



October 26, 2016

Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1
Via email: Carrie.Bartow@CliftonLarsonAllen.com

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan Districts No. 1 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016.

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information ("RSI"), such as management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") to supplement Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement we will apply certain limited procedures to Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist 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 obtain during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1. Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund

*You have informed us that the MD&A will be omitted. Our report will be modified accordingly.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole, in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements

1. Debt Service Fund - Regional - Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
2. Capital Project Fund - Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual

We understand that the following people or entities will use these financial statements for the enumerated purposes:

<u>USER</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
State of Colorado	To provide assurance that the financial statements adhere to US GAAP
Management	To provide assurance on the financial statements used to enhance management decisions

You agree that you will discuss the suitability of this presentation with us if you intend to submit these financial statements to other users or to any of the identified users for different purposes.

Audit Objective

The objective of our audit is the expression of an opinion as to whether your basic financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will include tests of the accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. If our opinions on the financial statements are other than unqualified (unmodified), we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for the basic financial statements and all accompanying information as well as all representations contained therein. You agree to assume all management responsibilities for any nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it is necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the written management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud or illegal acts affecting the entity involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control and (3) others where the fraud or illegal acts could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon]. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Audit Procedures – General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Audit Procedures – Internal Control

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

Audit Procedures – Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1's compliance with the

provisions of applicable laws, regulations contracts and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

Engagement Administration, Fees and Other

We may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

You are responsible to notify us in advance of your intent to reproduce our report for any reason, in whole or in part, and to give us the opportunity to review any printed material containing our report before its issuance. Such notification does not constitute an acknowledgement on our part of any third party's intent to rely on the financial statements. With regard to financial statements published electronically or on your internet website(s), you understand that electronic sites are a means to reproduce and distribute information. We are not required to read the information contained in your sites, or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

You agree that you will not use our firm's name or the name of an employee of the firm in a communication containing a financial presentation without the written permission of our firm. If you do use our firm name or the name of an employee of the firm in a communication containing a financial presentation, you agree to include an "accountant's report" or a "disclaimer" on the financial presentation(s) which we specify. Further, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters of any document that contains our firm name or the name of an employee of the firm and a financial presentation for our review and approval before printing of the document. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material that contains either our firm's name and/or the name of an employee of the firm and a financial presentation for our approval before it is distributed.

You understand that we provide clients with services specifically focused on identifying and addressing deficiencies in internal controls, and on searching for the existence of fraud within the entity. If you would like us to perform these services, we would be happy to discuss that opportunity with you. However, you acknowledge that those services are outside the scope of this engagement and are not included in the fees detailed below.

It is our policy to retain engagement documentation for a period of at least five years, after which time we may commence the process of destroying the contents of our engagement files. To the extent we accumulate any of your original records during the engagement, those documents will be returned to you promptly upon completion of the engagement. The balance of our engagement file, other than the compiled financial statement, which we will provide you at the conclusion of the engagement, is our property, and we will provide copies of such documents at our discretion and if compensated for any time and costs associated with the effort.

In the event we are required to respond to a subpoena, court order or other legal process for the production of documents and/or testimony related to information we obtained and/or prepared during the course of this engagement, you agree to compensate us at our standard hourly rates for the time we expend in connection with such response, and to reimburse us for all related out-of-pocket costs incurred.

You and BiggsKofford, P.C. both agree that any dispute that may arise from this engagement will, prior to resorting to litigation, be submitted for mediation before the American Arbitration Association. Both parties further agree that any such mediation shall be administered within El Paso County Colorado and the results of any such mediation shall be binding upon agreement of each party to be bound. Further, both parties agree that any potential legal action between you and BiggsKofford, P.C. shall be resolved in El Paso County District Court according to Colorado law.

This engagement letter is contractual in nature, and includes all of the relevant terms that will govern the engagement for which it has been prepared. The terms of this letter supersede any prior oral or written representations or commitments by or between the parties. Any material changes or additions to the terms set forth in this letter will only become effective if evidenced by a written amendment to this letter, signed by all parties.

We want you to clearly understand that this type of financial statement presentation is not designed for, and should not be used for, any purpose subject to regulation by the Securities and Exchange Commission or the securities division of any state.

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash and other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

Braden Hammond is the engagement principal and is responsible for supervising the engagement and for signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

Our fees for this engagement are not contingent on the results of our services. We estimate that our fees for these services will be \$5,000. You will also be billed for travel and other out-of-pocket expenses. The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will keep you informed of any problems we encounter and our fees will be adjusted accordingly. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered semi-monthly as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes overdue and will not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment or for any other reason provided for in this letter, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket expenses through the date of the termination.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1 and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If, after full consideration and consultation with counsel if so desired, you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, **PLEASE INITIAL EACH PAGE, SIGN THE LAST PAGE** and return a copy to us.

Sincerely,

BiggsKofford, P.C.

BiggsKofford, PC

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets for the understanding of Banning Lewis Ranch Metropolitan Districts No. 1.

Authorized signature:  Title: President Date: 2-9-17