

Statement of Net Financial Position  
December 31, 2015

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash & cash equivalents	\$4,665,023
Accounts receivable:	
Custom service	\$1,142,817
Unbilled	\$977,018
Intercommunity trunkline - operations	\$99,425
Other	\$417
Inventory	\$171,088
Prepaid expenses	\$72,266
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$7,128,054</b>
Noncurrent assets:	
Other assets:	
Unamortized debt discount	\$20,995
Unspent bond proceeds	\$98,954
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>\$119,949</b>
Capital assets:	
Work in process	\$1,223,229
Operating property	\$138,126,193
Less accumulated depreciation	(\$45,749,380)
<b>Net capital assets</b>	<b>\$93,600,042</b>
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<b>\$93,719,991</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$100,848,045</b>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$327,089
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LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable:	
Trade	\$117,942
Construction/retainage	\$37,078
Accrued payroll	\$61,573
Accrued compensated absences	\$103,648
Accrued interest	\$145,553
Customer deposits	\$1,600
Current portion of bonds & notes payable	\$3,059,372
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,526,766</b>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
OPEB liabilities	\$1,221,480
Net pension liability	\$1,198,107
Bonds & notes payable	\$28,866,103
<b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>	<b>\$31,285,690</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$34,812,456</b>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred credits	\$761,829
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	\$196,019
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>\$957,848</b>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	\$61,773,521
Unrestricted	\$3,631,309
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$65,404,830</b>

About The District

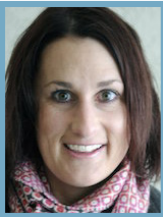
The Greater Augusta Utility District is a standalone quasi-municipal entity. Its roots go back to 1903, when the Augusta Water District was formed to take over a private water company. Today, the District is a regional public utility that owns, operates and maintains the water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in Augusta; drinking water delivery in Manchester and East Winthrop; the wastewater system in Hallowell; and regional wastewater collection and treatment for the communities of Monmouth, Winthrop and Manchester.

We are proud to continue our long tradition of supplying our customers with safe drinking water and state-of-the-art sanitation services. On behalf of all the employees of the Greater Augusta Utility District, I thank you for your support!

—Brian Tarbuck, General Manager  
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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

August, 2016

Dear Partner Municipal Leader,

In order to keep you, our partner municipalities and elected leaders, abreast of the complex operations of the Greater Augusta Utility District, we are pleased to present the District’s 2015 Annual Report. Inside, you’ll find a summary of the previous year’s accomplishments and a brief outline of our key projects for 2016.

The Board of Trustees takes very seriously the District’s two-fold mission:

- 1. To provide fresh, clean, plentiful water; and
- 2. To remove and treat stormwater and wastewater efficiently and effectively.

Among the many construction projects completed in 2015, two were particularly notable:

- Last August, our new wells at Sunrise Circle on the East side of the Kennebec River came online, providing a new source of safe water as well as redundancy of supply.
- We also completed a four-year combined sewer overflows (CSO) project ahead of the schedule required by the Maine DEP.

Our website at GreaterAugustaUtilityDistrict.org now makes it easier than ever for our customers to “go paperless” and view and pay bills online. Early this year, we also switched to monthly billing for most customers, which makes budgeting easier and helps detect leaks sooner.

We recognize that our top priority is to serve you and your constituents. We thank you for your support over the years, and invite you to get in touch with any member of the Board of Trustees at any time.

Have a great summer!

Ken Knight | Chair  
Board of Trustees



# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Infrastructure / Projects

- Replaced five old sewer pump stations in Hammond's Grove, Manchester.
- The 2.62 million gallon (MG) Malta wire-wound concrete water tank came online in late summer, replacing twin 1.5 (MG) steel water storage tanks.
- The Riverside Drive wells came online in August, providing 2 MGD capacity of redundant drinking water supply in late summer.
- Meadowlands water main (1,100' of 12" ductile iron water main looping North and South Belfast Avenue) was installed to provide supply redundancy, increase fire suppression capacity and improve water quality.
- Ridgewood Drive water main (with a high leak history) was replaced with 900' of new 8" ductile iron pipe.
- Arsenal Street: removed three catch basins from the wastewater system.
- Completed Long Term Control Plan, which lays out the next five years of combined sewer overflow projects with a timeline and estimated costs.
- Partnering Projects:
  - School Street: 1,300' of city road reconstruction. All water, wastewater and stormwater utilities were updated.
  - Pleasant Street: 420' of city road reconstruction. Updated the drinking water and stormwater lines with some sewer improvement and stormwater separation.
  - Mount Vernon Avenue: worked with MaineDOT to improve water and sewer infrastructure prior to rebuilding and paving the road.
  - New England Road Storm Improvements: Worked with the City of Augusta to replace 160' of old stormwater pipe with new 24" pipe and two new catch basins.



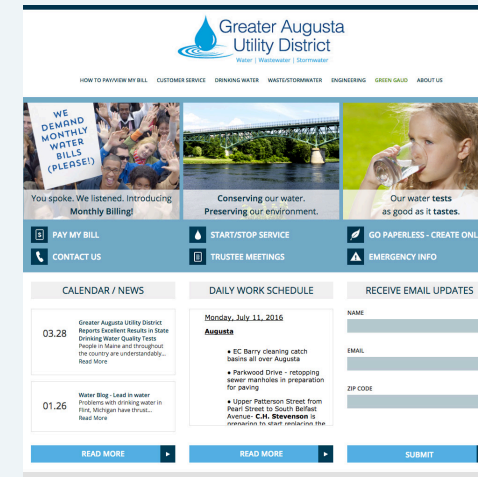
## Process Improvements

- The wastewater treatment system removed an average of 93% of the oxygen-demanding pollutants and 95% of the total suspended solids from 1,412 million gallons of wastewater that entered the plant.
- Expenses came in at \$1.4M, 18% under budget.

- Installed a recycled water plant system at a cost of for \$59,730, 17% below budget. This system uses recycled, treated wastewater inside the operations building to wash down equipment that doesn't need drinking water. Using recycled wastewater is how the savings in water cost were realized (\$42k to \$30k to \$22k annualized in 2016).

## Administrative / Financial

- Received a clean audit of 2015 financial statements.
- Added \$8 million to capital assets and ended 2015 with \$1.2 million of work in process.
- Started the process to change Augusta customers from quarterly billing to monthly billing.
- 125 customers receive paperless statements and 219 customers pay their bill online.
- Held annual planning session with GAUD Board of Trustees in January.
- Held annual meeting with City of Augusta in March.
- Open house and dedication ceremony at the new Riverside Drive wells in September.



## Safety / Preparedness

- Held Annual Safety Training in June.
- Reduced workers' compensation MOD rate by 17% to 1.03, and premiums by 11% to \$58,521.
- Received \$2,000 Maine Municipal Association Safety Grant to help pay for Confined Space Training.



## Outreach

- Distributed the Annual Report, Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, and a *Currents* newsletter.
- Began delivering regular statement stuffers informing customers of key issues, accomplishments and best practices for drinking water and wastewater users.



Greater Augusta  
Utility District

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## OUR FUNDAMENTAL GOALS, EVERY YEAR:

1. Supply enough clean, safe drinking water to meet the needs of the communities we serve.
2. Provide adequate fire protection.
3. Remove and treat stormwater and wastewater efficiently and effectively.
4. Maintain stable and equitable rates.
5. Continually improve the District's financial systems to ensure reliability, transparency and security.
6. Comply with all regulatory permits.
7. Always communicate clearly, courteously and effectively.

## KEY 2016 PROJECTS

1. Patterson Street will receive new sewer and stormwater pipe as part of a project with the City of Augusta.
2. Some of the sewer pipes on Old Winthrop Road and Eastern Avenue will be relined.
3. The odor control system at the wastewater plant will be improved.
4. 1,350' of water main was replaced in Manchester ahead of planned paving in 2017.
5. Water mains will be replaced on Boucher Avenue and Ward Street.
6. 1,630' of new water main will be installed on Alderwood Drive for system redundancy.