# Town of Waterproof, Louisiana

**Annual Financial Statements** 

As of June 30, 2005 and for the Year then Ended

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Required Supplemental Information

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#### INTRODUCTION

The discussion and analysis (MD&A) of the Town of Waterproof, Louisiana's financial performance provides an overall narrative review of the Town's financial activities for the years ended June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2004. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Town's performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Town's financial performance.

The Town of Waterproof, Louisiana is located on Highway 65 in South Tensas Parish, Louisiana.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial statements included in this report provide insight into the financial status for the year. Based upon the operations of the year ended June 30, 2005, the Town of Waterproof, Louisiana's net assets decreased and resulted in ending net assets of \$2,441,886 at June 30, 2005. Net assets increased during the year ended June 30, 2004 and resulted in net assets of \$2,527,000.

- 1. The cash balance for the Town of Waterproof was \$72,773 at June 30, 2003. The balance was \$67,611 at June 30, 2004 and \$138,156 at June 30, 2005.
- 2. The governmental activities had \$150,439 in revenues in 2005 and \$112,678 in 2004. These revenues primarily consisted of fines, sales taxes, ad valorem taxes and occupational licenses. Governmental activities had \$194,688 in expenditures in 2005 and \$253,140 in 2004.

The Town's business activities had \$590,843 in revenues in 2005 and \$470,695 in 2004. Revenues consisted primarily of gas and water sales and a grant for a new garbage truck. Business activities had \$658,722 in expenditures in 2005 and \$658,079 in 2004.

### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Waterproof, Louisiana's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets presents information showing how the Town's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 - 10 of this report.

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**Fund Financial Statements.** A fund is an accountability unit to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the Town's most significant funds rather than the Town as a whole.

The basic governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 11 - 19 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 20 - 28 of this report.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town, assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,441,886 as of June 30, 2005.

#### Net Assets for the period ending June 30, 2005

The following is a condensed statement of the Town of Waterproof, Louisiana's net assets as of June 30, 2005 and 2004:

		vernmental	Bı	isiness Type Act <u>ivit</u> ies		2005		2004
	. –	<u>Activities</u>	¢		•	<u>2005</u>	•	<u>2004</u>
Current Assets	\$	60,802	\$	93,101	\$	153,903	\$	99,050
Restricted Assets		-		126,325	•	126,325		52,539
Noncurrent Assets - Capital Assets		386,010		2,688,424	_3	,074,434	_3	,188,984
Total Assets		446,812		2,907,850	_3	,354,662		,340,573
Current Liabilities		107,296		229,576		321,716		213,324
Current Liabilities - Payable from								
Restricted Assets		-		47,519		47,519		28,808
Long-term Liabilities		11,457		513,928		540,541		567,321
Accrued compensated absences		3,000				3,000		3,420
Total Liabilities		121,753		791,023		912,776		812,873
Net assets								
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt		359,397		2,157,255	2	,516,652	2	,589,268
Restricted for debt service and deposits		-		126,325		126,325		52,539
Unrestricted (Deficit		(34,338)		(166,753)	(	(201,091)		(114,107)
Total Net Assets	<u>\$</u>	325,059	<u>\$</u>	2,116,827	<u>\$2</u>	,441,886	<u>\$2</u>	,527,700

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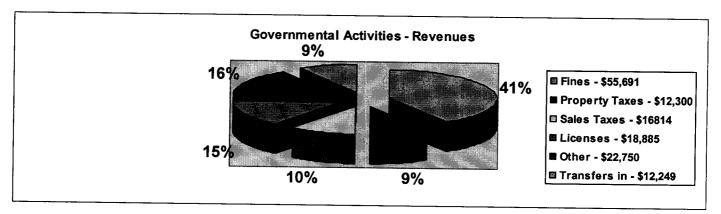
The following is a summary of the statement of activities:

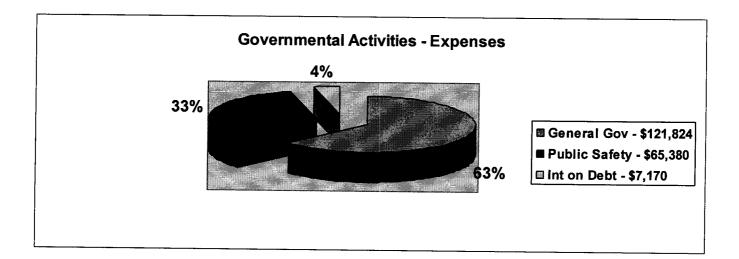
		vernmental	Business Type		2005		2004
Revenues:	P	ctivities		<u>Activities</u>		<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Program revenues	\$	126,440	\$	491,193	\$	617,633	\$ 601,516
Operating grants		-		99,650		99,650	27,191
Transfers		12,249		(12,249)		-	74,293
Total Revenues and Transfers		138,689		578,594		717,283	703,000
Expenses:							
General government		121,824		-		121,824	161,937
Public safety		65,380		-		65,380	86,962
Interest on debt		7,170		-		7,170	4,241
Combined utility		-		608,722		608,722	658,079
Total Expenses	<del></del>	194,374		608,722		803,096	911,219
Decrease in net assets		(55,685)		(30,128)		(85,813)	(208,219)
Net assets beginning		380,744		2,146,955	2.	,527,699	2,735,919
Net assets ending	\$	325,059	\$	2,116,827		,441,886	\$2,527,700

# **Governmental Activities**

The Governmental Activities of the Town include General Government, Public Safety, and Payment of Interest on Long Term Debt. Because revenues normally associated with municipal operations, (e.g. sales tax, property tax, franchise fees, license fees, sanitation fees, permits, fines and operating grants) are insufficient for the funding of these activities; the Town relies on transfers of excess revenue from its enterprise funds to cover the cost of all activities.

The following are a graphical representation of information presented in the Statement of Activities for Governmental Activities:

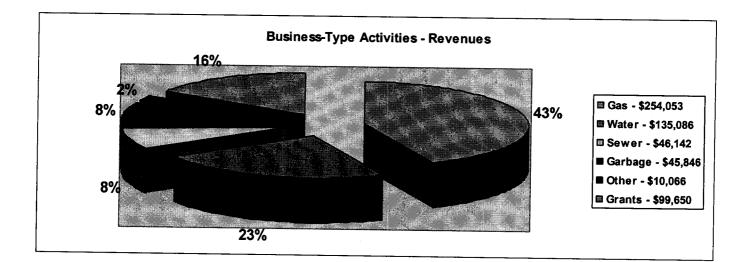


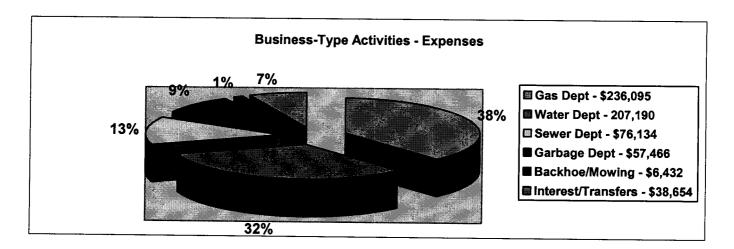


# **Business Type Activities**

The Business-Type Activities of the Town include revenues resulting from fees charged customers.

The following presents in graphs the information from the Statement of Activities for the Business-Type Activities:





The notes to the financial statements should be read to have a full understanding of the data in the government-wide financial statements.

# **CAPITAL ASSETS, DEBT and CHANGES IN TAXES**

As of June 30, 2005, the Town had \$3,074,434 invested in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,985,844.

The following capital assets were purchased during 2005:

Garbage truck	\$	93,590
Computer (police)		1,715
Lamps/Sleeves (sewer)		2,668
Total	<u>\$</u>	97,973

As of June 30, 2005, the Town had outstanding long-term debt of \$558,098. Principal payments of \$32,397 are due to be paid during the next fiscal year. The debt is as follows:

Water revenue bonds at 4.5% interest, due	
monthly at \$2,598.40 including interest	\$ 512,089
Note payable with original balance of \$50,000	
at 6% interest, due annually at \$12,191, including interest	19,080
Note payable with original balance of \$25,545	
at 5.5 % interest, due quarterly at \$1,792 including interest	13,479
Note payable with original balance of \$13,450	
at 7.7% interest, due monthly at \$770.71 including interest	 13,134
Total indebtedness	\$ 557,782

In July of 2005, the Town passed a new 14 mill ad valorem tax which is expected to produce approximately \$24,000 annually. These funds may be used for any lawful purpose.

#### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Any questions about this report or request for additional information may be directed to Connie McKeel at (318) 749-5233.

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Section II

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**Basic Financial Statements** 

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen Town of Waterproof Waterproof, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Waterproof, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Waterproof's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit 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. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Waterproof, as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note K, the Town of Waterproof has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, as of June 30, 2004.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated December 20, 2005, on my consideration of the Town of Waterproof's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

The management discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 1 through 6 and 29 through 30 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the united States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Ferriday, Louisiana

March 1, 2006

# Town of Waterproof Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2005

		vernmental Activities	В	usiness-type Activiti <u>es</u>	Total
ASSETS					
Cash	\$	9,983	\$	1,848	\$ 11,831
Receivables (net of \$55,000 allowance					
for uncollectibles)		50,819		57,234	108,053
Grants receivable				30,000	30,000
Accrued interest receivable				138	138
Inventory				3,255	3,255
Prepaid expenses				626	626
Restricted assets				126,325	126,325
Capital assets (net)		386,010		2,688,424	 3,074,434
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	446,812	\$	2,907,850	\$ 3,354,662
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Cash overdrafts	\$	10,534	\$	15,903	\$ 26,437
Accounts payable		57,164		191,797	248,961
Accrued payroll taxes		24,442		21,876	46,318
Accrued compensated absences		3,000			3,000
Customer deposits				30,083	30,083
Current portion of long term obligations		15,156		17,241	32,397
Accrued interest payable				195	195
Total Current Liabilities	\$	110,296	\$	277,095	\$ 387,391
Non-current Liabilities					
Non-current portion of long term obligation	IS	11,457		513,928	 525,385
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	121,753	\$	791,023	\$ 912,776
NET ASSETS					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted for:	\$	359,397	\$	2,157,255	\$ 2,516,652
Debt service				27,613	27,613
Grant expenditure				99,650	99,650
Unrestricted		(34,338)		(167,691)	 (202,029)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	325,059	\$	2,116,827	\$ 2,441,886

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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		Program	Program Revenues	Net (F Ch	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	e and ets	
Construction A diff. diff.co.	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities		Total
<u>Soverumental Acavmes</u> General government Public safety Interest on long-term debt	<pre>\$ 121,824 65,380 7,170</pre>	\$ 4,041 55,691	\$	\$ (117,783) (9,689) (7,170)		67	(117,783) (9,689) (7,170)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 194,374	\$ 59,732	0 \$	\$ (134,642)		\$	(134,642)
Business-type Activities Utilities	\$ 608,722	\$ 491,193	\$ 99,650		\$ (17,879)	ŝ	(17,879)
General Revenues							
Taxes							
Property taxes				\$ 12,300		\$	12.300
Sales taxes				16,814		•	16.814
Franchise taxes				11,657			11,657
Occupational licenses				18,885			18,885
Other taxes				10,852			10,852
Loss on Sale of Capital Assets Transfers - internal activities				(3,800) 12,249	(12,249)		(3,800) 0
Total General Revenues				\$ 78,957	(12,249)	\$	66,708
Change in Net Assets				\$ (55,685)	\$ (30,128)	\$	(85,813)
Net Assets, July 1, 2004				380,744	2,146,955	8	2,527,699
Net Assets, June 30, 2005				\$ 325,059	\$ 2,116,827	\$ 2	\$ 2,441,886

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# Town of Waterproof Governmental Funds Balance Sheet June 30, 2005

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	General	Debt Service	Total
100570	Fund	Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u> Cash Fines receivable (net of \$35,000 allowance	\$ 9,983		\$ 9,983
for uncollectible fines)	50,819		50,819
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 60,802		<u>\$ 60,801</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES LIABILITIES			
Cash overdraft	\$ 10,534		\$ 10,534
Accounts payable	57,164		57,164
Accrued payroll taxes	24,442		24,442
Accrued compensated absences	3,000		3,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 95,140		\$ 95,140
FUND BALANCES			
Unreserved	\$ (34,338)		\$ (34,338)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ (34,338)		\$ (34,338)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	6 <u>60,802</u>		\$ 60,803

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Town of Waterproof Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets Governmental Funds June 30, 2005

Fund Balances - total governmental funds			\$	(34,338)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement o Net Assets are different because:	f			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds				
Governmental capital assets Less accumulated depreciation	\$	640,556 254,546		386,010
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current year and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds:				
Loans for capital asset acquisition			· •	(26,613)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities			<u>\$</u>	325,059

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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### Town of Waterproof Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the years ended June 30, 2005

	(	General Fund		Debt Service Fund		Total
<u>REVENUES</u>						
Taxes	\$	51,622			\$	51,622
Licenses and permits		18,885				18,885
Intergovernmental						
State funds - operating grant						
Fines		55,666				55,666
Miscellaneous		24,266				24,266
Total Revenues	\$	150,439			\$	150,439
EXPENDITURES						
Current						
General government	\$	95,357			\$	95,357
Public safety	Ψ	67.934			¥	67,934
Capital outlay		1,715				1,715
Debt service		1,710				1,715
Principal			\$	22,512		22,512
Interest			φ	-		•
Interest		<u> </u>		7,170		7,170
Total Foren diferen	æ	405 000	÷	00.000	æ	404 000
Total Expenditures	\$	165,006	\$	29,682	\$	194,688
Evene (Deficit) of Revenues Over (Linder) Evenet	1. etc.	(4 4 500)	•	(00.000)	¢	(44.040)
Excess(Deficit) of Revenues Over (Under) Expend	ц <u>э</u>	(14,566)	\$	(29,682)	\$	(44,249)
Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	•	10.010	•	~~ ~~~	•	
Transfers in	\$	12,249	\$	29,682	\$	41,931
Transfers out	-	(29,682)				(29,682)
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	\$	(17,433)	\$	29,682	\$	12,249
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	(32,000)			\$	(22.000)
Her onange in Fullo Dalallos	Ψ	(32,000)			φ	(32,000)
Fund balance - July 1, 2003		(2,338)				(2,338)
						(2,000)
Fund balance - June 30, 2004	\$	_(34,338)		0	\$	(34,338)
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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### Town of Waterproof Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities - Governmental Funds Governmental Funds June 30, 2005

Net Change in Fund Balances - total governmental funds	\$ (32,000)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives:	
Expenditures for capital assets\$ 1,715Less current year depreciation(26,467)	(24,752)
The proceeds from the sale of capital assets are reported on in Governmental Funds. However, in the statement of Activities the loss on the sale is recorded. The difference in these transactions was:	(24,000)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets	(24,000)
Repayment of debt	 25,066
Changes in Net Assets of Governmental Funds	\$ (55,686)

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# Town of Waterproof Utility Enterprise Fund Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2005

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## ASSETS

ASSEIS		
Current Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	\$	1,848
Accounts receivable, utility sales (Note 5)(Less allowance for		57,234
doubtful accounts of \$20,000)		
Grants receivable		30,000
Accrued interest receivable		138
Prepaid expenses		626
Inventory		3,255
Total current assets	\$	93,101
	-	
Non-Current Assets - Restricted Assets (Note 4)		
Bond Debt Service Fund	\$	12,722
Depreciation Fund	¥	14,890
•		
Consumer Deposits		29,063
USDA Garbage Grant		69,650
Total non-current assets - restricted assets	\$	126,325
New Current Associal Consider Associa (Note 6)		
Non-Current Assets - Capital Assets (Note 6)	•	E 440 700
Property, plant and equipment	\$	5,419,722
Less accumulated depreciation	-	(2,731,298)
Total non-current assets - capital assets	\$	2,688,424
	¢	2 007 950
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,907,850
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities (Payable from current assets)	æ	45 000
Cash overdraft (Note 3)	\$	15,903
Accounts payable		191,797
Payroll taxes payable		21,876
Total current liabilities (payable from current assets)	\$	229,576
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Current Liabilities (Payable from restricted assets)	•	
Consumer deposits	\$	30,083
Notes payable, current portion (Note 7)		17,241
Accrued interest payable	_	195
Total current liabilities (payable from restricted assets)	\$	47,519
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Long Term Liabilities	~	540.000
Notes payable (Note 7)	\$	513,928
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	701 022
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NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$	2,157,255
Restricted for debt service	Ψ	
		27,613
Restricted for grant expenditures		99,650
Unrestricted		(167,691)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	¢	2 116 927
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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# Town of Waterproof Utility Enterprise Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenses and Changes in Net Assets For the years ended June 30, 2005

# **OPERATING REVENUES**

Charges for services:	æ	054 050
Gas sales	\$	254,053
Water sales		135,086
Sewer sales		46,142
Garbage sales		45,846
Backhoe and mowing charges		1,686
Miscellaneous revenues		7,965
Total Operating Revenues	\$	490,778
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Gas department expenses	\$	236,095
Water department expenses		207,190
Sewer department expenses		76,134
Garbage department expenses		57,466
Backhoe and mowing expenses		6,432
Total Operating Expenses	\$	583,317
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$	(92,539)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Interest earned	\$	415
Grant income - garbage fund		99,650
Interest expense		(25,405)
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	\$	74,660
INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS	\$	(17,879)
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS</b>		
Transfers in		
Transfers out		(12,249)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$	(30,128)
Total Net Assets - July 1, 2004		2,146,955
Total Net Assets - June 30, 2005	\$	2,116,827

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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# Town of Waterproof Utility Enterprise Fund Statement of Operating Expenses For the years ended June 30, 2005

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Gas department expenses		
Salaries	\$	26,374
Payroll taxes	•	1,966
Gas purchases		170,523
Gas leak survey and insurance		2,422
Utilities and telephone		448
Repairs		2,820
Supplies		2,176
Truck		2,316
Office supplies		705
Legal and accounting		1,005
Dues		70
Insurance		(4,740)
Postage		493
Depreciation		29,517
Total gas department expense	\$	236,095
	-	200,000
Water department expenses		
Salaries	\$	34,349
Payroll taxes		4,624
Advertising		101
Consultant fees		25,933
Utilities and telephone		7,539
Repairs		5,869
Supplies		2,688
Chemicals		21,086
Truck		63
Travel and seminars		843
Insurance		8,712
Office supplies		1,521
Legal & Accounting		1,395
Dues		1,256
Miscellaneous		202
Drug testing		300
Postage		2,318
Depreciation		87,513
Penalties		878
Total water department expense	\$	207,190

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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# Town of Waterproof Utility Enterprise Fund Statement of Operating Expenses For the years ended June 30, 2005

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Sewer department expenses		
Salaries	\$	13,682
Payroll taxes	Ŧ	902
Utilities and telephone		17,490
Repairs		6,095
Supplies		906
EPA tests		1,728
Insurance		984
Postage		148
Office supply		632
Depreciation		33,567
Total sewer department expense	\$	76,134
Garbage department expenses		
Salaries	\$	35,608
Payroll Taxes		2,519
Repairs		1,077
Supplies	,	4,410
Truck		12
Insurance		1,612
Postage and office supply		949
Depreciation		11,279
Total garbage department expense	\$	57,466
Backhoe and mowing expenses		
Salaries	\$	2,275
Payroll taxes		174
Repairs		1,609
Supplies		675
Repairs		1,519
Depreciation		180
	\$	6,432
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$</u>	<u>583,317</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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# Town of Waterproof Utility Enterprise Fund Statement of Cash Flows For the years ended June 30, 2005

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Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from utility sales	\$	469,660
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(400,387)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	69,273
Cook flown from conital and related financing activities		
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	\$	(16 967)
Principal paid on notes payable	Φ	(16,867)
Interest paid on notes payable		(25,405) 69,650
State grant Interest income		329
Transfers to other funds		
	\$	(12,249)
Total cash used for financing activities	<b>\$</b>	15,458
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase and construction of fixed assets	\$	(2,668)
Total cash used for investing activities	\$ \$	(2,668)
Not increase (decrease) in each	\$	00.060
Net increase (decrease) in cash	Ф	82,063
Cash at beginning of year		30,207
Cash at end of year	\$	112,270
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activitie		
Operating income	s.	(92,539)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to	Ψ	(32,003)
net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		162,056
Changes in assets and liabilities:		102,000
Increase in accounts receivable		(22,391)
Increase in accrued interest receivable		(22,001)
Decrease in inventory		13
Increase in accounts payable		(508)
Increase in taxes payable		21,367
Decrease in consumer deposits		1,275
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Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	69,273

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

### Town of Waterproof, Louisiana Notes to the Financial Statements As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2005

#### INTRODUCTION

The Town of Waterproof is a municipal corporation governed by an elected mayor

- 1. The Town of Waterproof, Louisiana was incorporated under provisions of the Lawrason Act as a Town in 1862.
- 2. The purpose of a municipality is to provide utility services, public safety (police and fire), streets, sanitation and general administrative services.
- 3. The Board of Alderman consists of five elected members that are paid \$250 per month.
- 4. The Town of Waterproof is located in the southern portion of Tensas Parish, Louisiana. Tensas Parish is located in northeastern Louisiana.
- 5. The population of Waterproof is 1,082.
- 6. The Town of Waterproof has 12 full time employees.
- 7. The Town of Waterproof has approximately 400 utility customers.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the municipality is considered a primary government, since it is a special purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement No. 14, fiscally independent means that the municipality may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meetings the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessment receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The municipality reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the municipality's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund

The municipality reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Utility Enterprise Fund - accounts for operations (a) where the intent of the governing body is that costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing foods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. In the case of the Town of Waterproof, this includes the operation of the Town's gas, water, garbage and sewer systems.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the governments enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program

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revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the proprietary funds are the sales of water, gas, garbage and sewer services to both residential and commercial customers. Operating expenses for enterprise funds and internal service funds include th cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the municipality's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### C. Deposits

The municipality's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the municipality's investment policy allow the municipality to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government back securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

#### D. Receivables and Payables

All fine and utility charges receivables are show net of an allowance for uncollectible. The amounts allocated are based on average amounts receivable and in arrears.

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed. The Town bills and collects its own property taxes using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of Tensas Parish.

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

#### General fund 7.52 mills

The Town has levied a .75% sales tax on sales within the legal limits of the Town. The proceeds of the sales tax are dedicated to:

- 1. Payment of general operating expenses of the town;
- 2. Payment of all or part of capital improvements;
- 3. Maintenance or operation of capital improvements; and

4. Any one or all of the aforementioned purposes.

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#### E. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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All inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market. Inventories of the governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### F. Restricted Assets

Certain assets of the business-type funds of the Town of Waterproof, Louisiana, have been restricted for debt service, grant expenditures and customers' deposits and these assets total \$126,325.

#### G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The municipality maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

As a Phase III government under the provisions of GASB 34, the Town of Waterproof has chosen not to retroactively capitalize infrastructure assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Gas lines, sewer lines and water plant	50 years
Vehicles and equipment	3 to 10 years

#### H. Compensated Absences

The municipality has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

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The Town grants one week vacation after one year of service and two weeks vacation after two years of service. Each employee is entitled to ten sick days per year. Vacation or sick pay does not accumulate. The Town's policy concerning compensation for unpaid vacation pay or sick pay is that upon termination of an employee, vacation days and sick days not previously used by the employee are not reimbursed.

#### I. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements,

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long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets.

#### J. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

#### K. Comparative Data/Reclassifications

Due to the changes required by conversion of the financial statements to a format consistent with GASB Statement 34, comparative total data for the prior year has not been presented.

#### L. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that 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 revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### M. Emcumbrances

The Town of Waterproof does not use encumbrance accounting.

#### 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

BUDGETS The municipality uses the following budget practices:

- 1. The Town prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The Town approves a budget for the general fund only.
- 2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called
- 3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
- 4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through the passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- 5. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer to funds from one department, program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated, require the approval of the Board of Aldermen.
- 6. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 7. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

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8. There were no amendments to the budget.

9. The budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 was not approved until June 27, 2005.

DEFICITS The following individual funds have deficits in unreserved fund balance (net assets) at June 30, 2005:

General	(\$34,338)
Utility	(\$167,691)

#### 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2005, the municipality has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$138,156.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At June 30, 2005, the municipality has \$141,415 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$200,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$115,000 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the municipality that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

#### 4. <u>RECEIVABLES</u>

The receivables of \$108,191 at June 30, 2005, are as follows:

	General	Utility
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Fines	\$ 85,819	
Utility fees		\$77,234
Accrued interest		138
Less allowance for uncollectibles	<u>(35,000</u> )	(20,000)
Total accounts receivable	<u>\$50,819</u>	<u>\$57,372</u>

#### 5. <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, for the primary government is as follows:

		Beginning Balance	A	dditions		eletions		Ending Balance
Governmental activities:								
Nondepreciable Assets								
Land	\$	23,308					\$	23,308
Depreciable Assets								
Buildings		340,190						340,190
Vehicles		111,968			\$	50,000		61,968
Machinery and Equipment		213,375	\$	1,715				215,090
Totals at Historical Cost	\$	688,841	\$	1,715	\$	50,000	\$	640,556
Less Accumulated Depreciation								
Buildings	\$	57,162	\$	8,708			\$	65,870
Vehicles	Ŧ	146,244	•	8,566	\$	26,000	•	128,810
Machinery and equipment		50,673		9,193		-		59,866
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	254,079	\$	26,467	\$	26,000	\$	254,546
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$	434,762	\$	(24,752)	<u>\$</u>	24,000	\$	386,010
Business Type Activities Nondepreciable Assets Land	\$	38,860					\$	38,860
Depreciable Assets		0.004.077						0 004 077
Water system lines and equipment		3,004,977						3,004,977
Gas system lines and equipment		809,106	¢	0 669				809,106
Sewer system lines and equipment		1,328,026	\$	2,668				1,330,694
Garbage vehicles and equipment		138,933		93,590				232,523
Mowing equipment		3,562	<u> </u>					3,562
Totals at Historical Cost	\$	5,284,604	\$	96,258			\$	5,419,722
Less Accumulated Depreciation								
Water system lines and equipment	\$	1,365,218	\$	87,513			\$	1,452,731
Gas system lines and equipment		565,854		29,517				595,371
Sewer system lines and equipment		532,598		33,567				566,165
Garbage vehicles and equipment		102,640		11,279				113,919
Mowing equipment		2,932		180				3,112
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	2,569,242	\$	162,056			\$	2,731,298
Business Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$	2,715,362		(65,798)				2,688,424

Depreciation Expense was charged to governmental functions as follows: Police and Fire <u>\$ 26,467</u>

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#### 6. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLE, AND TRANSFERS

interfund transfers consist of operating transfers between the general fund and the utility fund.

#### 7. <u>LEASES</u>

The municipality records items under capital leases as an asset and an obligation in the accompanying financial statements. An analysis of the capital lease held by the Town is included in the analysis of long-term obligations below.

### 8. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the long-term obligations transactions of the Town of Waterproof (general fund and proprietary fund) for the year ended June 30, 2005:

	Bonded Debt	Notes Payable	Capital <u>Leases</u>	<u>Total</u>
Debt payable at June 30, 2004 Bonds issued	\$ 520,422	\$ 51,680	\$ 27,614	\$599,716
Bonds retired	<u> </u>	25.067	<u>8,534</u>	<u>41,934</u>
Bonds payable at June 30, 2005	<u>\$ 512,089</u>	<u>\$_26,613</u>	<u>\$ 19,080</u>	<u>\$557,782</u>

Bonds payable at June 30, 2005 are comprised of the following:

Water Revenue Bonds - \$534,881 in revenue bonds due in annual installments of \$31,181 through July, 2035, bearing	
interest at a rate of 4.5%	\$ 512,089
Notes Payable - \$50,000 in notes payable due in annual installments	
of \$12,191 through August, 2006 bearing interest at a rate of 6.0%	19,080
Notes Payable - \$25,545 in notes payable due in quarterly installments of \$1,792.41 through April, 2007 bearing interest at a rate of 5.5%	13,479
Capital Leases - \$35,541 of capital leases due in annual installments of	
\$10,649 through July, 2006, bearing interest at the rate of 7.66%	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$ 557,782</u>

The annual requirements to amortize the debt payable outstanding as of June 30, 2005 are as follow:

Year <u>Ended</u>	Bonded Debt	Notes _ Payble	Capital Lease	Total
2006	\$ 31,181	\$ 19,361	\$ 9,248	\$ 59,790
2007	31,181	15,776	4,626	51,583
2008	31,181			31,181
2009	31,181			31,181
2010	31,181			31,181
Thereafter	800,999			800,999
	\$956,904	\$35,137	\$13,874	\$1,005,915
Less amounts representing interest	<u>_444,815</u>	<u>     2,578</u>	740	448,133
	<u>\$ 512,089</u>	<u>\$ 32,559</u>	<u>\$13,134</u>	\$ 557,782

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In accordance with R.S. 39:562, the municipality is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt in excess of 35% of the assessed value of taxable property. At June 30, 2005, the statutory limit is \$538,361, and outstanding bonded debt totals \$512,089.

Bond Indenture Restrictions - Water Revenue Bonds:

1. The Town shall maintain a reserve fund into which monthly deposits of \$130 will be made. The reserve fund balance was \$12,722 at June 30, 2005. Deposits shall be made into the fund until a balance of \$31,180 has been accumulated into the fund. At June 30, 2005, the Town was in compliance with this covenant.

2. The Town shall maintain a contingency fund into which monthly deposits of \$129 will be made. The depreciation fund balance was \$14,890 at June 30, 2005. At June 30, 2005, the Town was in compliance with this covenant.

#### 9. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Employees of the Town of Waterproof are all members of the Federal social security system and are covered by no other retirement plan. The employer portion of the social security payroll tax is reflected in payroll taxes in the various statements of income.

#### 10. RESERVED AND DESIGNATED RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCES

Net assets of the utility fund were restricted in the amount of \$27,613 to represent amounts set aside as required by debt service covenants and amounts of \$99,650 were set aside as grant proceeds pledged to purchase certain assets.

#### 11. SEGMENT INFORMATION

	Gas <u>Fund</u>	Water <u> </u>	Sewer 	Garbage Fund	_Other_	
Operating Revenues	\$254,053	\$143,051	\$46,142	\$45,846	\$ 1,686	\$490,778
Depreciation	29,517	87,513	33,567	11,279	180	162,056
Operating income (loss)	17,958	( 64,139)	(29,992)	(11,620)	(4,746	(92,539)
Net (loss)						
Plant, property & equipment, net additions			2,668			
Total Assets Long term liabilities payable	213,735	1,779,633	795,428	118,604	450	2,845,940
from operating revenues		513,928				
Total Equity	213,735	988,610	795,428	118,604	450	2,116,827

Section III

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Additional Required Supplemental Information

# Required Supplementary Information Town of Waterproof Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund for the year ended June 30, 2005

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	1	Budgeted. Actual AmountsAmounts(Budget Basis)(Note A)(Note B)		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
Budgetary fund balance, July 1, 2004 Resources (inflows):	\$	6,299	\$	6,299		
· · · ·		E4 200		E1 600	\$	422
Taxes		51,200		51,622	ф	
Licenses and permits		19,000		18,885		(115)
Intergovernmental revenues						0
Grants						0
Fire insurance		4,100				(4,100)
Fines		75,000		50,038		(24,962)
Miscellaneous		10,140		24,266		14,126
Transfers from other funds		35,000		12,249		(22,751)
Amounts available for appropriation	\$	200,739	\$	163,359	\$	(37,380)
Charges to appropriations (outflows):						
General government	\$	103,815	\$	85,254	\$	18,561
Public safety - police and fire	•	88,041	•	69,649	*	18,392
Nondepartmental		00,041		00,040		10,002
Transfers to other funds				29,682		(29,682)
Total charges to appropriations	\$	191,856	\$	184,585	\$	7,271
Budgetary fund balance, June 30, 2005	\$	8,883	\$	(21,226)	\$	(30,109)

See accompanying notes to this budgetary statements.

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### Required Supplementary Information Town of Waterproof Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund for the year ended June 30, 2005

### Note A - Original and Amended Budgetary Amounts

There were no amendments to the budget for the Town of Waterproof during the year ended June 30, 2005, therefore, only one amount is listed. This budget was not adopted until June 27, 2005.

#### Note B - Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures

Sources/inflows of resources Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 163,359
Differences - budget to GAAP: The fund balance at the beginning of the year is a budgetary resource but is not a current-year revenue for financial reporting purposes	(6,299)
Transfers from other funds are inflows of budgetary resources but are not revenues for financial reporting purposes	(12,249)
The Town budgets for fines on the cash basis, rather than on the modified accrual basis	 5,628
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 150,439
Uses/outflows of resources Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total charges to appropriations" from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 184,585
Differences - budget to GAAP: Transfers to other funds are outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes	(29,682)
The Town budgets for expenses on the cash basis, rather than on the modified accrual basis	 10,103
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 165,006

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Section IV

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Other Supplemental Schedules

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# Town of Waterproof Schedule of Compensation Paid Aldermen For the Year ended June 30, 2005

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Caldwell A Flood Jr	\$	0
Bertha Brown		4,063
Robert Bethel, III		4,063
Herbert Williams		4,063
Karen Johnson		4,063
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Other Reports

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# 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.

The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen Town of Waterproof Waterproof, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statement of the Town of Waterproof as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued my report thereon dated March 1, 2006. I conducted my audit 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.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Town of Waterproof's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal control over financial reporting their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Waterproof's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 on my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances on noncompliance and other matters

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that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2005-1, and 2005-2. I also noted certain additional matters that I reported to management of the Town of Waterproof in a separate letter dated March 1, 2006.

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Ferriday, Louisiana March 1, 2006

# Town of Waterproof, Louisiana Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs and Management's Corrective Action Plan Year ended June 30, 2005

**Compliance Findings** 

# 2005-1 - Budget

The Town of Waterproof was under budget by 18.6% in revenues. State law requires that actual revenues and expenditures vary by less than 5% from budgeted amounts. Also, the budget for the year ended June 30, 2005, was not adopted by the Town until June 27, 2005, which is a violation of the Budget Act and does not allow the Town to use the budget as a monitoring tool for actual performance.

I recommend that the Town of Waterproof more closely monitor budget performance and amend the budget when necessary.

<u>Management Response</u> - The Town of Waterproof will monitor budget spending and revenues on a monthly basis. The Town of Waterproof will also take strong action in increasing revenue by collecting accounts in a timely fashion. Cost cutting measures will be established in the maintenance department and police department by means of monitoring repairs and purchasing of material and supplies. Action will take place immediately.

Also, the Town did adopt its budget for the year ended June 30, 2006 prior to the beginning of that fiscal year.

# 2005-2 Late Submission

The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2005, were not submitted to the Legislative Auditor by the due date of December 31, 2005.

<u>Management Response</u> - Measures have been implemented to ensure that the auditor is engaged in a timely manner and that the books and records will be available earlier so that the audited financial statements can be completed on time this year.

## Town of Waterproof, Louisiana Status of Prior Audit Findings Year ended June 30, 2004

## **Compliance Findings**

### 2004-1 - Bond Covenants

I noted that the Town of Waterproof was underfunded in its Water Bond Contingency Fund by an amount of \$309 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 and underfunded in its Water Bond Depreciation Fund by an amount of \$390.

I recommend that the Town of Waterproof add these amounts to these funds and ensure in the future that they are fully funded.

<u>Management Response</u> - The Town of Waterproof will deposit the underfunded amounts immediately. In the future, the town will deposit the amounts monthly to each account.

<u>Disposition</u> - Adequate amounts were deposited in the year ended June 30, 2005, to bring these funds to their required amounts.

## 2004-2 - Budget

The Town of Waterproof was under budget by 39.5% in revenues and under budget in expenditures by an amount of 40%. State law requires that actual revenues and expenditures vary by less than 5% from budgeted amounts.

I recommend that the Town of Waterproof more closely monitor budget performance and amend the budget when necessary.

<u>Management Response</u> - The Town of Waterproof will monitor budget spending and revenues on a monthly basis. The Town of Waterproof will also take strong action in increasing revenue by collecting accounts in a timely fashion. Cost cutting measures will be established in the maintenance department and police department by means of monitoring repairs and purchasing of material and supplies. Action will take place immediately.

Disposition - See item 2005-1.

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To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Town of Waterproof Waterproof, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of the Town of Waterproof, as of June 30, 2005 and for the year then ended, and have issued my reports dated March 1, 2006. As a part of my examination, I made a study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting control to the extent I considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purposes of such evaluation are to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing, and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements and to assist the auditor in planning and performing his examination of the financial statements. My study was more limited than would be necessary to express an opinion on the system of internal accounting accounting control taken as a whole.

The management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and costs of control procedures. The objectives of a system are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting control, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

My study and evaluation made for the limited purposes described in the first paragraph would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in the system. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the system of internal accounting control of the Town taken in as a whole. However, my study and evaluation disclosed no condition that I believed to be a material weakness.

Member - American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants My comments on specific financial and accounting matters and recommendations developed during my examination which do not represent material weaknesses, are detailed below.

<u>Accounts Receivable</u> - There needs to be a greater effort to collect funds from customers of the Town of Waterproof's water, gas, sewer and garbage services. Too many customers are being given extensions of time to pay, then leaving without paying their bills. It doesn't help the consumer to extend the time to pay and allowing them to run up a large bill that they cannot hope to pay. It also puts more burden on those customers who always pay their bill on time, but are having to shoulder a larger portion of the expenses of the system to offset those who are late or do not pay. Also, the billing system in place at June 30, 2005 is not fulfilling the Town's billing needs and keeping the needed records regarding its accounts receivable.

It is recommended that a collection policy be prepared and enforced across the board. This will ensure that there are enough funds to continue operating the utility system and that all customers are treated equally. Also, it is recommended that another billing system be researched for cost and efficiency.

<u>Management Response</u> - The Town of Waterproof will collect utility billings (accounts receivable) in a more timely fashion. The Town will, by the form of an ordinance, establish an extension fee and a late fee for those accounts not paid by the due date. The Town has obtained and installed a new billing package that is working much better for their needs.

#### Insurance

The Town has cancelled their liability insurance in order to reduce costs. This needs to be reviewed by the Mayor and the Council and an effort made to obtain at least some minimal coverage.

<u>Management Response</u> - The Town will investigate a lower cost alternative to the liability policy previously in place and make an attempt to obtain a policy as soon as possible.

This report is intended for the use of the Town's management and others within the organization.

I thank all the personnel at the Town for their cooperation during my examination.

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Ferriday, Louisiana March 1, 2006