements may be obtained from the contractor: David Rommel, PNC Bank, Two Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. In addition, the State Treasurer has established an advisory board composed of Pool participants to review the activities of the contractor quarterly and provide suggestions to enhance the return on investments. The MLGIP uses the amortized cost method to compute unit value rather than market value to report net assets. Accordingly, the fair value of the position in the MLGIP is the same as the value of the MLGIP shares. The MLGIP is rated AAAM by Standard and Poors. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, MetCom's investments, for both custodial and credit risk purposes, consisted solely of shares in the MLGIP. This investment is not deemed to have either risk. The Pool is managed as a Rule 2a-7 pool. Therefore, MetCom faces no interest rate risk. The cost and fair value of the MLGIP investments at June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$2,271,520 and \$2,726,026, respectively.

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JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

3. Capital assets and depreciation

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2015 was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2015</u>
Capital assets:				
Utility plants	\$ 101,933,646	\$ 4,630,476	\$ -	\$ 106,564,122
Water plant systems	38,134,334	1,832,467	3,260	39,963,541
Equipment	8,013,894	646,794	191,935	8,468,753
Capitalized interest	818,201	-	-	818,201
Buildings	<u>3,899,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,899,703</u>
Subtotal	152,799,778	7,109,737	195,195	159,714,320
Not being depreciated:				
Utility plant CIP	12,636,089	20,107,788	4,371,626	28,372,251
Water plant CIP	7,480,586	3,080,405	1,545,837	9,015,154
Land and land rights	<u>771,419</u>	<u>108,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>879,562</u>
	<u>173,687,872</u>	<u>30,406,073</u>	<u>6,112,658</u>	<u>197,981,287</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Utility plants	37,851,702	2,561,574	-	40,413,276
Water plant systems	9,339,013	1,205,999	3,260	10,541,752
Equipment	5,285,269	650,884	191,935	5,744,218
Capitalized interest	319,098	16,364	-	335,462
Buildings	<u>1,360,725</u>	<u>164,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,525,652</u>
	<u>54,155,807</u>	<u>4,599,748</u>	<u>195,195</u>	<u>58,560,360</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 119,532,065</u>	<u>\$ 25,806,325</u>	<u>\$ 5,917,463</u>	<u>\$ 139,420,927</u>

Depreciation expense of \$4,599,748 was charged to activities as follows:

Sewer activities	\$ 2,947,823
Water activities	1,504,947
Engineering activities	37,128
Administrative	<u>109,850</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,599,748</u>

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JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

3. Capital assets and depreciation (continued)

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2014 was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2013</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2014</u>
Capital assets:				
Utility plants	\$ 98,177,788	\$ 3,755,858	\$ -	\$ 101,933,646
Water plant systems	36,851,063	1,283,271	-	38,134,334
Equipment	7,633,107	529,294	148,507	8,013,894
Capitalized interest	818,201	-	-	818,201
Buildings	<u>3,899,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,899,703</u>
Subtotal	147,379,862	5,568,423	148,507	152,799,778
Not being depreciated:				
Utility plant CIP	6,175,652	9,727,126	3,266,689	12,636,089
Water plant CIP	3,197,618	4,928,506	645,538	7,480,586
Land and land rights	<u>657,587</u>	<u>113,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>771,419</u>
	<u>157,410,719</u>	<u>20,337,887</u>	<u>4,060,734</u>	<u>173,687,872</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Utility plants	35,390,967	2,460,735	-	37,851,702
Water plant systems	8,261,261	1,077,752	-	9,339,013
Equipment	4,801,624	630,761	147,116	5,285,269
Capitalized interest	302,734	16,364	-	319,098
Buildings	<u>1,188,481</u>	<u>172,244</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,360,725</u>
	<u>49,945,067</u>	<u>4,357,856</u>	<u>147,116</u>	<u>54,155,807</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 107,465,652</u>	<u>\$ 15,980,031</u>	<u>\$ 3,913,618</u>	<u>\$ 119,532,065</u>

Depreciation expense of \$4,357,856 was charged to activities as follows:

Sewer activities	\$ 2,838,292
Water activities	1,362,827
Engineering activities	46,953
Administrative	<u>109,784</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,357,856</u>

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

4. Long-term debt

Long-term bonds payable as of June 30, 2015, are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Undrawn</u>
Seventeenth Issue	2005-2018	2.75%-4.40%	\$ 2,145,000	\$ 190,685	\$ -
Twenty-first Issue	2007-2021	3.65%-4.275%	518,300	73,362	-
Twenty-third Issue	2008-2027	3.5%-4.25%	6,740,170	2,014,961	787,930
Twenty-seventh Issue	2011-2030	0.75%-4.31%	6,948,142	2,612,713	3,151,158
Thirtieth Issue	2012-2029	2.96%-3.4%	1,182,891	284,494	-
Thirty-first Issue	2013-2032	0.61%-3.42%	673,064	450,959	6,936,837
Thirty-sixth Issue	2014-2033	4.31%	1,083,002	2,119,629	13,654,398
Thirty-eighth Issue	2015-2034	3.51%	<u>2,198,808</u>	<u>1,097,736</u>	<u>19,146,691</u>
			21,489,377	8,844,539	<u>\$ 43,677,014</u>
Less current portion			<u>1,714,688</u>	<u>919,109</u>	
Total			<u>\$ 19,774,689</u>	<u>\$ 7,925,430</u>	

The annual requirements to amortize principal and interest payments of all bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2015 are as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2016 (current)	\$ 1,714,688	\$ 919,109
2017	1,766,455	865,833
2018	1,829,876	806,081
2019	1,893,256	741,912
2020	1,353,431	687,987
2021 – 2025	6,883,137	2,753,483
2026 – 2030	5,552,258	1,507,433
2031 – 2034	<u>496,276</u>	<u>562,701</u>
	<u>\$ 21,489,377</u>	<u>\$ 8,844,539</u>

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

4. Long-term debt (continued)

Long-term bonds payable as of June 30, 2014 are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Seventeenth Issue	2005-2018	2.75%-4.40%	\$ 2,620,000	\$ 291,475
Twenty-first Issue	2007-2021	3.65%-4.275%	600,300	98,344
Twenty-third Issue	2008-2027	3.5%-4.25%	7,153,689	2,298,566
Twenty-seventh Issue	2011-2030	0.75%-4.31%	7,395,028	2,880,746
Thirtieth Issue	2012-2029	2.96%-3.4%	1,248,773	321,971
Thirty-first Issue	2013-2032	0.61%-3.42%	825,615	432,635
Thirty-sixth Issue	2014-2033	4.31%	<u>1,224,004</u>	<u>834,428</u>
			21,067,409	7,158,165
Less current portion			<u>1,500,156</u>	<u>851,971</u>
Total			<u>\$ 19,567,253</u>	<u>\$ 6,306,194</u>

Seventeenth issue

On September 4, 2003, MetCom issued Refunding Bonds of 2003 in the principal amount of \$6,105,000. The bonds mature on November 1, in 14 annual installments, beginning in 2005 and ending in 2018. Interest rates on the bonds range from 2.75% to 4.4%. Interest was payable on May 1, 2004 and semiannually thereafter on each May 1 and November 1 to maturity.

The bonds may be prepaid at the following premiums:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Price</u>
November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014	101%
November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015	100-1/2%
After November 1, 2015	100%

The bonds were issued to refund all the outstanding maturities of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission Refunding Bonds of 1993 (Ninth issue).

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JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

4. Long-term debt (continued)

Twenty-first issue

On April 15, 2006, the Commission issued Refunding Bonds in the principal amount of \$1,158,700. The bonds mature on May 1, in 15 annual installments, beginning in 2007 and ending in 2021. Interest was payable on November 1, 2006 and semiannually thereafter on each May 1 and November 1 to maturity.

These bonds are not subject to prepayment by the Issuer prior to May 1, 2016. On or after May 1, 2017, the bonds are subject to prepayment by the Issuer at 100%.

The bonds were issued to refund outstanding maturities of Financing Bonds in conjunction with the Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA). These bonds were issued with a true interest cost ranging from 3.65% to 4.275% to refund certain maturities of \$620,000 in outstanding 1996 Series A bonds, the Thirteenth Issue, with a coupon rate of 5.579% and \$500,000 in outstanding 1995 Series A bonds, the Tenth issue, with an average interest rate of 6.24%. These bonds were issued to take advantage of a favorable interest rate environment. The net proceeds (including interest and premium) of \$1,131,200 were deposited with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments of the refunded bonds.

MetCom refunded these bonds at a premium to reduce its total debt service payments by \$152,325 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$110,445.

Twenty-third issue

On November 14, 2007, the Commission issued \$10,889,100 of Infrastructure Financing Bonds in conjunction with the Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA). As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, MetCom had drawn only \$10,101,170 and \$10,035,589 of the proceeds, respectively.

The bonds mature on May 1, in 20 annual installments, beginning in 2008 and ending in 2027. Interest rates on the bonds range from 3.5%-4.25%. Interest was payable on May 1, 2008 and semiannually thereafter on each November 1 and May 1 to maturity. The bonds may be prepaid, in whole or in part, at any time after June 1, 2017. Any partial prepayment shall not be less than the outstanding balance or \$50,000, whichever is less.

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4. Long-term debt (continued)

Twenty-seventh issue

On August 25, 2010, the Commission issued \$12,613,963 of Infrastructure Financing Bonds in conjunction with the Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA). As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, MetCom had drawn only \$9,462,805 and \$9,389,991 of the proceeds, respectively.

The bonds mature on May 1, in 20 annual installments, beginning in 2011 and ending in 2030. Interest rates on the bonds range from .75%-4.31%. Interest was payable on November 1, 2010 and semiannually thereafter on each November 1 and May 1 to maturity. The bonds may be prepaid, in whole or in part, at any time after June 1, 2020. Any partial prepayment shall not be less than the outstanding balance or \$50,000, whichever is less.

Thirtieth issue

On March 15, 2012, MetCom issued refunding bonds in the principal amount of \$1,448,492. The bonds mature on May 1, in 18 annual installments, beginning in 2012 and ending in 2029. Interest was payable May 1, 2012 and semiannually thereafter on each May 1 and November 1 until maturity.

The bonds may be prepaid at the following premiums:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Price</u>
May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021	102%
May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022	101%
On or after May 1, 2022	100%

The bonds were issued to refund all of the outstanding maturities of Financing Bond Issue number fourteen, issued in conjunction with the Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA). These bonds were issued with an interest rate of 2.96%, that may be increased up to 3.4% in the event of a decrease in the marginal maximum corporate income tax rate. The refunded bonds had a true interest cost ranging from 4.5% to 5.0%. These bonds were issued to take advantage of a favorable interest rate environment.

MetCom refunded these bonds to reduce its total debt service payments by \$249,357 and to obtain an economic gain of \$197,055.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

4. Long-term debt (continued)

Thirty-first issue

On December 19, 2012, the Commission issued \$8,719,514 of Infrastructure Financing Bonds in conjunction with the Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA). As of June 30, 2015 and 2014 MetCom had drawn only \$1,782,678 and \$1,564,728 of the proceeds, respectively.

The bonds mature on May 1, in 20 annual installments, beginning in 2013 and ending in 2032. Interest rates on the bonds range from .61%-3.42%. Interest was payable on May 1, 2013 and semiannually thereafter on each May 1 and November 1 to maturity. The bonds may be prepaid, in whole or in part, at any time after June 1, 2022. Any partial prepayment shall not be less than the outstanding balance or \$50,000, whichever is less.

Thirty-sixth issue

On October 2, 2013, the Commission issued \$15,948,168 of Infrastructure Financing Bonds in conjunction with the Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA). As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, MetCom had drawn only \$2,293,770 and \$1,820,272 of the proceeds, respectively.

The bonds mature on May 1, in 20 annual installments, beginning in 2014 and ending in 2033. The average interest yield on these bonds is 4.31%. Interest was payable on May 1, 2014 and semiannually thereafter on each May 1 and November 1 to maturity. The bonds may be prepaid, in whole or in part, at any time after June 1, 2023. Any partial prepayment shall not be less than the outstanding balance or \$50,000, whichever is less.

Thirty-eighth issue

On August 28, 2014, the Commission issued \$22,075,230 of Infrastructure Financing Bonds in conjunction with the Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA). As of June 30, 2015, MetCom had drawn only \$2,928,539 of the proceeds.

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JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

4. Long-term debt (continued)

Thirty-eighth issue (continued)

The bonds mature on May 1, in 20 annual installments, beginning in 2015 and ending in 2034. The average interest yield on these bonds is 3.51%. Interest was payable on May 1, 2015 and semiannually thereafter on each May 1 and November 1 to maturity. The bonds may be prepaid, in whole or in part, at any time after June 1, 2024. Any partial prepayment shall not be less than the outstanding balance or \$50,000, whichever is less.

Notes, leases and loans payable as of June 30, 2015 are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Undrawn</u>
Sixth Issue	2017	6.682%	\$ 32,638	\$ 3,307	\$ -
MD Water Quality Loan #11	2017	4.26%	587,913	37,829	-
MD Water Quality Loan #15	2020	2.70%	252,116	20,784	-
MD Water Quality Loan #16	2023	1.20%	210,568	9,355	-
MD Water Quality Loan #18	2025	1.10%	2,484,850	152,798	-
MD Water Quality Loan #19	2024	1.10%	487,478	27,202	-
MD Water Quality Loan #20	2024	1.10%	532,658	19,984	-
MD Water Quality Loan #22	2027	1.10%	691,704	45,053	-
MD Water Quality Loan #25	2029	1.00%	143,813	11,002	-
MD Water Quality Loan #26	2030	1.00%	447,592	36,639	-
MD Water Quality Loan #28	2030	2.20%	365,080	67,511	-
SunTrust Bank Loan #29	2016	2.03%	79,769	1,220	-
MD Water Quality Loan #32	2034	1.80%	3,913,423	747,769	960,779
MD Water Quality Loan #33	2033	1.70%	375,303	62,096	-
MD Water Quality Loan #34	2035	2.10%	13,444,980	3,180,449	7,637,420
MD Water Quality Loan #35	2035	2.10%	3,361,244	795,444	1,909,356
MD Water Quality Loan #37	2034	2.00%	1,790,778	382,367	809,522
			29,201,907	5,600,809	<u>\$ 11,317,077</u>
Less current portion			<u>1,894,866</u>	<u>597,715</u>	
Total			<u>\$ 27,307,041</u>	<u>\$ 5,003,094</u>	

The annual requirements to amortize principal and interest payments on all notes, leases and loans outstanding as of June 30, 2015, are as follows:

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4. Long-term debt (continued)

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2016 (current)	\$ 1,894,866	\$ 597,715
2017	1,902,571	522,269
2018	1,589,198	480,978
2019	1,616,970	453,206
2020	1,645,264	424,913
2021 - 2025	7,767,916	1,706,041
2026 - 2030	6,464,690	1,037,229
2031 - 2035	<u>6,320,432</u>	<u>378,458</u>
	<u>\$ 29,201,907</u>	<u>\$ 5,600,809</u>

Notes, leases and loans payable as of June 30, 2014 are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Sixth Issue	2017	6.682%	\$ 47,441	\$ 6,477
MD Water Quality Loan #11	2017	4.26%	863,979	74,634
MD Water Quality Loan #15	2020	2.70%	298,633	28,847
MD Water Quality Loan #16	2023	1.20%	242,599	12,266
MD Water Quality Loan #18	2025	1.10%	2,718,709	182,704
MD Water Quality Loan #19	2024	1.10%	538,738	33,128
MD Water Quality Loan #20	2024	1.10%	622,279	26,829
MD Water Quality Loan #22	2027	1.10%	753,089	53,337
MD Water Quality Loan #25	2029	1.00%	153,356	12,536
MD Water Quality Loan #26	2030	1.00%	475,123	41,390
MD Water Quality Loan #28	2030	2.20%	385,440	75,991
SunTrust Bank Loan #29	2016	2.03%	134,712	3,450
MD Water Quality Loan #32	2034	1.80%	2,912,010	606,341
MD Water Quality Loan #33	2033	1.70%	35,044	6,293
MD Water Quality Loan #34	2035	2.10%	4,857,058	1,516,497
MD Water Quality Loan #35	2035	2.10%	1,214,265	379,113
MD Water Quality Loan #37	2034	2.00%	<u>230,980</u>	<u>50,978</u>
			16,483,455	3,110,811
Less current portion			<u>920,184</u>	<u>268,939</u>
Total			<u>\$ 15,563,271</u>	<u>\$ 2,841,872</u>

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4. Long-term debt (continued)

As of June 30, 2015, MetCom has fifteen loans from the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration. Proceeds from loan number eleven of \$4,177,116 were used to finance the Marley-Taylor WRF Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion Project. Loan number fifteen for \$835,000 was drawn during the year ended June 30, 2000 for the purpose of financing an office building for the administrative use of MetCom. Loan number sixteen for \$567,680 was used to upgrade the Leonardtown wastewater treatment plant. Loan number eighteen for \$4,712,200 was used to upgrade the Marley-Taylor WRF. Loan number nineteen for \$976,700 was used to replace the Lexington Park Wastewater Pumping Station. Loan number twenty for \$1,466,576 was for water meter installations. Loan number twenty-two for \$1,136,984 was used for the Andover Road/Estates sewer projects and for arsenic remediation wells. Loan number twenty-five for \$191,593 was used for the Hollywood Water Extension to provide arsenic remediation. Loan number twenty-six for \$582,547 was used for Patuxent Park Sewer Line Repair and the Marlay-Taylor Methane Powered CoGeneration Project. Loan number twenty-eight for \$443,927 was used for the St. Clements Shore Well. Loan number twenty-nine is with SunTrust Bank in the amount of \$270,682 at an interest rate of 2.03%. Payments are made monthly on this loan from December 2011 through November 2016. The proceeds of this loan were used to purchase a Vactor truck. Loan number thirty-two in the amount of \$4,874,202 is for the Radio Read Meter Project. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014 MetCom had drawn \$3,913,423 and \$2,912,010 of the proceeds, respectively. Loan number thirty-three in the amount of \$394,000 is for the Shangri La Drive/South Essex Drive Sewer Rehabilitation. Loan number thirty-four in the amount of \$21,082,400 is for the Marlay-Taylor Wastewater Reclamation Facility Enhanced Nutrient Removal, ENR, project. Loan number thirty-five in the amount of \$5,270,600 is also for Marlay-Taylor Wastewater Reclamation Facility ENR project. This loan will be paid for by Navy charges and is therefore taxable. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, MetCom has drawn \$16,806,225 and \$6,071,323 of the proceeds, respectively, on loans thirty-four and thirty-five. Loan number thirty-seven in the amount of \$2,600,300 is for the Route 235 and Route 712 Interceptor Rehabilitation. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, MetCom had drawn \$1,790,778 and \$230,980 of the proceeds, respectively.

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4. Long-term debt (continued)

Changes in long-term debt

The changes in long-term debt payable for the year ended June 30, 2015 were as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2014	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2015	Amounts Due Within One Year
Bonds payable	\$ 21,067,409	\$ 3,758,381	\$ 3,336,413	\$ 21,489,377	\$ 1,714,688
Notes, leases and loans payable	<u>16,483,455</u>	<u>13,655,069</u>	<u>936,617</u>	<u>29,201,907</u>	<u>1,894,866</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 37,550,864</u>	<u>\$ 17,413,450</u>	<u>\$ 4,273,030</u>	<u>\$ 50,691,284</u>	<u>\$ 3,609,554</u>

The changes in long-term debt payable for the year ended June 30, 2014 were as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2013	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2014	Amounts Due Within One Year
Bonds payable	\$ 19,798,017	\$ 3,795,393	\$ 2,526,001	\$ 21,067,409	\$ 1,500,156
Notes, leases and loans payable	<u>10,630,132</u>	<u>6,750,779</u>	<u>897,456</u>	<u>16,483,455</u>	<u>920,184</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 30,428,149</u>	<u>\$ 10,546,172</u>	<u>\$ 3,423,457</u>	<u>\$ 37,550,864</u>	<u>\$ 2,420,340</u>

5. Restricted net assets

Net assets are restricted for the repayment of the following:

- a. Collection of fees for a sinking fund to upgrade the capacity of the main sewage treatment plant at Marley-Taylor WRF are restricted for that purpose. The amount restricted at June 30, 2015 and 2014 is \$707,104.
- b. The Board has restricted net assets per agreement with customers for upgrades and replacements to their water and sewer systems. The amount restricted at June 30, 2015 and 2014 is \$130,894.

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5. Restricted net assets (continued)

- c. The Capital Project Upgrade funds are reserved for the replacement and upgrade of water and sewer facilities. These funds are restricted by law for that purpose. The balance as of June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$7,932,504 and \$6,515,470, respectively.
- d. The Capital Project New Services funds are reserved for the construction of facilities to serve new customers. These funds are restricted by law for that purpose. The balance as of June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$1,867,365 and \$1,275,883, respectively.

6. Retirement and pension plan

Nationwide Retirement Solutions

On March 18, 2004, MetCom adopted a Section 457 plan. Under the terms of the plan, employees may contribute up to 100% of their salary, up to the contribution limits, to the plan. No employer contributions are made to this plan.

Maryland State Pension Systems

Effective July 1, 2004, MetCom joined the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System. Under the terms of entry into the system, MetCom will grant 100% credit for prior service of eligible employees. The actuarial cost of entry into the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System for service prior to June 30, 2004 was \$3,392,774. All qualified career employees of MetCom are required to join the Maryland State Employees' Pension Plan.

Description

The State Retirement Agency (the "Agency") is the administrator of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System (the "System"). The System was established to provide provisions for retirement, death and disability benefits. The Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. The plan issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained at the following website: www.sra.state.md.us/Agency/Downloads/CAFR/CAFR-2014.pdf

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6. Retirement and pension plan (continued)

Benefit terms

All plan benefits are established by, and may be amended by changes to, the State Personnel and Pensions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Participants hired prior to July 1, 2011 become eligible for a vested retirement allowance after 5 years' service. Participants hired on or after July 1, 2011 become vested for a retirement allowance after 10 years' services. For members in the plan prior to July 1, 2011, pensions normally start at age 62 or after 30 years' service, but with 15 or more years of service an employee can elect to have a reduced pension begin at age 55. Pensions are based upon the average of the employees' highest consecutive three years' pay; the benefit multiplier will be 1.2% for years of credit earned up to June 30, 1998 and 1.8% for years of earned credit after June 30, 1998. Cost of living increases are limited to 3% per annum. For members enrolled on and after July 1, 2011, vesting will require ten years of eligibility service; service retirement will be at age 65 with ten years of eligibility service or based on the Rule of 90 (age and service must equal 90); early service retirement will be age 60 with 15 years of eligibility service; average final compensation will be a five year average; the benefit multiplier per year will be 1.5%; and, cost of living adjustments on all benefits will be the lesser of 2.5% or the increase in CPI if the most recent calendar year market value rate of return was greater than or equal to the assumed rate.

Contributions

The State Personnel and Pensions Article requires contributions by active members and their employees. Rates for required contributions by active members are established by law. Members of the Pension Systems were required to contribute 7% of earnable compensation for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

Contribution rates for employer and other "nonemployer" contributing entities are established by annual actuarial valuations using the Individual Entry Age Normal Cost method with projection and other actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board of Trustees. These contribution rates have been established as the rates necessary to fully fund normal costs and amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

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6. Retirement and pension plan (continued)

Contributions (continued)

The unfunded actuarial liability (UAAL) was being amortized in distinct layers. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability which existed as of the June 30, 2000, actuarial valuation was being amortized over a 40-year period (as provided by law) from July 1, 1980 and as provided by law, any new unfunded liabilities or surpluses arising during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, or any fiscal year thereafter, was being amortized over a 25-year period from the end of the fiscal year in which the liability or surplus arose. However, in the 2014 legislative session, the Legislature changed the method used to fund the System. The unfunded liability for each System is being amortized over a single closed 25-year period.

The State of Maryland, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund and more than 150 participating governmental units make all of the employer and other contributions to the System.

MetCom's contribution to the System was \$445,653 and \$447,972 for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Actuarial assumptions

Actuarial Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Payroll, Closed
Inflation	2.9% general, 3.4% wage
Salary Increases	3.4%-11.9%, including inflation
Discount Rate	7.65%
Investment Rate of Return	7.65%
Mortality	RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table projected to the year 2025

Asset allocation

The following was the Board of Trustees adopted asset allocation policy and best estimate of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2014.

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6. Retirement and pension plan (continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Public Equity	35%	4.70%
Fixed Income	10%	2.00%
Credit	10%	3.00%
Real Return	14%	2.80%
Absolute Return	10%	5.00%
Private Equity	10%	6.30%
Real Estate	10%	4.50%
Cash	1%	1.40%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

Discount rate

A single discount rate of 7.65% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.65%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability

The following presents the plan's net pension liability, calculated using a single discount rate of 7.65%, as well as what the plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a single discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher:

(Expressed in thousands)			
	1% Decrease to 6.65%	Current Discount	1% Increase to 8.65%
Total System Net Pension Liability	\$25,575,273	\$17,745,731	\$11,189,338

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6. Retirement and pension plan (continued)

Pension liabilities, pension expense, and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions

At June 30, 2015 MetCom reported a liability of \$3,411,505 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The 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. MetCom's proportion of the net pension liability was based on MetCom's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contribution of all participating employers. At June 30, 2015, MetCom's proportion was .01922%

For the year ended June 30, 2015, MetCom recognized pension expense of \$434,376, and reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in assumptions	\$ 49,350	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual invest earnings on pension plan investments	-	373,412
Contributions subsequent to measurement date	<u>445,653</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 495,003</u>	<u>\$ 373,412</u>

The \$445,653 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from MetCom contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2016. The \$49,350 from the change in assumptions, and the \$373,412 from the difference in earnings, will be amortized over a five year period as follows:

Year ending June 30,

2016	\$ 12,337	\$ 93,353
2017	\$ 12,337	\$ 93,353
2018	\$ 12,338	\$ 93,353
2019	\$ 12,338	\$ 93,353
2020	\$ -	\$ -

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7. Other post-employment benefits

MetCom adopted the requirements of GASB Statement No. 45 during the year ended June 30, 2008. In adopting GASB 45, MetCom recognizes the cost of post-employment health care in the year when the employee services are received, reports the accumulated liability from the prior years and provides information useful in assessing potential demands on MetCom's future cash flows. Recognition of the liability accumulated from prior years will be phased in over 30 years, commencing with the 2008 liability. To fund the retiree health benefits, MetCom established a trust fund, the Retiree Benefit Trust of St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission.

Plan description

MetCom provides health, prescription, dental and vision care insurance benefits to eligible retirees, eligible retirees' family members and the family members of deceased employees as a single-employer plan. Eligible persons include employees with a minimum of ten years of eligible MetCom service entering an immediate retirement, family members of eligible retirees and family members of deceased employees. MetCom pays a percentage of premiums based on the date of hire and number of years of service. For employees hired prior to May 10, 2007, the percentage ranges from 53.13% with ten years of service to 85% with 16 or more years of service. The percentages for employees hired on or after May 10, 2007 range from 21.25% with 15 years service to 85% with 30 years service. There is no statutory or contractual requirement to provide these benefits, and they may be changed or modified by MetCom's Board of Commissioners.

Membership

At June 30 membership consisted of:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Retirees and Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	10	10	10
Active Employees	<u>67</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>65</u>
Total	<u>77</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>75</u>

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7. Other post-employment benefits (continued)

Funding policy

MetCom's Board determines how much is contributed to the OPEB Trust as part of the budget process. It is MetCom's intention to fully fund the OPEB cost each year. The FY 2015 Operating Budget included fully funding the OPEB cost. MetCom contributed \$573,000 and \$550,000 to the trust in FY 2015 and FY 2014, respectively. The Net OPEB Obligation is overpaid by \$300,388 as of June 30, 2015.

Annual OPEB costs and net OPEB obligation

MetCom's annual other post-employment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period of thirty years. The following table shows the components of MetCom's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in MetCom's net OPEB obligation:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Annual Required Contribution	\$ 574,000	\$ 552,000
Interest on NOPEBO	(20,000)	(20,000)
Adjustment to ARC	<u>19,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>
Annual OPEB Cost	573,000	550,000
Contributions Made	573,000	550,000
NOPEBO, (Prepaid) Beginning of Year	<u>\$ (300,388)</u>	<u>\$ (300,388)</u>
NOPEBO, (Prepaid) End of Year	<u>\$ (300,388)</u>	<u>\$ (300,388)</u>

Funded status and funding progress

As of July 1, 2014, the plan was 49.39% funded. The actuarially accrued liability for benefits was \$7,238,000, and the actuarial value of assets was \$3,575,000, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$3,663,000. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$4,911,310, and the ratio of UAAL to the covered payroll was 74.58%. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the

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7. Other post-employment benefits (continued)

Funded status and funding progress (continued)

probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial methods and assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan member to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the October 26, 2012 actuarial valuation, the liabilities were computed using the project unit credit, with proration to benefit eligibility method. The actuarial assumptions included a 7% annual rate of return. The medical cost trend varied between 8% and 4.2% using the Society of Actuaries (SOA) Long-Run Medical Cost Trend Model baseline assumptions. The rates include a 2.5% rate of inflation assumption. The UAAL is being amortized as a 30-year level percentage of projected payroll, closed basis, with 22 years remaining.

Summary of significant accounting policies

The Trust's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Benefits are recognized when due and payable. The Trust assets are invested with the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool, and the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Pooled Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust. The Trust does not issue a stand-alone financial report and is not included in the report of a public employee retirement system or of another entity.

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8. Rate setting

MetCom is required by law to set rates which are sufficient to cover both operating expenses and debt service. Depreciation of the plant and collection systems is not an allowable cost for purposes of setting rates. A reconciliation of the results of operations for financial reporting and rate-setting purposes is as follows:

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Change in net position – per financial statements	\$ 10,332,047	\$ 9,691,916
Add:		
Depreciation – facilities	3,998,885	3,777,070
Less:		
Principal payment on capital debt	(4,273,030)	(3,415,843)
Repayment of internal pension loan	(113,092)	(113,092)
Capital contributions	<u>(5,405,963)</u>	<u>(4,972,479)</u>
Excess or (deficiency) of revenue over expenses – rate-setting method	<u>\$ 4,538,847</u>	<u>\$ 4,967,572</u>

9. Risk management

MetCom is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and related disasters. MetCom is a member of the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League (MML), and the Maryland Association of Counties. LGIT is a self-insured public entity risk pool offering general liability, excess liability, business auto liability, police legal liability, public official liability, environmental liability, and property coverage.

LGIT is capitalized at an actuarially determined level to provide financial stability for its local government members and to reduce the possibility of assessments. The trust is owned by the participating counties and cities and managed by a Board of Trustees elected by the members. Annual premiums are assessed for the various policy coverages. During FY 2015 and FY 2014, MetCom paid premiums of \$111,813 and \$109,982, respectively, to the trust. The agreement for the formation of LGIT provides that the trust will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for claims in excess of annual premiums. Settled claims, if any, resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial coverage in the past fiscal year.

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10. Change in accounting principle/restatement

MetCom implemented GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*, in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The implementation of the statement required MetCom to record beginning net pension liability and the effects on net position of contributions made by MetCom during the measurement period (fiscal year ended June 30, 2014). As a result, net position decreased by \$3,313,229.

11. Commitment and contingencies

MetCom is required to upgrade the Marlay-Taylor Wastewater Reclamation Facility to meet Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) standards. ENR standards are levels of 3.0 mg/l total nitrogen and 0.3 mg/l total phosphorous in the effluent that flows into the Chesapeake Bay. MetCom has a consent agreement with the Maryland State Department of the Environment (MDE) that extends the deadline for compliance until December 2016. In August 2013, MetCom awarded a construction contract for the ENR project and fully expects to meet this requirement.

MetCom participates in state and federally assisted grant programs which are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The audits for the year ended June 30, 2015 have not yet been completed. Accordingly, MetCom's compliance with applicable grant requirements will be verified in connection with performing MetCom's Single Audit. The amount, if any, of expenditures that may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although MetCom expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

12. Subsequent events

In preparing these financial statements, MetCom has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 30, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

On August 6, 2015 MetCom issued two refunding bonds with TD Bank: 2015A in the amount of \$2,157,000 at a rate of 1.31%, and 2015B in the amount of \$5,914,800 at a rate of 2.08%. These loans refunded some or all of Bond 17, Bond 21 and Bond 23.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

INFORMATION ABOUT PENSION PLAN

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

Maryland State Retirement and Pension Plan

Schedule of net pension liability and related ratios

Measurement Date	Proportion of Collective NPL (a)	Proportionate Share of Collective NPL (b)	Covered Payroll (c)	NPL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability (Collective)
06/30/14	0.01922%	\$ 3,411,505	\$ 5,422,160	62.92%	71.87%

Schedule of contributions and related ratios

Measurement Date	Actuarially Determined Contribution (a)	Actual Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (c)	Covered Payroll (d)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/d)
06/30/14	\$ 445,653	\$ 445,653	\$ -	\$ 5,422,160	8.22%

MetCom implemented GASB Statement No. 68 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Information for prior years is not available.

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 INFORMATION ABOUT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

Changes in benefit terms

There were no benefit changes during the year.

Changes in assumptions

Adjustments to the roll-forward liabilities were made to reflect the following assumptions changes in the 2014 valuation:

- Investment return assumption changed from 7.70% to 7.65%
- Inflation assumption changed from 2.95% to 2.90%
- Disability mortality assumption for State Police and LEOPS changed to:
 RP-2000 Disabled Mortality: 50% table for males and 75% for females, but not less than the RP- 2000 Combined Healthy Mortality table projected to year 2025

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions

Actuarial	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Payroll, Closed
Remaining Amortization Period	24 years for State system, 25 years for LEOPS Muni, and 32 years for CORS Muni as of June 30, 2014. For ECS Muni, 6 years remaining as of June 30, 2014 for prior UAAL existing on June 30, 2000. 25 years from each subsequent valuation date for each year's additional UAAL
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed market; 20% collar
Inflation	2.90% general, 3.40% wage
Salary Increases	3.40% to 11.90% including inflation
Rate of Return	7.65%
Retirement Age	Experienced-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition. Last updated for the 2012 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period 2006-2010
Mortality	RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table projected to the year 2025

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INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

MetCom's Other Post-employment Benefit Plan (OPEB Plan) is administered through the Retiree Benefit Trust of St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission as an irrevocable trust. Assets of the trust are dedicated to providing post-retirement health, prescription, dental and vision coverage to current and eligible future retirees.

The following schedules present MetCom's actuarially determined funding progress and required contributions for the Trust.

Schedule of Funding Progress for the MetCom Retiree Health Plan

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ([b-a]/c)
07/01/07	\$ -	\$ 4,331,000	\$ 4,331,000	0.00%	\$ 3,400,838	127.35%
07/01/08	\$ 752,000	\$ 4,873,000	\$ 4,121,000	15.43%	\$ 3,724,636	110.64%
07/01/09	\$ 1,219,000	\$ 3,989,000	\$ 2,770,000	30.56%	\$ 3,670,430	75.47%
07/01/10	\$ 1,563,818	\$ 4,476,000	\$ 2,912,182	34.94%	\$ 3,851,158	75.62%
07/01/11	\$ 2,054,000	\$ 5,920,000	\$ 3,866,000	34.70%	\$ 4,162,094	92.89%
07/01/12	\$ 2,344,114	\$ 6,518,000	\$ 4,173,886	35.96%	\$ 4,319,527	96.63%
07/01/13	\$ 2,957,000	\$ 6,595,000	\$ 3,638,000	44.84%	\$ 4,320,628	84.20%
07/01/14	\$ 3,575,000	\$ 7,238,000	\$ 3,663,000	49.39%	\$ 4,911,310	74.58%

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Fiscal Year Ended	Employer Contributions	Annual OPEB Cost	Percentage Contributed
06/30/08	\$ 801,984	\$ 518,000	154.82%
06/30/09	\$ 514,000	\$ 514,000	100.00%
06/30/10	\$ 405,000	\$ 405,000	100.00%
06/30/11	\$ 431,000	\$ 431,000	100.00%
06/30/12	\$ 538,000	\$ 538,000	100.00%
06/30/13	\$ 596,404	\$ 580,000	102.83%
06/30/14	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	100.00%
06/30/15	\$ 573,000	\$ 573,000	100.00%

MetCom implemented GASB Statement No. 45 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Information for prior years is not available.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL ALLOCABLE OPERATING AND NONOPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Engineering</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating revenue:				
Service charges	\$ 8,817,106	\$ 4,880,424	\$ 213,722	\$ 13,911,252
Miscellaneous	<u>51,393</u>	<u>163,563</u>	<u>73,336</u>	<u>288,292</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>8,868,499</u>	<u>5,043,987</u>	<u>287,058</u>	<u>14,199,544</u>
Operating expenses:				
Direct operating expenses	4,167,421	2,314,911	503,952	6,986,284
Administrative expenses	<u>2,809,435</u>	<u>1,477,174</u>	<u>387,991</u>	<u>4,674,600</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>6,976,856</u>	<u>3,792,085</u>	<u>891,943</u>	<u>11,660,884</u>
Operating income (loss) before depreciation	1,891,643	1,251,902	(604,885)	2,538,660
Depreciation	<u>(2,947,823)</u>	<u>(1,504,947)</u>	<u>(37,128)</u>	<u>(4,489,898)</u>
Operating loss	<u>(1,056,180)</u>	<u>(253,045)</u>	<u>(642,013)</u>	<u>(1,951,238)</u>
Allocable nonoperating revenue (expense):				
Interest income	269	67	-	336
Debt service charges	6,184,751	3,047,371	-	9,232,122
House connection charges - net	-	(15,242)	-	(15,242)
Debt service - interest and finance charges	<u>(1,332,070)</u>	<u>(1,174,125)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,506,195)</u>
Total allocable nonoperating revenue	<u>4,852,950</u>	<u>1,858,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,711,021</u>
Total allocable net income (loss)	<u>\$ 3,796,770</u>	<u>\$ 1,605,026</u>	<u>\$ (642,013)</u>	<u>4,759,783</u>
Nonallocable revenue:				
Interest income				15,643
Other fees				<u>150,658</u>
Total nonallocable revenue				<u>166,301</u>
Capital contribution				<u>5,405,963</u>
Change in fund net position				<u>\$ 10,332,047</u>

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL ALLOCABLE OPERATING AND NONOPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Engineering</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating revenue:				
Service charges	\$ 8,562,650	\$ 4,788,743	\$ 230,000	\$ 13,581,393
Miscellaneous	<u>40,938</u>	<u>160,569</u>	<u>26,108</u>	<u>227,615</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>8,603,588</u>	<u>4,949,312</u>	<u>256,108</u>	<u>13,809,008</u>
Operating expenses:				
Direct operating expenses	4,203,856	2,248,626	387,080	6,839,562
Administrative expenses	<u>2,681,222</u>	<u>1,478,649</u>	<u>519,399</u>	<u>4,679,270</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>6,885,078</u>	<u>3,727,275</u>	<u>906,479</u>	<u>11,518,832</u>
Operating income (loss) before depreciation	1,718,510	1,222,037	(650,371)	2,290,176
Depreciation	<u>(2,838,292)</u>	<u>(1,362,827)</u>	<u>(46,953)</u>	<u>(4,248,072)</u>
Operating loss	<u>(1,119,782)</u>	<u>(140,790)</u>	<u>(697,324)</u>	<u>(1,957,896)</u>
Allocable nonoperating revenue (expense):				
Interest income	374	94	-	468
Debt service charges	5,112,626	3,685,681	-	8,798,307
House connection charges - net	-	14,552	-	14,552
Debt service - interest and finance charges	<u>(899,458)</u>	<u>(1,418,489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,317,947)</u>
Total allocable nonoperating revenue	<u>4,213,542</u>	<u>2,281,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,495,380</u>
Total allocable net income (loss)	<u>\$ 3,093,760</u>	<u>\$ 2,141,048</u>	<u>\$ (697,324)</u>	<u>4,537,484</u>
Nonallocable revenue:				
Interest income				14,084
Other fees				<u>167,869</u>
Total nonallocable revenue				<u>181,953</u>
Capital contribution				<u>4,972,479</u>
Change in fund net position				<u>\$ 9,691,916</u>

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE CHARGES AND DIRECT OPERATING EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Engineering</u>	<u>Total</u>
Service charges:				
Service charge - metered	\$ 1,349,218	\$ 4,510,117	\$ -	\$ 5,859,335
Service charge - nonmetered	7,321,309	240,041	-	7,561,350
Service charge - ready-to-serve	-	77,716	-	77,716
Septage haul revenue	146,579	-	-	146,579
Water meter installation	-	13,080	-	13,080
Review fees	-	-	42,765	42,765
Inspection fees	-	-	166,207	166,207
Residential tap fee sewer	-	-	4,750	4,750
Cut-on cut-off fees	-	39,470	-	39,470
Total service charges	<u>\$ 8,817,106</u>	<u>\$ 4,880,424</u>	<u>\$ 213,722</u>	<u>\$ 13,911,252</u>
Direct operating expenses:				
Salaries	\$ 2,289,943	\$ 1,012,433	\$ 720,717	\$ 4,023,093
Chemicals	177,079	104,370	-	281,449
Contractual employees	2,767	-	14,040	16,807
Employee physicals/uniforms	20,783	5,797	3,073	29,653
Employee training	8,981	4,179	6,096	19,256
Lab/soil testing	8,975	-	-	8,975
Leonardtown - treatment plant	109,622	-	-	109,622
Maintenance	521,904	454,260	500	976,664
Materials and supplies	78,258	49,300	11,240	138,798
Meter reading expense	-	21,292	-	21,292
Miscellaneous	14,828	10,828	1,539	27,195
Oil and gas	75,038	4,888	81	80,007
Power	483,458	542,160	5,440	1,031,058
Professional fees	2,109	-	14,919	17,028
Safety supplies	22,705	6,953	-	29,658
Sludge removal	129,499	-	-	129,499
SSO fines and penalties	17,700	-	-	17,700
Telephone	46,885	10,661	11,504	69,050
Temporary labor	-	-	-	-
Tools purchased	16,574	7,397	-	23,971
Vehicle operating and mileage	143,048	57,250	15,348	215,646
Water testing	-	25,787	-	25,787
Recovery of costs	<u>(2,735)</u>	<u>(2,644)</u>	<u>(300,545)</u>	<u>(305,924)</u>
Total direct operating expenses	<u>\$ 4,167,421</u>	<u>\$ 2,314,911</u>	<u>\$ 503,952</u>	<u>\$ 6,986,284</u>

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE CHARGES AND DIRECT OPERATING EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Engineering</u>	<u>Total</u>
Service charges:				
Service charge - metered	\$ 1,370,158	\$ 4,414,644	\$ -	\$ 5,784,802
Service charge - nonmetered	7,069,524	245,200	-	7,314,724
Service charge - ready-to-serve	-	77,886	-	77,886
Septage haul revenue	122,843	-	-	122,843
Water meter installation	-	13,740	-	13,740
Review fees	-	-	76,410	76,410
Inspection fees	-	-	149,590	149,590
Residential tap fee sewer	-	-	4,000	4,000
Cut-on cut-off fees	125	37,273	-	37,398
Total service charges	<u>\$ 8,562,650</u>	<u>\$ 4,788,743</u>	<u>\$ 230,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,581,393</u>
Direct operating expenses:				
Salaries	\$ 2,225,184	\$ 998,299	\$ 659,533	\$ 3,883,016
Chemicals	186,296	102,395	-	288,691
Contractual employees	-	-	23,963	23,963
Employee physicals/uniforms	20,602	6,881	3,709	31,192
Employee training	22,166	4,369	7,854	34,389
Lab/soil testing	9,228	-	-	9,228
Leonardtown - treatment plant	100,097	-	-	100,097
Maintenance	551,597	339,311	480	891,388
Materials and supplies	80,690	58,270	9,225	148,185
Meter reading expense	-	65,099	-	65,099
Miscellaneous	15,813	10,771	2,215	28,799
Oil and gas	112,152	8,255	1,304	121,711
Power	510,042	555,511	5,859	1,071,412
Professional fees	2,763	-	5,865	8,628
Safety supplies	12,860	6,145	-	19,005
Sludge removal	138,245	-	-	138,245
SSO fines and penalties	900	-	-	900
Telephone	42,869	10,310	11,474	64,653
Temporary labor	-	-	1,771	1,771
Tools purchased	17,347	6,429	-	23,776
Vehicle operating and mileage	161,356	61,382	21,145	243,883
Water testing	-	15,865	-	15,865
Recovery of costs	(6,351)	(666)	(367,317)	(374,334)
Total direct operating expenses	<u>\$ 4,203,856</u>	<u>\$ 2,248,626</u>	<u>\$ 387,080</u>	<u>\$ 6,839,562</u>

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

SCHEDULES OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	<u>Years ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Administrative expenses:		
Accounting	\$ 16,590	\$ 17,000
Advertising	25,703	27,569
Bond fees	775	750
Commissioners' salaries	12,083	13,500
Computer services	94,863	76,259
Consulting	4,441	16,808
Contractual employees	96,252	94,983
Depreciation	109,850	109,784
Dues and subscriptions	8,583	7,856
Electric	13,656	14,944
Employee training	21,408	29,269
Hospitalization and disability	1,454,519	1,574,981
Insurance	207,767	198,951
Legal	945	32,423
Mileage and travel	2,954	3,310
Miscellaneous	7,351	4,164
Office and administrative salaries	1,417,325	1,334,152
Office supplies and expenses	111,248	114,488
On-line fees	62,099	2,306
Payroll taxes	423,280	402,287
Postage expense	107,297	99,595
Retirement	434,376	462,378
Telephone and fax	53,417	49,105
Temporary labor	4,473	-
Tuition reimbursement	(1,827)	3,602
Recovery of costs	<u>(14,828)</u>	<u>(11,194)</u>
Total administrative expenses	<u>\$ 4,674,600</u>	<u>\$ 4,679,270</u>
Allocated to services as follows:		
Sewer 60.1% and 57.3%	\$ 2,809,435	\$ 2,681,222
Water 31.6% and 31.6%	1,477,174	1,478,649
Engineering 8.3% and 11.1%	<u>387,991</u>	<u>519,399</u>
	<u>\$ 4,674,600</u>	<u>\$ 4,679,270</u>



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Commissioners of
St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

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 and the aggregate remaining fund information of St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission'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 St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission's internal control.

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Murphy & Murphy, CPA, LLC

La Plata, Maryland
September 30, 2015