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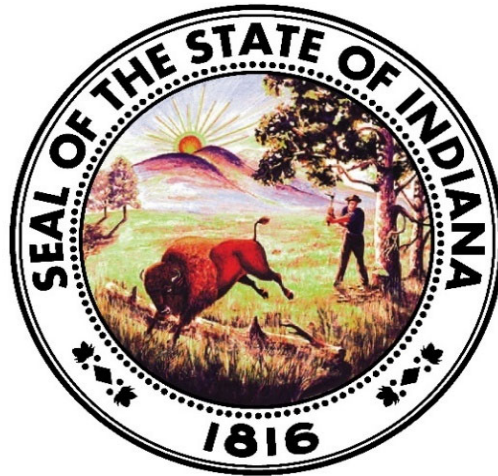
COMPLIANCE ENGAGEMENT REPORT

OF

EAST CHICAGO WATERWAY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Executive Director	Fernando Trevino	01-01-19 to 12-31-24
Treasurer	Ray Lopez	01-01-19 to 12-31-24
President of the Board of Directors	John Fekete	01-01-19 to 12-31-24



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE EAST CHICAGO WATERWAY  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of the East Chicago Waterway Management District (District), for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023. The objective of this engagement was to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws, regulations, and uniform compliance guidelines (Guidelines) established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts pursuant to Indiana Code 5-11-1-24. The objective of this engagement is not to opine on compliance or financial activity of the District as this engagement was not conducted in accordance with any standards established by an authoritative standard setting body, and, as such, we do not provide any opinions on compliance or financial activity.

Management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents in accordance with applicable Indiana laws, regulations, and Guidelines. Management's responsibility also includes, but is not limited to, complying with other applicable Indiana laws, regulations, and Guidelines concerning how it operates: authorized sources and uses of funds; what reports are required to be prepared and filed; and what depositories and investment types are allowable.

We fulfilled our responsibility as detailed in the first paragraph, using procedures that verified the appropriate accounting for and reporting of cash, receipts, and disbursements, and the appropriate sources and uses of funds in accordance with applicable Indiana laws, regulations, and Guidelines. Expanding the scope and nature of these procedures can and does occur in specific circumstances.

The Comments contained herein, if any, describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found during our engagement. Our procedures were not designed to identify all instances of noncompliance; therefore, noncompliance may exist that is unidentified. Any Official Response to the Comments incorporated within this report was not verified for accuracy.

The Schedule of Officials and Statements of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances - Regulatory Basis (Statements) are informational only. The Statements have not been subjected to any procedures designed to express an opinion or provide any assurance on them, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, governance, and others within the organization. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record. Reports can be found on the Indiana State Board of Accounts' website: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/>, and the District's Annual Financial Reports filed by management can be found on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system website: <http://www.gateway.ifionline.org>.

The contents of this report were communicated to Fernando Trevino, Executive Director; John Fekete, President of the Board of Directors; Ray Lopez, Treasurer; Henry Rodriguez, Board of Directors member; Jaylan Robinson, Board of Directors member; Monica Johnson, Consultant; and Vanessa Vargas, Consultant.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner

March 27, 2024

EAST CHICAGO WATERWAY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
COMMENTS

No reportable instances of noncompliance.

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STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH  
AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS

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EAST CHICAGO WATERWAY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,  
 AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -  
 REGULATORY BASIS  
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2020

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-19	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-19	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-20
ECI Facilities Trust	\$ 4,727,274	\$ 265,321	\$ 240,038	\$ 4,752,557	\$ 98,617	\$ 276,790	\$ 4,574,384
Ec Waterway Management District	<u>3,328,104</u>	<u>656,131</u>	<u>378,621</u>	<u>3,605,614</u>	<u>678,258</u>	<u>372,498</u>	<u>3,911,374</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 8,055,378</u>	<u>\$ 921,452</u>	<u>\$ 618,659</u>	<u>\$ 8,358,171</u>	<u>\$ 776,875</u>	<u>\$ 649,288</u>	<u>\$ 8,485,758</u>

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 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,  
 AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -  
 REGULATORY BASIS  
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2022

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-21	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-21	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-22
Eci Facilities Trust	\$ 4,574,383	\$ 201,706	\$ 250,013	\$ 4,526,076	\$ 11,444	\$ 398,338	\$ 4,139,182
Ec Waterway Management District	<u>3,911,375</u>	<u>617,281</u>	<u>536,249</u>	<u>3,992,407</u>	<u>888,613</u>	<u>580,685</u>	<u>4,300,335</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 8,485,758</u>	<u>\$ 818,987</u>	<u>\$ 786,262</u>	<u>\$ 8,518,483</u>	<u>\$ 900,057</u>	<u>\$ 979,023</u>	<u>\$ 8,439,517</u>

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 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,  
 AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -  
 REGULATORY BASIS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-23	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-23
ECI Facilities Trust	\$ 4,139,181	\$ 242,113	\$ 170,205	\$ 4,211,089
Ec Waterway Management District	<u>4,300,335</u>	<u>5,301,066</u>	<u>891,717</u>	<u>8,709,684</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 8,439,516</u>	<u>\$ 5,543,179</u>	<u>\$ 1,061,922</u>	<u>\$ 12,920,773</u>