Communication with Those Charged with Governance

To the Board of Directors
New River Resource Authority
Dublin, Virginia

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of New River Resource Authority for the year ended June 30, 2026. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the *Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards, and Commissions* as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 6, 2026. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by New River Resource Authority are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 14 to the financial statements, New River Resource Authority changed accounting policies by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements* and GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. Implementation did not require restatement. We noted no transactions entered into by the entity during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Authority's financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the depreciation expense is based on the straight-line method and historical data. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the depreciation expense in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the compensated absences liability is based on the historical leave usage. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimates of the net pension liability, net OPEB asset, net OPEB liability, related deferred outflows of resources, and related deferred inflows of resources are based on the entry age actuarial cost method. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the assets and liabilities in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the liability for landfill closure and post-closure monitoring is based on established guidelines and experience. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop this estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Our audit procedures were tailored to address the following significant risks of material misstatement identified as part of our audit process: test of controls where the prior Assistant Director was involved were retested due to staff turnover and the implementation of GASB 103 was reviewed in additional detail.

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has recorded the proposed audit adjustments, none of which were material.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 23, 2026.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the entity's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis and the schedules related to pension and OPEB funding, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were not engaged to report on other statistical information, which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. We did not audit or perform other procedures on this other information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board and management of New River Resource Authority and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates

Blacksburg, Virginia
October 23, 2026