
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Federal Awards Supplemental Information
September 30, 2021

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Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

We have audited the financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2022, which contained unmodified opinions on the financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. We have not performed any procedures with respect to the audited financial statements subsequent to March 28, 2022.

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for the purpose of additional analysis, as required by the Uniform Guidance, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such 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. The 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

March 28, 2022

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*

Independent Auditor's Report

To Management and the Board of Directors
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 District'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, and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Finding 2021-001. that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District'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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The District's Response to the Finding

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

To Management and the Board of Directors
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

March 28, 2022

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance
Required by the Uniform Guidance

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District's (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on the District's major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2021. The District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal program.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the "Uniform Guidance"). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

To the Board of Directors
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

March 28, 2022

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended September 30, 2021

<u>Federal Agency/Pass-through Agency/Program Title</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Pass-through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Provided to Subrecipients</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service - Direct Program - Emergency Watershed Protection Program	10.923	71-0876855	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,498,476</u>

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (the "District") under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2021. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the "Uniform Guidance"). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the District.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported in the Schedule are reported on same basis of accounting as the basic financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

The District has elected not to use the 10 percent *de minimis* indirect cost rate to recover indirect costs, as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? X Yes None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes X None reported

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes X None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 2 CFR 200.516(a)? Yes X No

Identification of major programs:

CFDA Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
10.923	Emergency Watershed Protection Program

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes X No

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Section II - Financial Statement Audit Findings

Reference Number	Finding
2021-001	<p data-bbox="362 531 797 556">Finding Type - Significant deficiency</p> <p data-bbox="362 581 1479 667">Criteria - Year-end journal entries should be recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which includes the consideration of best available information for the period under audit, prior to the finalization of the financial records for issuance.</p> <p data-bbox="362 693 1479 837">Condition - The District's carriage revenue within the district fund was recorded based on what was initially believed to be the final deliveries and related carriage revenue. Subsequent revised information was provided to the District prior to the issuance of the financial statements but was not reflected in the final reconciliation and financial records for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021.</p> <p data-bbox="362 863 1479 1073">Context - The District has adequate processes in place to reconcile and report activity with the Bureau of Reclamation throughout the year and in the preliminary records at year end. The opportunity going forward solely relates to subsequent changes in the information provided by the Bureau of Reclamation to ensure there is a system in place to update the District's records in the proper period when significant changes occur prior to the issuance of the audited financial statements. In addition, we noticed that this update was in fact reflected for other balances accounted for by the District but not that of the district fund.</p> <p data-bbox="362 1098 1479 1213">An adjustment to the books and records was proposed as part of the audit but not recorded by management in fiscal year 2021 due to the dollar amount being deemed immaterial to the financial statements taken as a whole. Management has decided to record this activity in fiscal year 2022.</p> <p data-bbox="362 1239 1479 1325">Cause - The final adjustment to the carriage revenue was not available when the preliminary records were being prepared. A process was not in place to revise the final numbers in the fiscal year 2021 records once the revised carriage revenue was available.</p> <p data-bbox="362 1350 1479 1402">Effect - Carriage revenue and receivables are overstated by \$664,997 as of September 30, 2021.</p> <p data-bbox="362 1428 1479 1543">Recommendation - We recommend the District implement a process to ensure that any significant final changes to the reclamation reconciliation are reflected in the financial records in the period to which they relate to the extent the information is made available prior to issuance of the financial statements.</p> <p data-bbox="362 1568 1479 1808">Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions - The District's financial services department management and staff acknowledge the error as reported by Plante & Moran, PLLC. As noted in the above context, the District has adequate processes in place to reconcile and report activity received from the Bureau of Reclamation during the midyear and year-end billing periods. This error, while immaterial, should have been identified and adjusted by internal staff prior to recording final journal entries. This was a matter of timing, as there was not adequate review time when finalizing the journal entries. This correction will be made in fiscal year 2022 and mitigated for fiscal year 2023 and beyond.</p>

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Section III - Federal Program Audit Findings

Reference Number	Finding	Questioned Costs
Current Year	None	