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## Government Utility Leverages AccountMate for Improved Utility Billing

**PETALUMA, CA (February 23, 2011)**— Using an industry-specific solution for billing functions and AccountMate Software as their financial management system, Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority has a complete business management solution for their fund accounting needs.

“The integrated solution of AccountMate and Visual Utility Billing™ has resulted in a strong financial management system that supports our business model”, says Gloria Bobersky, Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority Manager. “I expect the accounting system to work smoothly each month, and it does.”

As a municipal government agency in northeast Pennsylvania, Berwick successfully collects, treats and recycles wastewater. Berwick’s primary function is reducing water pollution so that the river can be safely used for fishing, swimming and drinking water, significantly reducing low dissolved oxygen, fish kills, algal blooms and bacterial contamination.

With stringent government regulations and standards monitoring water integrity across the nation, Berwick follows a complex waste purification process that filters debris and destroys biological solids. This revolutionary system screens, processes and releases 1.4 million gallons of pollutant-free wastewater back into the Susquehanna River every 61 hours.

Before the AccountMate business financial system installation, maintaining business records for five different sewer authorities offered a unique set of challenges for Berwick. While the regional board requires consolidated reports, each sewer authority also requires separate record maintenance, business reporting and other general ledger functions identifying revenues and expenses according to funding source (sewer authority). Averaging a 31% growth increase in the last five years, Berwick realized that they needed a comprehensive financial management solution that would support their fund accounting requirements and process over 7,000 statements each month without delay.

To solve these business challenges, Berwick partnered with Diversified Technology, an AccountMate Business Partner, and

selected AccountMate Software as their business solution based on its ability to handle fund accounting with their current municipal structure.

AccountMate’s inherent fund accounting features and use of Microsoft SQL Server as a database provided the scalability to meet Berwick’s strategic business requirements right out of the box. The Non-Profit Organization option has specific General Ledger functions, fields and reports that automatically switch to support fund accounting requirements used primarily in non-profit and government business sectors. By structuring General Ledger revenue and expense accounts by funding source, Berwick can closely monitor the business financials of each municipality individually as well as collectively through consolidated reports required by the regional board. AccountMate’s built-in fund accounting feature offers maximum flexibility, business accountability and government compliance.

Customized reporting enabled specialized budget reports, year to year comparisons and multiple-year look back for project comparisons

To accommodate the company’s sizeable monthly billing demand, Berwick needed a sophisticated billing solution. Designed to work for municipalities, municipal authorities and utility companies, Visual Utility Billing™ seamlessly integrates directly with AccountMate software so Berwick can access customer account records, generate bills and upload all billing records directly into their General Ledger. Authorized company employees can also respond to account inquiries instantly, creating a knowledgeable workforce and providing superior customer service.

### About AccountMate Software Corporation

Founded in 1984, AccountMate develops and markets fully modifiable business accounting software. Systems range from single user versions to those that support hundreds of users simultaneously. AccountMate software is available for local installation or as SaaS. It is distributed exclusively through a worldwide channel of authorized solution providers. AccountMate can be reached at (800) 877-8896 or at [www.accountmate.com](http://www.accountmate.com).

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