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Introduction

As a part of our audit of the State of Louisiana's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, we performed procedures at the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) to provide assurances on financial information that is significant to the state's CAFR; evaluate the effectiveness of CPRA's internal controls over financial reporting and compliance; and determine whether CPRA complied with applicable laws and regulations. In addition, we determined whether management has taken actions to correct the finding reported in the prior year.

CPRA is an agency within the State reporting entity. The agency's mandate is to implement and enforce a comprehensive coastal protection and restoration master plan.

Results of Our Procedures

Follow-up on Prior-year Finding

Our auditors reviewed the status of the prior-year finding reported in the CPRA management letter dated December 21, 2016. We determined that management has resolved the prior-year finding related to Inadequate Controls over Accounts Payable.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) - State of Louisiana

As a part of our audit of the CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2017, we considered internal control over financial reporting and examined evidence supporting CPRA's capital outlay escrow fund nonpayroll expenditures and payables.

Based on the results of these procedures, we did not report any internal control deficiencies or noncompliance with laws or regulations. In addition, the account balances and classes of transactions tested are materially correct.

Other Procedures

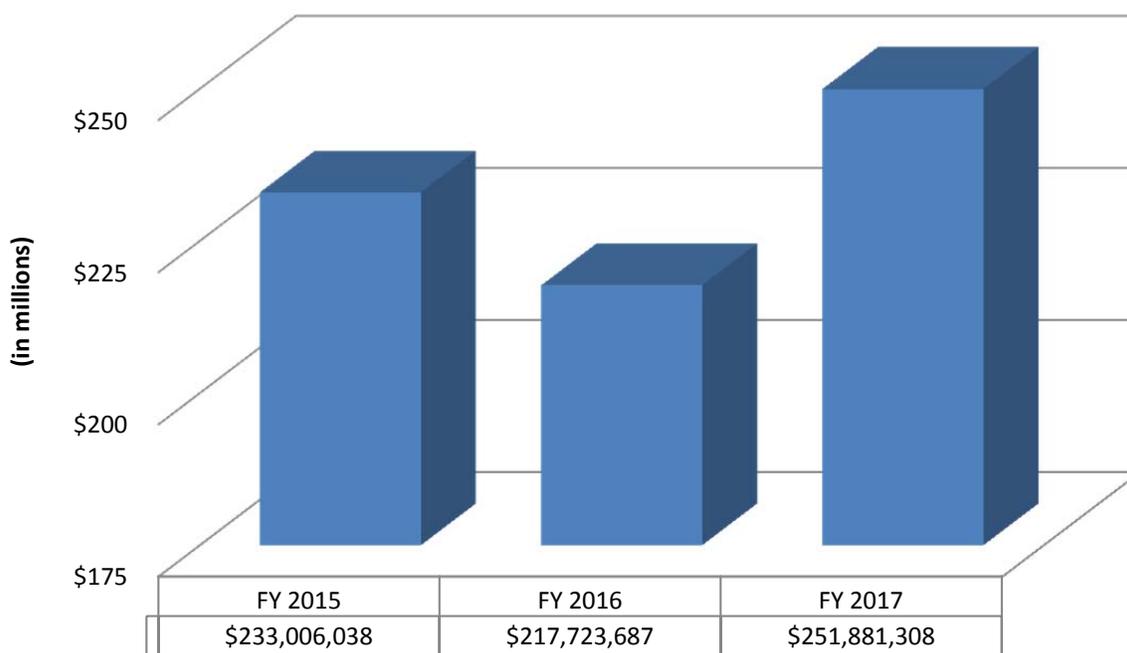
In addition to the CAFR procedures noted above, we performed certain procedures that included obtaining, documenting, and reviewing CPRA's internal control and compliance with related laws and regulations over the internal audit function.

Based on the results of these procedures performed, we found no issues or weaknesses that were required to be reported.

Trend Analysis

We compared the most current and prior-year financial activity using CPRA's Annual Fiscal Reports and/or system-generated reports and obtained explanations from CPRA management for any significant variances. We also prepared an analysis of capital outlay expenditures over the past three years. The current increase in capital outlay expenditures is primarily due to an increase in project design and construction with new funding sources from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Capital Outlay Expenditures, by Fiscal Year



Source: FY 2015-2017 Annual Fiscal Reports

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Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A: SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

We performed certain procedures at the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) for the period from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, to provide assurances on financial information significant to the State of Louisiana's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and to evaluate relevant systems of internal control in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The procedures included inquiry, observation, review of policies and procedures, and a review of relevant laws and regulations. Our procedures, summarized below, are a part of the audit of the CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2017.

- We evaluated CPRA's operations and system of internal controls through inquiry, observation, and review of its policies and procedures, including a review of the laws and regulations applicable to CPRA.
- Based on the documentation of CPRA's controls and our understanding of related laws and regulations, we performed procedures to provide assurances on certain account balances and classes of transactions to support our opinions on the CAFR.
- We compared the most current and prior-year financial activity using CPRA's Annual Fiscal Reports and/or system-generated reports to identify trends and obtained explanations from CPRA management for significant variances.

In addition, we performed procedures on CPRA's internal control and compliance with related laws and regulations over the internal audit function. The scope of these procedures was significantly less than an audit conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our work at CPRA, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of CPRA's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. Accordingly, this report is not intended to be, and should not be, used for any other purposes.

We did not audit or review CPRA's Annual Fiscal Reports, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion on those reports. CPRA's accounts are an integral part of the State of Louisiana's CAFR, upon which the Louisiana Legislative Auditor expresses opinions.