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FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2019

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities
and Community Development Authority
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (a Quasi-Public organization) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority'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 an opinion 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. 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 opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority as of December 31, 2019, and the change in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 6 through 8 and other required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents 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 the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to Executive Director is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to Executive Director 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 schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to Executive Director is fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Governmental Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 24, 2020, on our consideration of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority's internal control over financial reporting and 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 the 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 the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

McElroy Quirk & Burch

Lake Charles, Louisiana
April 24, 2020

The following is management's discussion and analysis of the financial performance of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority"). It is presented as a narrative overview and analysis for the purpose of assisting the reader with interpreting key elements of the financial statements, including notes to the financial statements.

The mission of the Authority is "to provide economic development, infrastructure, and environmental facilities; to assist political subdivisions in constructing, extending, rehabilitating, repairing, and renewing infrastructure and environmental facilities; and to assist in the financing of such needs by political subdivisions of this state."

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Authority's total current assets decreased $401,651, primarily due to the use of cash for construction on the new building. The Authority's capital assets increased $749,822 due to construction of the new building. Deferred outflows decreased $37,424, deferred inflows decreased $6,593 and net pension liability increased $12,824, all related to the Authority's participation in the statewide pension plan. The Authority's current liabilities decreased $125,229, primarily due to one large outstanding invoice in the prior year related to construction of the new building. The unrestricted net position of the Authority decreased $310,800, while the net investment in capital assets portion increased $749,822.

Overall, cash and investments decreased $411,239 from 2018 amounts, primarily due to use of these assets to construct the new building.

Total revenue increased $502,451 from 2018, primarily due to a decrease in issuer fees of $54,732, an increase in investment income of $215,947, and an increase in program termination income of $339,106. Issuer fees were lower due to fewer bond closings, which is a result of tax laws removing the advantage of advanced refundings. The increase in program termination income is due to the payout of the residual balance in the 1999 Pool Program that was previously terminated.

Total expenses for 2019 were consistent with 2018, increasing by $23,217 (less than 5%).

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An explanation of the financial statements is as follows:

Statement of net position:

This statement presents the assets, liabilities and net position of the Authority as of December 31, 2019.

Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position:

This statement presents the results of the Authority's operations and changes in fund net position during the year ended December 31, 2019.

Statement of cash flows:

This statement reflects the cash inflows and outflows that had a direct impact on the cash account for 2019.

Notes to the financial statements:

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a complete understanding of the data presented in the financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

	2019	2018
Assets	$ 11,877,943	$ 11,529,772
Deferred outflows	125,880	163,304
Total assets and deferred outflows	$ 12,003,823	$ 11,693,076
Liabilities	$ 663,203	$ 784,885
Deferred inflows	15,417	22,010
Net position	11,325,203	10,886,181
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and net position	$ 12,003,823	$ 11,693,076

	2019	2018
Operating revenue	$ 669,474	$ 374,647
Operating expenses	634,985	611,768
Operating income (loss)	24,786	(237,121)
Other revenue	404,533	196,909
Change in net position	$ 439,022	$ (40,212)

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or requests for additional financial information, should be addressed to Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority, 5420 Corporate Blvd. Suite 205, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2019

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 311,265
Investments - LAMP	269,701
Investment - money market	247,216
Investments	9,646,110
Accrued interest receivable	43,445
Prepaid expenses	12,938
Total current assets	10,530,675
CAPITAL ASSETS NOT BEING DEPRECIATED	
Land	279,000
CAPITAL ASSETS, net of accumulated depreciation	1,068,268
Total assets	11,877,943
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pension	125,880
Total assets and deferred outflows	$ 12,003,823
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	$ 953
Retainage payable	8,300
Accrued leave	1,040
Other liabilities	11,699
Total current liabilities	21,992
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	
Accrued leave, less current portion	9,356
Net pension liability	631,855
	641,211
Total liabilities	663,203
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to pension	15,417
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,347,268
Unrestricted	9,977,935
	11,325,203
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and net position	$ 12,003,823

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
Year Ended December 31, 2019

REVENUE	
Issuer fees	$ 118,915
Application fees	1,750
Program administration and termination fees	539,106
Miscellaneous income	9,703
Total revenue	669,474
EXPENSES	
Accounting and audit fees	27,575
Auto expenses	14,400
Board per diem	35,750
Depreciation	15,884
Dues and subscriptions	3,340
Employee benefits	167,715
Insurance	15,959
Legal fees	40
Miscellaneous	3,265
Office supplies and equipment	14,382
Payroll tax expense	4,476
Rent and utilities	14,693
Repairs and maintenance	1,160
Salaries	275,095
Telephone	7,707
Travel and conferences	6,828
Outsourced services	26,716
Total expenses	634,985
Operating income	34,489
OTHER REVENUE	
Investment income	403,531
Gain/loss of sale of assets	1,002
Total other revenue	404,533
Change in net position	439,022
Net position, beginning of year	10,886,181
Net position, end of year	$ 11,325,203

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Receipts from operations	$ 659,771
Receipts from other sources	9,703
Payments to employees and employee-related costs	(439,381)
Payments for other operating expenses	(275,124)
Net cash (used in)by operating activities	(45,031)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Proceeds from sale of equipment	1,170
Equipment purchases	(766,877)
Net cash (used in) capital and related financing activities	(765,707)
Cash flows from investing activities	
Interest and dividends	189,277
Purchase of investments	(2,068,674)
Sales of investments	2,722,684
Net cash provided by investment activities	843,287
Net increase in cash	32,549
Cash, beginning of year	278,716
Cash, end of year	$ 311,265

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended December 31, 2019
(Continued)

Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income	$ 34,489
Adjustments to reconcile change in net position to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	15,884
Change in operating assets and liabilities:	
Prepaid expense	(4,553)
Accounts payable	(112,440)
Retainage payable	(3,011)
Accrued leave	(10,307)
Other liabilities	(8,748)
Net pension liability	12,824
Change in deferred inflows and outflows of resources:	
Deferred outflows related to pension	37,424
Deferred inflows related to pension	(6,593)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	$ (45,031)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. BACKGROUND AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") was created by Louisiana Legislature R.S. 33.4548. The Authority, which is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, was created for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions in constructing, extending, rehabilitating, repairing, and renewing infrastructure, economic development and environmental facilities, and assisting in the financing of such needs by political subdivisions. Membership consists of municipalities, parishes, school boards and special districts.

The Authority has no taxing power and receives no appropriation from the State of Louisiana or any government body. Bonds issued by the Authority are limited obligations of the Authority, payable only from income, receipts and assets pursuant to trust indentures related to each bond issue. Accordingly, these financial statements include only the financial position and activities of the Authority and are not intended to include or present assets, liabilities or activities of various bond issues.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Authority is considered an enterprise fund and, accordingly, uses the accrual method of accounting.

The Authority's financial statements include a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position, and a statement of cash flows. It is required that the Authority's net position be reported into three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. These components are defined as follows:

- *Net investment in capital assets.* This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

- *Restricted.* This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net asset use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

- *Unrestricted.* This component of net position consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

C. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. Those estimates affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and 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.

D. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Authority considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Authority had no cash equivalents for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Louisiana R.S. 33:2955(A)(1) authorizes the Authority to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or any other federally sponsored or guaranteed investment. The Authority has stated all investments at fair value as of December 31, 2019.

E. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. The estimated useful lives for fixed assets are as follows:

Vehicles	5 years
Computer equipment	3 - 5 years
Office equipment	5 - 7 years
Software	3 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Building	39 years

Expenditures for major repairs and improvements of property and equipment are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and minor repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

F. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Year's Service	Vacation
0-3	12 days/year
3-5	15 days/year
5-10	18 days/year
10-14	21 days/year
15 or more	24 days/year

Employees accrue one working day of sick leave for each month of service. There is no maximum on accumulated sick leave.

Employees may accumulate vacation and sick leave time without limitation; however, only vacation leave is payable upon resignation, discharge, death, retirement, or removal due to reduction in force. Payment for vacation leave is limited to 300 hours under all circumstances. If an employee works until retirement eligibility, the accumulated unused sick leave is combined with vacation leave and applied toward retirement years.

G. ISSUER, APPLICATION AND PROGRAM FEES

The Authority receives non-refundable issuer, application and program fees related to bond financing programs issued through the Authority. The Authority recognizes issuer, application, and program fees as income when the respective bond programs are funded, and the fees are earned.

Note 2. Investments

Louisiana R.S. 33:2955(A)(1) authorizes the Authority to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates, or time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana and national banks having the principal office in the State of Louisiana, or any other federally sponsored or guaranteed investment, or in mutual or trust fund institutions, which are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Security Act of 1933 and the Investment Act of 1940, and which have underlying investments consisting solely of and limited to securities of the United States government or its agencies.

The Authority currently invests in U.S. Treasury and government agency obligations, as well as the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP). LAMP is a nonprofit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer to operate a local government investment pool.

As of December 31, 2019, the Authority had the following investments and maturities:

		Investment Maturities (in Years)			
Investment Type	Fair Value	Less Than 1	1-5	6-10	More Than 10
Money market funds	$ 247,216	$ 247,216	$ -	$ -	$ -
Mortgage backed securities	4,184,877	1,600,568	2,584,309	-	-
United States Treasury bonds	5,461,233	1,074,565	4,386,668	-	-
Louisiana Asset Management Pool	269,701	269,701	-	-	-
Total	$10,163,027	$ 3,192,050	$ 6,970,977	$ -	$ -

Interest rate risk. The Authority's investment policy does not address interest rate risk.

Credit risk. In accordance with state law, the Authority limits investments to the following:

1. Direct U.S. Treasury obligations, the principal and interest of which are fully guaranteed by the U.S. government.

2. Bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies and provided such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S., including (but not limited to) U.S. Export Import Bank, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Financing Bank, Federal Housing Administration Debentures, General Services Administration, Government National Mortgage Association (guaranteed mortgage-backed bonds and guaranteed pass-through obligations), U.S. Maritime Administration (guaranteed Title XI financing), and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

3. Bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by U.S. government instrumentalities, which are federally sponsored, including (but not limited to) Federal Home Loan Bank System, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal National Mortgage Association, Student Loan Marketing Association, and Resolution Funding Corporation.

4. Direct security repurchase agreements of any federal bank entry only securities enumerated above.

5. Time certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the state of Louisiana, savings accounts or shares of savings and loan associations and savings banks, or share accounts and share certificates accounts of federally or state chartered credit unions issuing time certificates of deposit; provided that the rate of interest paid for time certificates of deposit shall be not less than fifty basis points below the prevailing market interest rate on direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury with a similar length of maturity.

6. Mutual or trust fund institutions which are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Act of 1940, and which have underlying investments consisting solely of and limited to securities of the U.S. government or its agencies.

As of December 31, 2019, all of the Authority's investments were held according to policy.

Custodial credit risk. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counter party, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Note 3. Fair Value

The Authority categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The Authority has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2019:

		Fair Value Measurements Using		
Investments by Fair Value Level	12/31/19	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Debt securities:				
U.S. Treasury	$ 5,461,233	$ 5,461,233	$ -	$ -
Mortgage backed securities	4,184,877	-	4,184,877	-
Total investments by fair value level	$ 9,646,110	$ 5,461,233	$ 4,184,877	$ -

Debt securities classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Debt securities classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

Note 4. Fixed Assets

A summary of fixed assets, additions, retirements, and balances is as follows:

	Balance December 31, 2018	Additions	Retirements	Balance December 31, 2019
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 279,000	$ -	$ -	$ 279,000
Construction in progress	314,440	-	314,440	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	593,440	-	314,440	279,000
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Computer equipment	16,562	5,099	-	21,661
Office equipment	31,933	10,670	12,510	30,093
Software	4,054	-	-	4,054
Leasehold improvements	2,825	-	2,825	-
Building	-	1,019,875	-	1,019,875
Furniture and fixtures	-	44,671	-	44,671
	55,374	1,080,315	15,335	1,120,354
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Computer equipment	15,084	1,679	-	16,763
Office equipment	29,687	1,100	12,510	18,277
Software	4,054	-	-	4,054
Leasehold improvements	2,543	113	2,656	-
Building	-	10,271	-	10,271
Furniture and fixtures	-	2,721	-	2,721
	51,368	15,884	15,166	52,086
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	4,006	1,064,431	169	1,068,268
Total fixed assets, net	$ 597,446	$ 1,064,431	$ 314,609	$ 1,347,268

Depreciation expense was $15,884 for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Note 5. Multi-Employer Pension Plan

Plan descriptions:

All employees of the Authority are members of the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS). This system is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a board of trustees. Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the state legislature. The system issues an annual, publicly-available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. The report for MERS may be obtained at www.mersla.com.

MERS was originally established by Act 356 of the 1954 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana and is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All employees of the Authority are members of Plan A. All permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week who are not covered by another pension plan and are paid wholly or in part from municipal funds are eligible to participate in MERS.

Benefits provided:

Retirement benefits

Any member of Plan A hired before January 1, 2013 may retire at any age with 25 years of creditable service or at age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service. Any member of Plan A hired on or after January 1, 2013 may retire at age 67 with at least 7 years of creditable service, at age 62 with at least 10 years of creditable service, or at age 55 with at least 30 years of creditable service. Members hired on or after January 1, 2013 are also eligible to retire at any age with at least 25 years of creditable service, but their benefit will be actuarially reduced from the earliest age of which the member would be entitled to a vested deferred benefit under any of the previously-mentioned provisions, if the member had continued in service to that age. Members are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3% of the member's final compensation (defined below) multiplied by the member's years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination.

Final compensation is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average for a member whose first employment made him or her eligible for membership in the system on or before June 30, 2006. Final compensation is the employee's average salary over the 60 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average for a member whose first employment made him or her eligible for membership in the system after June 30, 2006. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination.

Deferred retirement options

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of MERS who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. A MERS member may participate in DROP only once. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable, but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment, are credited to the MERS member's individual DROP account. Interest is earned when the member has completed DROP participation. Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the participation period, the member may receive a lump sum from the account or a true annuity based on the account balance. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three year DROP participation period, payments into the DROP account cease and the person resumes active contributing membership in MERS.

Disability benefits

A member of MERS Plan A is eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he or she has at least 5 years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. The monthly maximum retirement benefit under Plan A of MERS is the lesser of an amount equal to three percent of member's final compensation multiplied by years of service (not less than 45% of member's final compensation) or an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by years of creditable service projected to member's earliest normal retirement age.

Survivor's benefit

The surviving spouse (defined as someone married to the deceased member for at least 12 months immediately preceding the member's death) of a MERS Plan A member (not eligible for retirement at the time of death) will receive a survivor benefit, provided that the member had 5 or more years of creditable service, as outlined in the statutes. A MERS Plan A member who is eligible for normal retirement at the time of death will be deemed to have retired and selected Option 2 benefits on behalf of the surviving spouse upon the date of death. Benefits will begin only upon proper application and are paid in lieu of any other survivor benefits.

Cost of living increases

MERS is authorized under state law to grant an annual cost of living adjustment to members who have been retired for at least one year. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available. The cost of living increase must be paid from investment income in excess of normal requirements.

Contributions:

The MERS employer contribution rate is established annually under La R.S 11:101-11:104 by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC), taking into consideration the recommendation of the system's actuary. Each plan pays a separate actuarially-determined employer contribution rate. For the year ending December 31, 2019 the employer contribution rate for MERS Plan A was 26.00% from January through June, and 27.75% from July through December. Employer contributions to MERS were $73,981 for the year ended December 31, 2019. Employees participating in MERS Plan A are required to contribute 9.50%.

Contributions received by a pension plan from non-employer contributing entities that are not in a special funding situation are recorded as revenue by the respective pension plan. MERS receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. The Authority recognizes revenue in an amount equal to its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension plan from these non-employer contributing entities. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Authority recognized revenue as a result of support received from non-employer contributing entities of $9,703 for its participation in MERS.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

At December 31, 2019, the Authority reported a liability for MERS of $631,855 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2019 and the total pension liabilities used to calculate the net pension liability were determined by actuarial valuations as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability for the retirement system was based on a projection of the Authority's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2019, the Authority's proportionate share for MERS was 0.151210%. This reflects an increase for MERS of 0.001710% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Authority recognized pension expense, for which there were no forfeitures, as follows:

	Pension Expense
MERS	$ 127,339

At December 31, 2019, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual	$ -	$ 15,417
Changes in assumptions	15,969	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	62,668	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	9,693	-
Employer contributions subsequent to measurement date	37,550	-
Total	$ 125,880	$ 15,417

During the year ended December 31, 2019, employer contributions totaling $37,550 were made subsequent to the measurement date for MERS. These contributions are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Plan Year Ended June 30:	MERS
2020	$ 43,024
2021	16,623
2022	8,003
2023	5,263
Total	$ 72,913

Actuarial assumptions:

The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. The components of the net pension liability of MERS employers as of June 30, 2019 are as follows:

	MERS Plan A
Total pension liability	$ 1,182,925,835
Plan fiduciary net position	765,059,686
Total net pension liability	$ 417,866,149

The Authority's allocation is 0.151210% of the Total Net Pension Liability for MERS Plan A.

The total pension liabilities for MERS in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

	MERS Plan A
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Expected remaining service Lives	3 years for Plan A
Investment rate of return	7.0%, net of investment expense
Inflation rate	2.5%
Projected salary increases	6.40% for 1-4 years of service; 4.50% for more than 4 years of service
Cost of living adjustments	None
Mortality	Mortality tables used: For active members-PubG-2010(B) Employee Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each Adjusted using their respective MP2018 scales. For healthy annuitants-PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective MP2018 scales. For disabled annuitants-PubNS-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females with the full generational MP2018 scale.

The MERS actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an experience study for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

The forecasted long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return for MERS is 7.0% for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation for MERS as of June 30, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocations	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity	50%	2.15%
Fixed income	35%	1.51%
Alternatives	15%	0.64%
Subtotal	100%	4.30%
Inflation adjustment		2.70%
Total		7.00%

Discount rates:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for MERS was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PERSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the actuary. Based on those assumptions, the net position of MERS 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 plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rates:

The following table presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability using the discount rate of 7.00% for MERS, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.00%) or one percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount	1% Increase
MERS	$ 823,826	$ 631,855	$ 469,550

Payables to the Pension Plans:

At December 31, 2019, the payable to MERS was $7,760 for December 2019 employee and employer legally-required contributions.

Note 6. Long-Term Obligations

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation activity for the year ended December 31, 2019:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due in One Year
Net pension liability	$ 619,031	$ 12,824	$ -	$ 631,855	$ -
Accrued leave	20,703	-	10,307	10,396	1,040
	$ 639,734	$ 12,824	$ 10,307	$ 642,251	$ 1,040

Note 7. Lease

The Authority leased its office building under a net, non-cancellable operating lease through July 31, 2019. The Authority no longer leases this space, and there are no future minimum lease payment obligations. Rent expense for the year ended December 31, 2019 was $10,986.

Note 8. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Custodial credit risk - deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it.

The Authority maintains demand and time deposits through local depository banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits in excess of federally insured amounts are required by Louisiana state statute to be protected by collateral of equal market value. Authorized collateral includes general obligations of the U.S. government, obligations issued or guaranteed by an agency established by the U.S. government, general obligation bonds of any state of the U.S., or of any Louisiana parish, municipality, or school district. The Authority's bank demand and time deposits at year end were not fully collateralized.

The deposits at December 31, 2019 are as follows:

December 31, 2019	Demand Deposits
Carrying amount	$ 311,265
Bank balances:	
a. Federally insured	$ 250,000
b. Collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution	62,665
c. Uncollateralized and uninsured	-
Total bank balances	$ 312,665

Note 9. Subsequent Events

The Authority evaluated all subsequent events through April 24, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. As a result, the Authority noted no subsequent events that required adjustment to, or disclosure in, these financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Employer's Proportionate
Share of the Net Pension Liability

Schedule of Employer's Pension
Contributions

LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES
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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
Year Ended December 31, 2019*

Plan Year	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Emloyer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2019	0.151210%	$ 631,855	$ 279,917	225.7%	64.68%
2018	0.149500%	619,031	272,945	226.8%	63.94%
2017	0.144493%	604,475	262,409	230.4%	62.49%
2016	0.142473%	583,956	254,504	229.4%	62.11%
2015	0.139644%	498,830	235,107	212.2%	66.18%
2014	0.125469%	322,009	181,978	176.9%	73.99%

This schedule will contain ten years of historical information once such information becomes available.

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the plan year end.

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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions In Relation Contractual Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2019	$ 73,981	$ 73,981	$ -	$ 275,433	26.86%
2018	70,949	70,949	-	279,602	25.37%
2017	63,243	63,243	-	266,288	23.75%
2016	54,886	54,886		258,269	21.25%
2015	48,349	48,349	-	244,805	19.75%
2014	32,906	32,906	-	169,321	19.43%
2013	47,371	47,371	-	265,431	17.85%

This schedule will contain ten years of historical information once such information becomes available.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and
Other payments to Executive Director

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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER
PAYMENTS TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Agency Head Name: Ty Carlos, Executive Director

Purpose	Amount
Salary	$ 177,841
Benefits - insurance	8,915
Benefits - retirement	55,798
Vehicle allowance	14,400
Travel	1,886
Business meals	286
	$ 259,126

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

Board of Directors
Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities
and Community Development Authority
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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 the business-type activities of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (a Quasi-Public organization), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 24, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization'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 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 or significant deficiencies. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority'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 organization'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

McElroy Quirk & Burch

Lake Charles, Louisiana
April 24, 2020

LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES
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SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
Year Ended December 31, 2019

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weakness identified?	____Yes	X No
Significant deficiency identified not considered to be material weakness?	____Yes	X None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	____Yes	X No

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SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
December 31, 2019

No current year findings.

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
December 31, 2019

2018-001 Deposits in Excess of Federally Insured Amounts

Condition:	Deposits of $437 in excess of federally insured amounts were not fully collateralized at year end.
Recommendation:	Management should ensure that all deposits in excess of federally insured amounts are collateralized.
Current Status:	All deposits were fully collateralized.