



March 27, 2025

The Members of the Governing Board,
Southwest Florida Water Management District:

We have audited the financial statements of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (the District) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2025. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated February 21, 2024, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of the system of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the system of internal control of the District solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and our network firms have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Significant Risks Identified

Professional standards require that we, as auditors, identify significant risks that impact the audit based upon the nature of the organization and design our audit procedures to adequately address those risks. As part of the audit process, we have identified the following significant audit risks, which are being communicated solely to comply with auditing standards and do not represent any specific finding and/or concerns related to the audit:

- Override of internal controls by management
- Improper revenue recognition

- Improper allocation of fund balances

Our audit was designed to adequately address the above risks and no issues were noted that impacted our ability to render an opinion on the financial statements. No audit findings noted in these areas.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the District is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2024 other than the implementation of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates and Related Disclosures

Accounting estimates and related disclosures are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on 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 markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the District's financial statements are:

Management's estimates of net pension liability are based on actuarial valuations. We evaluated the factors and assumptions used to develop the estimated net pension liability and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the District's financial statements relate to:

The District's cash and investments note to the financial statements describes the District's policies related to interest rate risk, credit risk, custodial credit risk and concentration of credit risk. This note also details the various investment holdings of the District and provides information on the credit ratings and estimated maturities of the securities included in the portfolio.

The District's commitments and contingencies note to the financial statements discloses how the unrestricted fund balances will be expended in the upcoming fiscal year.

The District's disclosure of the net pension liability in the retirement plans note to the financial statements summarizes the District's share of the net pension liability from the Florida Retirement System (FRS) as calculated by the FRS Plan's independent actuary.

The District's disclosure of the other post-employment benefits (OPEB) in the other post-employment benefits note to the financial statements summarizes basic information regarding the District's OPEB liability and the funded status.

The District's disclosure of leases, debt direct borrowings, and subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) discuss critical facts relating to the District's recording of these items under GASB 87, GASB 88, and GASB 96.

Significant Unusual Transactions

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to communicate to you significant unusual transactions identified during our audit. We identified no significant unusual transactions as a result of our audit procedures.

Identified or Suspected Fraud

We have not identified nor have we obtained information that indicates that fraud may have occurred.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards also require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. There were no uncorrected financial statement misstatements whose effects in the current and prior periods, as determined by management, are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. There were no misstatements identified by us as a result of our audit procedures that were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole or applicable opinion units.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the District's financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report

For purposes of this letter, professional standards require that we communicate any circumstances that affect the form and content of our auditor's report. We identified no circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditor's report as a result of our audit procedures.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the management representation letter dated March 27, 2025.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the District, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the District's auditors.

Other Information Included in Annual Reports

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing the District's audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with such standards, we have read the introductory and statistical sections, as outlined in the table of contents, for material consistency with its presentation in the financial statements.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed, from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governing Board, management of the District, and others within the District, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Moore & Co., P.L.". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first letter of "James" being a large, stylized capital "J".

JAMES MOORE & CO., P.L.