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Dear Ms. Buckner:

The Objective and Scope of the Audit of the Financial Statements

You have requested that we audit the Edwards Aquifer Authority's (the Authority) business-type activities as of and for the year ending December 31, 2017, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter.

Our audit will be conducted with the objective of our expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

The Responsibilities of the Auditor

We will conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). 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. 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.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS. Also, an audit is not designed to detect errors or fraud that are immaterial to the financial statements.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the Authority'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 Authority's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.

We will also communicate to the Finance-Administration Committee and Board of Directors (a) any fraud involving senior management and fraud (whether caused by senior management or other employees) that causes a material misstatement of the financial statements that becomes known to us during the audit, and (b) any instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations that we become aware of during the audit (unless they are clearly inconsequential).

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The only fund that you have told us is maintained by the Authority and that is to be included as part of our audit is an enterprise fund.

The Responsibilities of Management and Identification of the Applicable Financial Reporting Framework

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance acknowledges and understands that they have responsibility:

1. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
2. To evaluate subsequent events through the date the financial statements are issued or available to be issued, and to disclose the date through which subsequent events were evaluated in the financial statements. Management also agrees that it will not evaluate subsequent events earlier than the date of the management representation letter referred to below;
3. For 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; and
4. To provide us with:
 - a. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - b. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit; and
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the Authority from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit, including among other items:

1. That management has fulfilled its responsibilities as set out in the terms of this letter; and
2. That it believes the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management is responsible for identifying and ensuring that the Authority complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities, and for informing us about all known material violations of such laws or regulations. In addition, management is responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the Authority involving management, employees who have significant roles in internal control, and others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Management is also responsible for informing us of its knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Authority received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management agrees to include the auditor's report on the RSI in any document that contains the supplementary information and indicates that the auditor has reported on such RSI. Management also agrees to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements or, if the supplementary information will not be presented with audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.

The Finance-Administration Committee and Board of Directors are responsible for informing us of its views about the risks of fraud within the Authority, and its knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Authority.

Our association with an official statement is a matter for which separate arrangements will be necessary. The Authority agrees to provide us with printer's proofs or masters of such offering documents for our review and approval before printing, and with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed. In the event our auditor/client relationship has been terminated when the Authority seeks such consent, we will be under no obligation to grant such consent or approval.

The Authority agrees that it will not associate us with any public or private securities offering without first obtaining our consent. Therefore, the Authority agrees to contact us before it includes our reports, or otherwise makes reference to us, in any public or private securities offering.

Because RSM US LLP (RSM) will rely on the Authority and its management and Finance-Administration Committee and Board of Directors to discharge the foregoing responsibilities, the Authority holds harmless and releases RSM and its partners and employees from all claims, liabilities, losses and costs arising in circumstances where there has been a knowing misrepresentation by a member of the Authority's management that has caused, in any respect, RSM's breach of contract or negligence. This provision shall survive the termination of this arrangement for services.

Records and Assistance

If circumstances arise relating to the condition of the Authority's records, the availability of appropriate audit evidence or indications of a significant risk of material misstatement of the financial statements because of error, fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets which, in our professional judgment, prevent us from completing the audit or forming an opinion, we retain the unilateral right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express an opinion or issue a report, or withdrawing from the engagement.

During the course of our engagement, we may accumulate records containing data that should be reflected in the Authority's books and records. The Authority will determine that all such data, if necessary, will be so reflected. Accordingly, the Authority will not expect us to maintain copies of such records in our possession.

The assistance to be supplied by the Authority personnel, including the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts, will be discussed and coordinated with Ms. Shelly Hendrix, Director/Controller-Financial Services. The timely and accurate completion of this work is an essential condition to our completion of the audit and issuance of our audit report.

If, in connection with our audit, you request us to perform accounting services necessary for the preparation of the financial statements (such as maintaining depreciation schedules, drafting the financial statements, etc.), you agree to designate an appropriate individual to oversee the services, make all management decisions involved in those services, evaluate the adequacy and results of the services, and accept responsibility for the results of the services.

Other Relevant Information

RSM may mention the Authority's name and provide a general description of the engagement in RSM's client lists and marketing materials.

From time to time and depending upon the circumstances, we may use third-party service providers to assist us in providing professional services to you. In such circumstances, it may be necessary for us to disclose confidential client information to them. We enter into confidentiality agreements with all third-party service providers and we are satisfied that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In addition, we may utilize financial information you have provided to us in connection with this engagement for purposes of creating benchmarking data to be used by RSM professionals and other clients. This benchmarking data is aggregated with data from a minimum of five other entities so that users of the data are unable to associate the data with any single entity in the database.

Fees, Costs, and Access to Workpapers

Our fees for the services described above are based upon the value of the services performed and the time required by the individuals assigned to the engagement plus directly billed expenses, including report processing, travel, meals, and fees for services from other professionals, as well as a charge of 5 percent of fees for all other expenses, including indirect administrative expenses such as technology, research and library databases, communications, photocopying, postage and clerical assistance. Our fee estimate and completion of our work are based upon the following criteria:

1. Anticipated cooperation from the Authority's personnel
2. Timely responses to our inquiries
3. Timely completion and delivery of client assistance requests
4. Timely communication of all significant accounting and financial reporting matters
5. The assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement

If any of the aforementioned criteria are not met, then fees may increase. Interim billings will be submitted as work progresses and as expenses are incurred. Billings are due upon submission. Our fee for the services described in this letter will not exceed \$45,500 unless the scope of the engagement is changed, the assistance in which the Authority has agreed to furnish is not provided, or unexpected conditions are encountered, in which case, we will discuss the situation with you before proceeding.

We understand the Authority implemented a general ledger system conversion during the year ended December 31, 2017. The fee above does not include any additional time and effort necessary to address any system conversion issues or matters. If additional time and effort is necessary, this time will be billed based on time incurred at an hourly rate of \$135. However, we will meet with management to discuss the additional efforts before we commence/perform any procedures.

Our professional standards require that we perform certain additional procedures, on current and previous years' engagements, whenever a partner or professional employee leaves the firm and is subsequently employed by or associated with a client in a key position. Accordingly, the Authority agrees it will compensate RSM for any additional costs incurred as a result of the Authority's employment of a partner or professional employee of RSM.

In the event we are requested or authorized by the Authority or are required by government regulation, subpoena or other legal process to produce our documents or our personnel as witnesses with respect to our engagement for the Authority, the Authority will, so long as we are not a party to the proceeding in which the information is sought, reimburse us for our professional time and expenses, as well as the fees and expenses of our counsel, incurred in responding to such requests.

You have informed us that you intend to prepare a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) and submit it for evaluation by the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Our association with the CAFR is to consist of a review of the presentation and content included. Our fee above does not include any time for us to prepare, compile, or print the CAFR. If any such assistance is requested, it will be subject to a change in scope and separate billing arrangement.

Claim Resolution

The Authority and RSM agree that no claim arising out of services rendered pursuant to this agreement shall be filed more than two years after the date of the audit report issued by RSM or the date of this arrangement letter if no report has been issued. The Authority waives any claim for punitive damages. RSM's liability for all claims, damages and costs of the Authority arising from this engagement is limited to the amount of fees paid by the Authority to RSM for the services rendered under this arrangement letter.

If any term or provision of this agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such term or provision will be deemed stricken and all other terms and provisions will remain in full force and effect.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Authority's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Directors of the Authority. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement.

This letter constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of agreement between RSM US LLP and Edwards Aquifer Authority, superseding all proposals, oral or written, and all other communications with respect to the terms of the engagement between the parties.

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Please sign and return a copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the financial statements, including our respective responsibilities.

RSM US LLP



Joel Perez, Jr., Partner

Confirmed on behalf of the Edwards Aquifer Authority:

Luana Buckner, Chairman of the Board

Date

Roland Ruiz, General Manager

Date

Felix Marquez, Executive Director of
Administration and Financial Services

Date