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SAN JUAN BASIN ROYALTY TRUST

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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On November 4, 2016, the San Juan Basin Royalty Trust submitted the following supplemental presentation to representatives of Institutional Shareholder Services Inc.:

San Juan Basin Royalty Trust
Compass Bank, Trustee
Supplemental Investor Presentation:
Solicitation of Proxies Against
Southwest Bank's Takeover as Trustee
November 4, 2016

Name

Title

[telephone]

[email]

[Month Year]

Southwest Bank Misleads on Trust Expenses

The Trust's general and administrative (G&A) expenses increased in recent quarters

not
from
inefficient
management

but
due
to
increased

audit
and
legal

costs
related
to

the
ConocoPhillips
litigation.

Southwest Bank claims that the Trust's G&E expenses increased significantly

since

Ms.

Anderson's

departure,

but

it

fails

to

tell

you

that:

As disclosed in the Trust's Form 10-K and 10-Q filings with the SEC, the increased costs are primarily related to the Trust's litigation against Burlington, a subsidiary of ConocoPhillips, which began in 2014 and is scheduled for trial in March 2017. Litigation expenses have increased this year as the parties prepare for trial, engage expert witnesses, continue discovery and attend mediation sessions.

These

expenses

would

have

been

the

same

even

if

Ms.

Anderson

were

still

the

trust

officer.

She

acknowledges

that

she

would

use

the

same

litigation

team

Compass

Bank

uses.

Compass

Bank

believes

this

litigation
is
worth
pursuing.
The
Trust's
claim
is
for
monetary
relief
in
excess
of
\$12
million.
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Southwest Bank Misleads on Trust Expenses (cont d)

When
litigation
expenses
are
excluded,
Trust
G&A
expenses
have
been
consistent,
generally

rising in the first quarter (as expenses increase with annual reporting obligations) and falling again by the end of the year. Ms. Anderson's departure during the fourth quarter of 2015 did not impact the Trust's G&A expenses.

Note: For a reconciliation of adjusted G&A expenses to reported G&A expenses, see the appendix at the end of this presentation. Adjusted G&A expenses for 3Q 2016 excludes expenses incurred in responding to Southwest Bank's self-interested proxy campaign.

Aside from litigation expenses, increased G&A expenses since Ms. Anderson's departure are primarily attributable to costs of updating SOX compliance procedures and auditing ConocoPhillips information.

\$-
\$200,000

\$400,000

\$600,000

\$800,000

\$1,000,000

\$1,200,000

Q1 2015

Q2 2015

Q3 2015

Q4 2015

Q1 2016

Q2 2016

Q3 2016

Total general and administrative expenses

Adjusted general and administrative expenses

Ms. Anderson leaves

Compass Bank

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Southwest Bank Misleads on Conflicts of Interests

Southwest Bank and Ms. Anderson should know that Compass Bank has no conflict of interest.

Southwest Bank claims that Compass Bank has a demonstrated conflict of interest because Charles McMahan,

a
director
of
BBVA
Compass,
also
serves
as
an
independent
outside
director
of
Enterprise
Products Holdings. Affiliates of Enterprise gather and process gas attributable to the Trust's royalty properties.

Had Southwest Bank and Ms. Anderson understood how the Trust operates, they would know that there is no conflict of interest:

Enterprise and its affiliates process gas for ConocoPhillips, not the Trust. The Trust has only an interest in the net proceeds from ConocoPhillips' sale of the gas. This is disclosed in the Trust's Form 10-K filings.
(1)

ConocoPhillips, as the principal operator of the properties underlying the Trust's royalty, determines which service providers to use, negotiates the terms of the contracts with them, and is a party to the contracts.

The Trust is NOT a party to any of the purchase, gathering or processing contracts.

ConocoPhillips entered into a contract with Enterprise in 2011 during Ms. Anderson's tenure at Compass Bank. Ms. Anderson reviewed the contract, which will not terminate until 2026. This is also disclosed in the Trust's Form 10-K filings.

(1)

Compass Bank reviewed the terms of the 2011 Enterprise contract with a third-party consultant to confirm that they were fair to the Trust.

(2)

Ms. Anderson should understand this. In making this argument, she and Southwest Bank demonstrate that either they do not understand how the Trust operates or they intend to mislead unit holders.

(1)

See the Trust's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, pages 13-14.

(2)

See the Trust's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, page 9.

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Southwest Bank Misleads on Conflicts of Interests (cont d)

Southwest Bank claims that Compass Bank has a conflict of interest because its parent company holds shares of ConocoPhillips.

Southwest

Bank

fails

to

tell

you

that

the

shares

are

held

on

behalf of

bank

customers

as

part

of

routine

trust

and

investment

services.

Compass Bank has no pecuniary interest in the shares.

Southwest

fails

to

tell

you

that

the

number

of

shares

is
extremely
small,
amounting to about 0.003% of the outstanding shares of ConocoPhillips.
The fact that Compass Bank has ongoing litigation against ConocoPhillips
to recover underpayment of royalties is further evidence that Compass
Bank has no conflict of interest.

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Southwest Bank Misleads on Analyst Information

Southwest

Bank

cites

to

independent

research

by

an

analyst

and

claims

that the analyst received no response from Compass Bank to a December 2015 inquiry.

Southwest

Bank

fails

to

tell

you

that

the

analyst,

McDep,

acknowledges

in its research reports that it has received compensation from Southwest

Bank

for

prior

research

services.

(1)

Southwest

Bank

does
not
disclose
the
amount paid to the analyst.

Southwest

Bank

fails

to

tell

you

that

the

2015

inquiry

was

a

letter

from

the independent analyst in support of Ms. Anderson's effort to cause
Compass Bank to resign as trustee in connection with her 2015
departure. The letter did not solicit a response from Compass Bank.

(1) See disclaimer at <http://www.mcdep.com/sjt151021.pdf>.

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Southwest Bank Misleads on Time to Vote

Southwest Bank claims that Compass Bank is trying to restrict unit holder voting by allowing 28 days to vote.

Southwest

Bank

fails

to

tell

you

that

a

voting

period

of

about

30

days

is

generally recognized as sufficient time to vote.

Southwest

Bank

fails

to

tell

you

that

it

originally

sent

proxy

cards

to

most

unit holders starting on October 14, 2016, effectively giving them 38

days to vote.

Southwest

Bank

fails
to
tell
you
that
Compass
Bank
responded
to

Southwest Bank's demand for unit holder lists beginning on August 31, 2016. This allowed Southwest Bank to begin contacting unit holders 82 days before the meeting.

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Appendix

Reconciliation
of
Trust
G&A

Expenses

Below is a reconciliation of the total G&A expenses reported in the Trust's filings with the SEC for the quarters indicated, adjusted to exclude audit and legal costs incurred in connection with the ConocoPhillips litigation and responding to Southwest Bank's proxy campaign.

(1) Expenses for the third quarter of 2016 include \$88,000 in expenses incurred in responding to Southwest Bank's proxy campaign.

Q1 2015

Q2 2015

Q3 2015

Q4 2015

Q1 2016

Q2 2016

Q3 2016

Reported G&A

Expenses

\$ 661,738

\$ 498,750

\$ 401,966

\$ 605,982

\$ 1,022,436

\$ 886,134

\$ 499,462

Litigation and Related Expenses(1)

\$ 174,282

\$ 115,732

\$ 104,628

\$ 168,139

\$ 485,572

\$ 382,831

\$ 219,609

Adjusted G&A

Expenses

\$ 487,456

\$ 383,017
\$ 297,338
\$ 437,843
\$ 536,864
\$ 503,303
\$ 279,852
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Disclaimer

In response to the demand by Southwest Bank and Robert Lansford, a senior business development officer at Southwest Bank, the Trust has called a special meeting and filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on October 25, 2016, a definitive proxy statement in connection with the solicitation of proxies from unit holders of the Trust at the special meeting. The Trust will furnish copies of proxy materials to the unit holders, together with a BLUE proxy card. **UNIT HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ CAREFULLY THE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** These documents, including the proxy statement (and amendments and supplements thereto) and other documents filed by the Trust with the SEC, will be available for no charge on the SEC 's website at www.sec.gov and at the Trust 's website at www.sjbrt.com. Copies may also be obtained by contacting Kaye Wilke by phone at (866) 809-4553, by email at slt.us@bbva.com or by mail at San Juan Basin Royalty Trust, c/o Compass Bank, Trust Department, Attn: Investor Relations, 300 W. 7th Street, Suite B, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Compass Bank, as trustee of the Trust, may be deemed to be a participant in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the special meeting. Information regarding Compass Bank 's interests in the Trust by security holdings and otherwise is set forth in the Trust 's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, and in the Trust 's subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.

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