



Board of Directors  
Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization  
Vadnais Heights, Minnesota

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (the Organization) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated April 24, 2019. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant audit findings**

#### ***Qualitative aspects of accounting practices***

##### *Accounting policies*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Organization are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2018.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

##### *Accounting estimates*

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the useful lives of capital assets is based on authoritative guidance and past experience. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives of capital assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Management's estimate of the amount of the year-end compensated absences payable to employees is based on historical trends and anticipated leave time activity.
- Management's estimate of the City's proportionate share of Public Employees' Retirement Association of Minnesota net pension liabilities as well as the related deferred inflows and outflows of resources is based on guidance from GASB Statement No. 68, GASB Statement No. 71, and the plans' allocation tables. The plans' allocation tables allocate a portion of the plans' net pension liabilities based on the City's contributions during the plans' fiscal years as a percentage of total contributions received for the related fiscal year by the plans.

**Financial statement disclosures**

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

***Difficulties encountered in performing the audit***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

***Uncorrected misstatements***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.

***Corrected misstatements***

The following material and immaterial misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management:

- Recording special assessments receivable.
- Recording accrued wages and other payables.

***Disagreements with management***

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

***Management representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated April 24, 2019.

***Management consultations with other independent accountants***

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

***Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to engagement as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our engagement.

***Other audit findings or issues***

We have provided a separate letter to you dated April 24, 2019, communicating internal control related matters identified during the audit.

**Other information in documents containing audited financial statements**

With respect to the required supplementary information (RSI) accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the RSI, including whether the RSI has been measured and presented in accordance with prescribed guidelines, whether the methods of measurement and preparation have been changed from the prior period and the reasons for any such changes, and whether there were any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the RSI. We compared the RSI for consistency with management's responses to the foregoing inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. Because these limited procedures do not provide sufficient evidence, we did not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors and management of Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
April 24, 2019