

**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Supervisors  
St. Lucie West Services District  
St. Lucie County, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of St. Lucie West Services District, St. Lucie County, Florida (the "District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

**Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about 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 do 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.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 24, 2019, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

We have also issued our report dated May 24, 2019, on our consideration of the District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, as required by Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. The purpose of that report is to provide an opinion based on our examination conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

May 24, 2019

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of St. Lucie West Services District, St. Lucie County, Florida's ("District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. Please read it in conjunction with the District's Independent Auditor's Report, basic financial statements, accompanying notes and supplementary information to the basic financial statements themselves.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets plus deferred outflows of resources of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year resulting in a net position balance of \$56,542,033.
- The change in the District's total net position in comparison with the prior fiscal year was \$3,213,415, an increase. The key components of the District's net position and change in net position are reflected in the table in the government-wide financial analysis section.
- At September 30, 2018, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$5,256,176 an increase of \$614,209 in comparison with the prior year. The total fund balance is nonspendable for prepaids, restricted for debt service, assigned for renewal and replacement and subsequent year's expenditures, and the remainder is unassigned fund balance which is available for spending at the District's discretion.

### OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as the introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities, with the residual amount being reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by assessments and stormwater fees (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the District include general (management), and maintenance and operations. The business-type activities of the District include the Utility (water and sewer) operation.

#### Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has two fund categories: governmental and proprietary funds.

## OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains three governmental funds for external reporting. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general, water management debt service, and Cascades 2010 debt service funds, all of which are considered to be major funds.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

The District also adopts an annual operating budget for the utility fund.

### Proprietary Fund

The District maintains one type of proprietary fund, an enterprise fund. An enterprise fund is used to report the same function presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The District uses an enterprise fund to account for the operations of the water and sewer utility services within the District.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

Key components of the District's net position are reflected in the following table:

	NET POSITION					
	SEPTEMBER 30,					
	Governmental activities		Business-type activities		Total	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Current and other assets	\$ 4,627,600	\$ 4,225,664	\$ 5,859,798	\$ 4,325,170	\$ 10,487,398	\$ 8,550,834
Restricted assets	804,760	845,091	10,812,125	12,153,063	11,616,885	12,998,154
Capital assets, net of depreciation	43,721,445	44,483,075	41,082,101	41,306,333	84,803,546	85,789,408
Total assets	49,153,805	49,553,830	57,754,024	57,784,566	106,907,829	107,338,396
Deferred outflows of resources	280,126	320,144	391,947	421,214	672,073	741,358
Current liabilities	345,106	619,662	1,087,561	1,074,943	1,432,667	1,694,605
Long-term liabilities	15,690,220	17,661,531	33,914,982	35,395,000	49,605,202	53,056,531
Total liabilities	16,035,326	18,281,193	35,002,543	36,469,943	51,037,869	54,751,136
Net position						
Net investment in capital assets	28,341,571	27,168,219	7,589,048	6,392,547	35,930,619	33,560,766
Restricted	530,844	595,656	10,007,257	11,411,730	10,538,101	12,007,386
Unrestricted	4,526,190	3,828,906	5,547,123	3,931,560	10,073,313	7,760,466
Total net position	\$ 33,398,605	\$ 31,592,781	\$ 23,143,428	\$ 21,735,837	\$ 56,542,033	\$ 53,328,618

The District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, land improvements, and infrastructure); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are used to provide services to residents; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The restricted portion represents funds set aside for bond covenants related to debt service, capital projects and other, renewal and replacement and surplus and rate stabilization.

The results of this year's operations for the District as a whole are reported in the statement of activities. The net position of the District's governmental activities increased \$1,805,824 and the net position of the business-type activities increased \$1,407,591 in comparison with the prior year.

The District's net position increased during the most recent fiscal year. The majority of the increase represents the extent to which ongoing program revenues exceeded the cost of operations and depreciation expense. Additionally the sale of land increased the governmental activities net position in the current fiscal year.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)**

Key elements of the change in the District's net position are reflected in the following table:

	CHANGES IN NET POSITION					
	FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,					
	Governmental activities		Business-type activities		Total	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 5,319,871	\$ 5,358,855	\$ 9,184,949	\$ 9,177,201	\$ 14,504,820	\$ 14,536,056
Capital grants and contributions	5,867	-	-	-	5,867	-
General revenues:						
Investment earnings	2,884	2,136	25,273	16,631	28,157	18,767
Other	89,590	41,988	113,521	34,774	203,111	76,762
Gain/(loss) on disposal of capital assets	1,059,001	-	(2,798)	-	1,056,203	-
Total revenues	6,477,213	5,402,979	9,320,945	9,228,606	15,798,158	14,631,585
Expenses:						
General government	560,171	495,718	-	-	560,171	495,718
Physical environment	3,611,606	3,563,907	-	-	3,611,606	3,563,907
Interest	499,612	527,774	-	-	499,612	527,774
Water and sewer utilities	-	-	6,749,252	6,485,271	6,749,252	6,485,271
Interest	-	-	1,164,102	1,074,602	1,164,102	1,074,602
Total expenses	4,671,389	4,587,399	7,913,354	7,559,873	12,584,743	12,147,272
Change in net position	1,805,824	815,580	1,407,591	1,668,733	3,213,415	2,484,313
Net position - beginning	31,592,781	30,777,201	21,735,837	20,067,104	53,328,618	50,844,305
Net position - ending	\$ 33,398,605	\$ 31,592,781	\$ 23,143,428	\$ 21,735,837	\$ 56,542,033	\$ 53,328,618

**Governmental activities**

As noted above, and in the statement of activities, the cost of all governmental activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 was \$4,671,389. As in the prior year, the majority of the costs of the Districts governmental activities were paid by program revenues. Program revenues consisted primarily of assessments and stormwater fees for the current and prior year.

**Business-type activities**

Business-type activities reflect the operations of the water and sewer facilities within the District. The cost of operations is covered primarily by charges to customers. Water and sewer revenues increased from the prior fiscal year due primarily due to an increase in impact fees collected in the current fiscal year. Expenses increased primarily due to an increase in water and sewer operating and contracting costs.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS**

An operating budget was adopted and maintained by the governing board for the District pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in preparation of the fund financial statements. The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 was amended to increase revenues by \$54,051 and decrease appropriations by (\$1,239,896). Actual general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations during the current fiscal year.



## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At September 30, 2018, the District had \$72,914,537 invested in capital assets for its governmental activities. In the government-wide financial statements depreciation of \$29,193,092 has been taken, which resulted in a net book value of \$43,721,445. The District's business-type activities reported net capital assets of \$41,082,101. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

### Capital Debt

At September 30, 2018, the District had \$15,660,000 in Bonds outstanding for its governmental activities. For business-type activities, the District had Bonds outstanding of \$33,885,000. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEARS BUDGETS AND OTHER EVENTS

The District anticipates positive account activity trends and the recent refunding of Bonds have placed the District in a better financial position. The District staffs through efficient budgeting and innovative cost saving measures have enabled the District to keep rates the same for the past several fiscal years. The budget for fiscal year 2019 continues with the five year forecasting of the District's financial needs. The District anticipates that the general operations will remain fairly constant. For the utility operations, the number of ERU's is expected to remain the same in the fiscal year 2019. With no rate adjustment budgeted in the next year, the District expects revenues in most categories to remain the same for the next year with the exception of those living in the Cascades neighborhood. The Cascades bonds were completely paid off during the current fiscal year and therefore will see a decrease in their Non-Ad Valorem assessments.

The District has a five year Capital Improvement Plan and additional revenues are needed to fund these projects through the District's utility system. The District is in the process of completing a Revenue Sufficiency Analysis to aid in the adoption of utility rate increases in the upcoming years.

## CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, land owners, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the financial resources it manages and the stewardship of the facilities it maintains. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the St. Lucie West Services District's management services at Special District Services, Inc., 2501A Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.

**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,125,456	\$ 6,215,381	\$ 9,340,837
Investments	6,328	-	6,328
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	200,000	200,442	400,442
Investments	604,760	10,611,683	11,216,443
Accounts receivable, net	-	1,109,589	1,109,589
Internal balances	1,470,126	(1,470,126)	-
Prepaid items	25,690	219	25,909
Other current assets	-	4,735	4,735
Capital assets:			
Nondepreciable	4,755,934	5,447,965	10,203,899
Depreciable, net	38,965,511	35,634,136	74,599,647
Total assets	<u>49,153,805</u>	<u>57,754,024</u>	<u>106,907,829</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred charge on refunding (debit)	280,126	391,947	672,073
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>280,126</u>	<u>391,947</u>	<u>672,073</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	79,905	282,693	362,598
Accrued interest payable	168,922	604,426	773,348
Customer deposits	96,279	200,442	296,721
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year	1,830,000	1,490,000	3,320,000
Due in more than one year	13,860,220	32,424,982	46,285,202
Total liabilities	<u>16,035,326</u>	<u>35,002,543</u>	<u>51,037,869</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	28,341,571	7,589,048	35,930,619
Restricted for:			
Debt service	530,844	4,197,615	4,728,459
Capital projects and other	-	1,463,573	1,463,573
Renewal and replacement	-	1,704,100	1,704,100
Surplus and rate stabilization	-	2,641,969	2,641,969
Unrestricted	4,526,190	5,547,123	10,073,313
Total net position	<u>\$ 33,398,605</u>	<u>\$ 23,143,428</u>	<u>\$ 56,542,033</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Functions/Programs	Program Revenue			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		Total
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
<b>Primary government:</b>						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 560,171	\$ 560,171	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Maintenance and operations	3,611,606	2,342,211	5,867	(1,263,528)	-	(1,263,528)
Interest on long-term debt	499,612	2,417,489	-	1,917,877	-	1,917,877
Total governmental activities	4,671,389	5,319,871	5,867	654,349	-	654,349
Business-type activities:						
Water and sewer utilities	6,749,252	7,991,580	-	-	1,242,328	1,242,328
Interest on long-term debt	1,164,102	1,193,369	-	-	29,267	29,267
Total business-type activities	7,913,354	9,184,949	-	-	1,271,595	1,271,595
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,584,743</b>	<b>14,504,820</b>	<b>5,867</b>	<b>654,349</b>	<b>1,271,595</b>	<b>1,925,944</b>
General revenues:						
Investment earnings				2,884	25,273	28,157
Miscellaneous				89,590	113,521	203,111
Gain/loss on disposal of capital assets				1,059,001	(2,798)	1,056,203
Total general revenues				1,151,475	135,996	1,287,471
Change in net position				1,805,824	1,407,591	3,213,415
Net position - beginning				31,592,781	21,735,837	53,328,618
Net position - ending				\$ 33,398,605	\$ 23,143,428	\$ 56,542,033

See notes to the financial statements

**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General	Water Management Debt Service	Cascades 2010 Debt Service	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,125,456	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 3,325,456
Investments	6,328	604,760	-	611,088
Due from other funds	1,575,120	-	-	1,575,120
Prepaid items	25,690	-	-	25,690
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,732,594</u>	<u>\$ 804,760</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,537,354</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 79,905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,905
Due to other funds	-	104,994	-	104,994
Deposits	96,279	-	-	96,279
Total liabilities	<u>176,184</u>	<u>104,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>281,178</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid items	25,690	-	-	25,690
Restricted for:				
Debt service	-	699,766	-	699,766
Assigned:				
Renewal and replacement	1,134,288	-	-	1,134,288
Subsequent years expenditures	920,064	-	-	920,064
Unassigned	2,476,368	-	-	2,476,368
Total fund balances	<u>4,556,410</u>	<u>699,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,256,176</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 4,732,594</u>	<u>\$ 804,760</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,537,354</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Fund balance - governmental funds \$ 5,256,176

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. The statement of net position includes those capital assets, net of any accumulated depreciation, in the net position of the government as a whole.

Cost of capital assets	72,914,537	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(29,193,092)</u>	43,721,445

Deferred charges on refunding of long-term debt are shown as deferred outflows/inflows of resources in the government-wide financial statements; however, this amount is expensed in the governmental fund financial statements.

280,126

Liabilities not due and payable from current available resources are not reported as liabilities in the governmental fund statements. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

Accrued interest payable	(168,922)	
Bonds payable	(15,660,000)	
Compensated absences	<u>(30,220)</u>	<u>(15,859,142)</u>

Net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ 33,398,605</u>
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See notes to the financial statements

**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General	Water Management Debt Service	Cascades 2010 Debt Service	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Special assessments	\$ 1,071,915	\$ 1,879,282	\$ 146,561	\$ 3,097,758
Stormwater fees	1,830,467	391,646	-	2,222,113
Investment earnings	119	2,577	188	2,884
Grant revenue	5,867	-	-	5,867
Miscellaneous	89,590	-	-	89,590
Total revenues	<u>2,997,958</u>	<u>2,273,505</u>	<u>146,749</u>	<u>5,418,212</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	385,284	50,472	-	435,756
Maintenance and operations	2,172,738	-	-	2,172,738
Debt service:				
Interest expense	-	474,105	7,441	481,546
Principal expense	-	1,790,000	185,000	1,975,000
Capital outlay	798,239	-	-	798,239
Total expenditures	<u>3,356,261</u>	<u>2,314,577</u>	<u>192,441</u>	<u>5,863,279</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(358,303)	(41,072)	(45,692)	(445,067)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Proceeds from sale of land	1,059,276	-	-	1,059,276
Total other financing sources	<u>1,059,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,059,276</u>
Net change in fund balances	700,973	(41,072)	(45,692)	614,209
Fund balances - beginning	<u>3,855,437</u>	<u>740,838</u>	<u>45,692</u>	<u>4,641,967</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 4,556,410</u>	<u>\$ 699,766</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,256,176</u>

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**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	614,209
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, however, the cost of capital assets is eliminated in the statement of activities and capitalized in the statement of net position.		798,239
Depreciation of capital assets is not recognized in the governmental fund statements but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.		(1,559,594)
Amortization of deferred outflows/inflows of resources is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements, but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.		(40,018)
The loss on the disposal of capital assets is recorded on the government wide financial statements but not on the fund financial statements.		(275)
Repayment of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in the governmental fund statement but such repayments reduce liabilities in the statement of net position and are eliminated in the statement of activities.		1,975,000
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Change in compensated absences		(3,689)
Change in accrued interest		21,952
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u>1,805,824</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

	Water and Sewer Utility
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Unrestricted:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,215,381
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectibles	1,109,589
Prepaid expenses	219
Other	4,735
Restricted:	
Cash and cash equivalents	200,442
Investments	10,611,683
Total current assets	18,142,049
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Land	1,200,000
Building	298,026
Construction in progress	4,247,965
Infrastructure	58,305,195
Equipment and furniture	2,582,010
Less accumulated depreciation	(25,551,095)
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	41,082,101
Total noncurrent assets	41,082,101
Total assets	59,224,150
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred charges on refunding	391,947
Total deferred outflows of resources	391,947
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	282,693
Due to other funds	1,470,126
Liabilities payable from restricted assets:	
Customer deposits	200,442
Current portion of long-term debt	1,490,000
Interest payable	604,426
Total current liabilities	4,047,687
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Long-term debt	32,424,982
Total noncurrent liabilities	32,424,982
Total liabilities	36,472,669
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Invested in capital assets	7,589,048
Restricted for:	
Debt service	4,197,615
Capital projects and other	1,463,573
Renewal and replacement	1,704,100
Surplus and rate stabilization	2,641,969
Unrestricted	5,547,123
Total net position	23,143,428
Total net position and liabilities	\$ 59,616,097

See notes to the financial statements



**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN  
NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

	<u>Water and Sewer Utility</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Charges for sales and services:	
Charges for water and sewer services	\$ 8,500,520
Late fees	71,777
Bulk water sales	566,515
Other	46,137
Total operating revenues	<u>9,184,949</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Personnel services	2,273,557
Contractual services	734,989
Water and sewer operations	1,807,029
Repairs and maintenance	163,566
Rent and leases	1,990
Depreciation	1,738,854
Amortization	29,267
Total operating expense	<u>6,749,252</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>2,435,697</u>
<b>NON OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>	
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	(2,798)
Impact fees	113,521
Interest revenue	25,273
Interest expense	<u>(1,164,102)</u>
Total non operating revenue (expenses)	<u>(1,028,106)</u>
Change in net position	1,407,591
Total net position - beginning	<u>21,735,837</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 23,143,428</u>

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**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

	Water and Sewer Utility
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 9,236,294
Payments to suppliers of goods and services	(4,905,223)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	4,331,071
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Due to/from other funds	(667,740)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	(667,740)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Impact fees	113,521
Purchases of capital assets	(1,517,420)
Principal paid on debt	(1,450,000)
Loss on disposal of capital assets	2,798
Interest paid on debt	(1,097,517)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(3,948,618)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Purchase of investments	1,337,888
Interest earnings	25,273
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	1,363,161
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,077,874
Cash and cash equivalents - October 1	5,337,949
Cash and cash equivalents - September 30	\$ 6,415,823
<b>Reported as:</b>	
Cash	\$ 6,215,381
Restricted cash	200,442
	\$ 6,415,823

**(Continued)**

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**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018  
(Continued)**

	Water and Sewer Utility
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities	
Operating income (loss)	\$ 2,435,697
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	1,765,323
(Increase)/Decrease in:	
Accounts receivables	54,395
Prepays and deposits	159,641
Increase/(Decrease) in:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(80,917)
Customer deposits	(3,050)
Compensated absences	(18)
Total adjustments	1,895,374
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 4,331,071

See notes to the financial statements

**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND REPORTING ENTITY**

St. Lucie West Services District (the "District") was created on November 21, 1989, pursuant to Chapter 190.005, Florida Statutes by which Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission granted the petition of the original development corporation and adopted Rules 42-1.001, 1.002, and 1.003, establishing the St. Lucie West Services District. The District was established for the purpose of, among other things, construction of and/or acquiring water management and control, water supply, sewer, wastewater management, bridges or culverts, District roads, parks and recreational facilities, security facilities, control and elimination of mosquitoes and other arthropods and landscaping related to recreational amenities, roads, and surface water management, and related improvements located within and/or without the boundaries of St. Lucie West Services District.

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is composed of five members. The Supervisors are elected by the landowners and qualified electors residing within the District, and are elected on a rotating basis for terms of four years. The District was created under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes and operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercise all powers granted to the District pursuant to Florida Statutes.

The Board has the final responsibility for:

1. Assessing and levying assessments.
2. Approving budgets.
3. Exercising control over facilities and properties.
4. Controlling the use of funds generated by the District.
5. Approving the employment of the general manger.
6. Financing improvements.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statements. Under the provisions of those standards, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the District is considered to be financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that, if excluded, the financial statements of the District would be considered incomplete or misleading. There are no entities considered to be component units of the District; therefore, the financial statements include only the operations of the District.

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by assessments and general revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment (Operating-type special assessments for maintenance and debt service are treated as charges for services.); and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement* focus and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are to be recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Unbilled service revenue is accrued in the enterprise funds.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement* focus and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

### **Assessments**

Assessments are non-ad valorem assessments on certain land and all platted lots within the District. Assessments are levied each November 1 on property of record as of the previous January. The fiscal year for which annual assessments are levied begins on October 1 with discounts available for payments through February 28 and become delinquent on April 1. For debt service assessments, amounts collected as advance payments are used to prepay a portion of the Bonds outstanding. Otherwise, assessments are collected annually to provide funds for the debt service on the portion of the Bonds which are not paid with prepaid assessments.

Assessments, stormwater fees, licenses and permits, grant revenues and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized in revenues for the current period.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

### **General Fund**

The general fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

### **Water Management Debt Service Fund**

The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term debt.

### **Cascades 2010 Debt Service Fund**

The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term debt, which was used to finance the Cascades capital projects. The fund was closed out during the current fiscal year.

The District reports the following major proprietary fund:

### **Water and Sewer Fund**

The water and sewer fund accounts for the water and sewer operations of the District that are financed and supported primarily by user charges.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses of the enterprise fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

## **NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

### **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)**

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are internal receivable and payable balances between governmental and business-type activities.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first for qualifying expenditures, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

### **Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity**

#### **Restricted Assets**

Restricted assets in the enterprise funds consists primarily of amounts restricted for debt service, capital projects, surplus and rate stabilization, renewal and replacement which have been restricted by the bond covenants or other contractual restrictions. Restricted assets in the governmental funds consist of funds set aside to comply with bond covenants or other contractual restrictions.

#### **Deposits and Investments**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits (interest and non-interest bearing).

The District has elected to proceed under the Alternative Investment Guidelines as set forth in Section 218.415 (17) Florida Statutes. The District may invest any surplus public funds in the following:

- a) The Local Government Surplus Trust Funds, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act;
- b) Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency;
- c) Interest bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories;
- d) Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

Securities listed in paragraph c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

The District records all interest revenue related to investment activities in the respective funds. Investments are measured at amortized cost or reported at fair value as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Inventories and Prepaid Items**

Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### **Interfund Receivables and Payables**

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of fiscal year are referred to as either "interfund receivables/payables" or "advances to/from other funds". All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between governmental activities and business-type activities for internal borrowing are reported in the government-wide statements as "internal balances".

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

#### Receivables

Accounts receivable and assessments receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. These receivables will be recognized as revenue as they are collected. The Water and Sewer Utility Fund receivables are due from commercial and residential customers within the District. The District's policy for collections is limited to collecting security deposits, the right to discontinue service and to place liens on property. For the Water and Sewer Fund, accounts receivable outstanding in excess of 120 days comprise the allowance.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, water and sewer improvements, machinery and equipment and infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, etc.) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Infrastructure and buildings	10 – 50
Equipment	5 – 30

In the governmental fund financial statements, amounts incurred for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as fund expenditures. Depreciation expense is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

#### Refundings of Debt

For current refundings and advance refundings resulting in the defeasance of debt, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is reported as a deferred outflow of resources/deferred inflow of resources and recognized ratably as a component of interest expense over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter. In connection with the refunding, \$40,018 and \$28,807 was recognized as a component of interest expense in the current fiscal year for the governmental and business-type activities, respectively.

#### Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

#### Compensated Absences

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick leave and vacation leave benefits. All sick and vacation leave is accrued when earned in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. Liability for accrued compensated absences of the governmental activities is not reported in the balance sheet of the governmental funds and, accordingly, represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations. Payments are generally paid out of the general fund.

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

#### Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the Bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable premiums or discounts. Bond issuance costs are expensed when incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

#### Fund Equity/Net Position

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report non spendable and restricted fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Assignments of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

The District can establish limitations on the use of fund balance as follows:

Committed fund balance – Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Supervisors. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the Board of Supervisors taking the same formal action (resolution) that imposed the constraint originally. Resources accumulated pursuant to stabilization arrangements sometimes are reported in this category.

Assigned fund balance – Includes spendable fund balance amounts established by the Board of Supervisors that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover differences in estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Assignments are generally temporary and normally the same formal action need not be taken to remove the assignment.

The District first uses committed fund balance, followed by assigned fund balance and then unassigned fund balance when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.



## **NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

### **Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)**

#### Fund Equity/Net Position (Continued)

Net position is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position in the government-wide financial statements are categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents net position related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment. Restricted net position represents the assets restricted by the District's Bond covenants or other contractual restrictions. Unrestricted net position consists of the net position not meeting the definition of either of the other two components.

### **Other Disclosures**

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY INFORMATION**

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved Annual Budget. Annual Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- a) Each year the General Manager submits to the District Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1.
- b) Public hearings are conducted to obtain public comments.
- c) Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted by the District Board.
- d) All budget changes must be approved by the District Board.
- e) The budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- f) Unused appropriation for annually budgeted funds lapse at the end of the year.

The District also prepares annual operating budgets for the water and sewer utility fund.

## **NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

### **Deposits**

The District's cash balances were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by a collateral pool pledged to the State Treasurer. Florida Statutes Chapter 280, "Florida Security for Public Deposits Act", requires all qualified depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral equal to various percentages of the average daily balance for each month of all public deposits in excess of any applicable deposit insurance held. The percentage of eligible collateral (generally, U.S. Governmental and agency securities, state or local government debt, or corporate bonds) to public deposits is dependent upon the depository's financial history and its compliance with Chapter 280. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses.

## NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### Investments

The District's investments were held as follows at September 30, 2018:

Investment	Amortized cost	Credit Risk	Maturities
US Bank Commercial Paper Manual Sweep	\$ 604,760	A-1	N/A
US Bank Mmkt 5 - Ct	10,611,683	Not Available	Not Available
Florida Prime	6,328	S&P AAAM	Weighted average of the fund portfolio: 33 days
Total Investments	<u>\$ 11,222,771</u>		

*Credit risk* – For investments, credit risk is generally the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Investment ratings by investment type are included in the preceding summary of investments.

*Concentration risk* – The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

*Interest rate risk* – The District does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

However, the Bond Indenture limits the type of investments held using unspent proceeds.

*Fair Value Measurement* – When applicable, the District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established in accordance with GASB Statements. The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques.

These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, in order of highest priority, as follows:

- *Level 1:* Investments whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical investments in active markets that the District has the ability to access;
- *Level 2:* Investments whose inputs - other than quoted market prices - are observable either directly or indirectly; and,
- *Level 3:* Investments whose inputs are unobservable.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Money market investments that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less and are held by governments other than external investment pools should be measured at amortized cost. Accordingly, the District's investments have been reported at amortized cost above.

## NOTE 5 – RESTRICTED CASH

Restricted cash in the water and sewer fund at September 30, 2018 were held as follows:

Restricted investments:	
Debt service reserve	\$ 2,524,602
Debt service	2,277,439
Renewal and replacement	1,704,100
Rate stabilization	583,238
Water and sewer connection	1,463,573
Surplus	2,058,731
	<u>\$ 10,611,683</u>

## NOTE 6 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Interfund receivables and payables at September 30, 2018 were as follows:

Governmental Funds	Receivable	Payable
General	\$ 1,575,120	\$ -
Debt service	-	104,994
Proprietary Funds	-	-
Water and sewer	-	1,470,126
Total	<u>\$ 1,575,120</u>	<u>\$ 1,575,120</u>

The outstanding balances between funds result primarily from the time lag between the dates that transactions are recorded in the accounting system and payments between funds are made.

## NOTE 7 – RECEIVABLES

Accounts receivable in the water and sewer fund are reported net of uncollectible amounts. Total accounts receivable and uncollectible amounts at September 30, 2018 are as follows:

Gross billed accounts receivable	\$ 471,310
Gross unbilled accounts receivable	693,279
Uncollectibles	<u>(55,000)</u>
Net receivable	<u>\$ 1,109,589</u>

## NOTE 8 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for governmental activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental activities</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 4,441,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,441,000
Construction in progress	778,489	558,390	(1,021,945)	314,934
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>5,219,489</u>	<u>558,390</u>	<u>(1,021,945)</u>	<u>4,755,934</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Buildings	309,068	35,207	-	344,275
Infrastructure	64,988,695	986,738	-	65,975,433
Equipment and furniture	1,642,497	239,849	(43,451)	1,838,895
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>66,940,260</u>	<u>1,261,794</u>	<u>(43,451)</u>	<u>68,158,603</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	58,003	10,400	-	68,403
Infrastructure	26,562,980	1,438,868	-	28,001,848
Equipment and furniture	1,055,691	110,326	(43,176)	1,122,841
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>27,676,674</u>	<u>1,559,594</u>	<u>(43,176)</u>	<u>29,193,092</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>39,263,586</u>	<u>(297,800)</u>	<u>(275)</u>	<u>38,965,511</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 44,483,075</u>	<u>\$ 260,590</u>	<u>\$ (1,022,220)</u>	<u>\$ 43,721,445</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to function/programs as follows:

General government	\$ 120,726
Maintenance and operations	<u>1,438,868</u>
	<u>\$ 1,559,594</u>

During the current fiscal year the District sold a parcel of land lot 1 St. Lucie West Plat No. 194 for \$1,059,276 after closing costs. The District was deeded this land over 20 years ago and no value was assigned to the land.

## NOTE 8 – CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Capital asset activity for business-type activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
<b><u>Business-type Activities</u></b>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000
Construction in progress	2,806,638	1,441,328	-	4,247,966
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	4,006,638	1,441,328	-	5,447,966
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Buildings	298,026	-	-	298,026
Infrastructure/Improvements	58,305,195	-	-	58,305,195
Equipment and furniture	2,546,283	76,092	(40,366)	2,582,009
Total capital assets, being depreciated	61,149,504	76,092	(40,366)	61,185,230
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	59,873	9,263	-	69,136
Infrastructure/Improvements	22,162,927	1,584,291	-	23,747,218
Equipment and furniture	1,627,009	145,300	(37,568)	1,734,741
Total accumulated depreciation	23,849,809	1,738,854	(37,568)	25,551,095
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	37,299,695	(1,662,762)	(2,798)	35,634,135
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 41,306,333	\$ (221,434)	\$ (2,798)	\$ 41,082,101

## NOTE 9 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

### **Cascades, Series 2010**

On April 21, 2010, the District issued \$1,320,000 of Cascades Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 due on May 1, 2018 with a fixed interest rate of 3.78%. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1. Principal on the Bonds is to be paid serially commencing May 1, 2011 through May 1, 2018. In the current fiscal year the District paid off the outstanding Series 2010 balance.

### **Utility Revenue Refunding, Series 2011**

On October 25, 2011, the District issued \$24,000,000 of Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 due on October 1, 2031 with a fixed interest rate of 2.85%. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each April 1 and October 1. Principal on the Bonds is to be paid serially commencing October 1, 2012 through October 1, 2031. The source of repayment or security for the Series 2011 Bonds is a pledge of certain utility revenues collected by the District.

The Series 2011 Bonds are subject to redemption as defined in the Bond Indenture. The Bond Indenture also established a debt service reserve requirement as well as other restrictions. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2018.

## **NOTE 9 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

### **Special Assessment Refunding, Series 2013**

On April 24, 2013, the District issued \$19,025,000 of Water Management Benefit Special Assessment Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 due on May 1, 2025 with a fixed interest rate of 2.44%. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1. Principal on the Bonds is to be paid serially commencing May 1, 2014 through May 1, 2025.

The Series 2013 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity. The Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to their selected maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Bond Indenture.

The Bond Indenture established a debt service reserve requirement as well as other restrictions. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2018.

### **Utility Revenue Refunding, Series 2013**

On April 24, 2013, the District issued \$5,470,000 of Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, due on October 1, 2032 with a fixed interest rate of 2.43%. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each April 1 and October 1. Principal on the Bonds is to be paid serially commencing October 1, 2013 through October 1, 2032. The source of repayment or security for the Series 2013 Bonds is a pledge of certain utility revenues collected by the District.

The Series 2013 Bonds are subject to redemption as defined in the Bond Indenture. The Bond Indenture also established a debt service reserve requirement as well as other restrictions. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2018.

### **Utility Revenue Refunding, Series 2014**

In August 2014, the District issued \$12,025,000 of Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, due on October 1, 2035 with a fixed interest rate of 3.6%. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each April 1 and October 1. Principal on the Bonds is to be paid serially commencing October 1, 2014 through October 1, 2035. The source of repayment or security for the Series 2014 Bonds is a pledge of certain utility revenues collected by the District.

The Series 2014 Bonds are subject to redemption as defined in the Bond Indenture. The Bond Indenture also established a debt service reserve requirement as well as other restrictions. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2018.

### **Stormwater Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2014**

On December 22, 2014, the District issued \$4,810,000 of Stormwater Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2014 due on February 1, 2030 with a fixed interest rate of 3.05%. The Bonds were issued to for the purpose of acquiring land from Martin Memorial. The land was purchased with the intent to put a retainage pond on the land for excess storm water storage. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each February 1 and August 1. Principal on the Bonds is to be paid serially commencing February 1, 2015 through February 1, 2030.

The Series 2014 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity. The Bond Indenture established a debt service reserve requirement as well as other restrictions. The District and the City of Port St. Lucie have entered into an agreement whereby the City will transfer approximately \$400,000 of Stormwater utility fees to the District to cover the debt service on the Bonds. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2018.

## NOTE 9 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

### Long-term debt activity

Changes in long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<u>Governmental activities</u>					
Bonds payable:					
Series 2010 (Cascades)	\$ 185,000	\$ -	\$ (185,000)	\$ -	\$ -
Series 2013	13,295,000	-	(1,525,000)	11,770,000	1,560,000
Series 2014	4,155,000	-	(265,000)	3,890,000	270,000
Total bonds payable	17,635,000	-	(1,975,000)	15,660,000	1,830,000
Compensated absences	26,531	3,689	-	30,220	-
Total	\$ 17,661,531	\$ 3,689	\$ (1,975,000)	\$ 15,690,220	\$ 1,830,000
<u>Business-type activities</u>					
Bonds payable:					
Series 2011	\$ 19,180,000	\$ -	\$ (1,045,000)	\$ 18,135,000	\$ 1,070,000
Series 2013	4,680,000	-	(245,000)	4,435,000	250,000
Series 2014	11,475,000	-	(160,000)	11,315,000	170,000
Total bonds payable	35,335,000	-	(1,450,000)	33,885,000	1,490,000
Compensated absences	30,000	(18)	-	29,982	-
Total	\$ 35,365,000	\$ (18)	\$ (1,450,000)	\$ 33,914,982	\$ 1,490,000

At September 30, 2018, the scheduled debt service requirements on the long-term debt were as follows:

Governmental Activities			
Year ending September 30:	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 1,830,000	\$ 405,411	\$ 2,235,411
2020	1,880,000	359,215	2,239,215
2021	1,930,000	311,222	2,241,222
2022	1,980,000	262,085	2,242,085
2023	2,030,000	211,739	2,241,739
2024-2028	5,255,000	395,230	5,650,230
2029-2030	755,000	26,589	781,589
Total	\$ 15,660,000	\$ 1,971,491	\$ 17,631,491
Business-type Activities			
Year ending September 30:	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 1,490,000	\$ 1,011,736	\$ 2,501,736
2020	1,530,000	968,470	2,498,470
2021	1,575,000	923,975	2,498,975
2022	1,620,000	878,143	2,498,143
2023	1,665,000	831,021	2,496,021
2024-2028	9,080,000	3,398,562	12,478,562
2029-2033	10,465,000	1,990,366	12,455,366
2034-2036	6,460,000	332,118	6,792,118
Total	\$ 33,885,000	\$ 10,334,391	\$ 44,219,391

## **NOTE 10 – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**

The District entered an interconnect agreement with the Reserve Community Development District (“the Reserve”) for the bulk sale of water from the District to the Reserve in 1993. In the agreement, the Reserve shall pay a connection charge of \$1,000 per water ERC, which equals 250 gallons per day, for each unit served through the interconnect. The District later amended the agreement, on November 12, 2003, to provide an additional 500,000 gallons per day, representing 2,000 ERC’s of potable water and 400,000 gallons per day, representing 2,000 ERC’s of sanitary sewer services to be phased in over a period not beyond October 1, 2015. During a prior fiscal year, on May 1, 2013, the District signed an amendment to the prior agreement, which revised the water and sewer service capacity to be purchased by the Reserve and also revised the monthly “take or pay” gallonage charges to be paid to the Utility for the potable water and sanitary sewer services received by the Reserve. Pursuant to the amended agreement, the Reserve purchased an additional 700 sewer ERC’s in May 2013, and shall now pay a connection charge of \$900 per sewer ERC. During the current fiscal year the District collected \$113,521 of connection fees which are shown as impact fees on the financial statements. The District also collected \$566,515 in wholesale water and sewer fees from the Reserve during the current fiscal year.

The District entered an interlocal agreement with the City of Port St. Lucie (the City) for maintenance of the stormwater management system in 1996. The City levies stormwater fees and then charges the District a 25% fee for administrative charges and maintaining main lines for storm runoff and remits the remaining 75% of stormwater fees collected from the District’s residents to the District for maintenance of the stormwater facilities owned by the District. For the year ended September 30, 2018, the City remitted approximately \$1,830,467 in fees to the District.

In 2014 the District entered in another interlocal agreement with the City of Port St. Lucie (the City) for the payment of the debt service on the Series 2014 Bonds used to purchase land for the purpose of stormwater drainage. The City will pay the District approximately \$400,000 annually to cover the entire debt service payment for the life of the bond.

## **NOTE 11 – EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN**

The District has established a Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP), which is classified as a defined contribution plan. The District contributed 9% of eligible employees’ salaries during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. In order to be eligible, an employee must be at least 21 years of age and employed for at least one year.

The District also has a 457 deferred compensation plan for which employees are eligible for upon hiring. This plan allows the employee to make tax deferred contribution direct to an investment account. Contributions are limited based on statutory limitations. There are no District contributions to this plan.

Pension expense was approximately \$90,000 in the general fund and \$139,000 in the water and sewer fund for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. The District, at its sole discretion, has the authority to terminate these pension plans; however, the District does not have the intention to do so.

## **NOTE 12 – MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

The District has contracted with a management company to perform management advisory services, which include financial and accounting services. Certain employees of the management company also serve as officers of the District. Under the agreement, the District compensates the management company for management, accounting, financial reporting, computer and other administrative costs.

## **NOTE 13 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District has obtained commercial insurance from independent third parties to mitigate the costs of these risks; coverage may not extend to all situations. There were no settled claims during the past three years.

## **NOTE 14 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

### **Bond Refinancing**

During fiscal year 2018 the federal government reduced the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%. This triggered a clause in the Series 2011 Utility Bond, the Series 2013 WMB Bond, and the Series 2014 Utility Bond whereas the interest rate became adjusted upwards. This resulted in the following rate increases: the Utility Bond Series 2011 went from 2.85% to 3.46%, the WMB Bond Series 2013 went from 2.44% to 2.97%, and the Utility Bond Series 2014 went from 3.61% to 4.17%. All of these Bonds are held as private placements with SunTrust (STING). Due to the Utility Series 2014 rate change being higher than current market rates, the District negotiated a rate modification that resulted in a Reissuance of the Utility Bond Series 2014, now the Utility Bond Series 2014 R-1. The reissuance, dated October 12, 2018, lowered the rate from 4.17% to 3.30%. The other Bonds remained at their adjusted rates.



**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Assessments	\$ 1,080,890	\$ 1,071,887	\$ 1,071,915	\$ 28
Stormwater fees	2,162,872	2,222,113	1,830,467	(391,646)
Grant revenue	-	5,867	5,867	-
Interest income	-	119	119	-
Miscellaneous revenue	1,108,605	1,106,432	89,590	(1,016,842)
Total revenues	4,352,367	4,406,418	2,997,958	(1,408,460)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	1,534,994	1,112,870	385,284	727,586
Maintenance and operations	2,138,745	1,484,600	2,172,738	(688,138)
Capital outlay	1,129,627	966,000	798,239	167,761
Total expenditures	4,803,366	3,563,470	3,356,261	207,209
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(450,999)	842,948	(358,303)	(1,201,251)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Proceeds from sale of land	-	-	1,059,276	1,059,276
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	1,059,276	1,059,276
Net change in fund balances	\$ (450,999)	\$ 842,948	700,973	\$ (141,975)
Fund balance - beginning			3,855,437	
Fund balance - ending			\$ 4,556,410	

See notes to required supplementary information

**ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved Annual Budget for the general fund. The District's budgeting process is based on estimates of cash receipts and cash expenditures which are approved by the Board. The budget approximates a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (generally accepted accounting principles).

An operating budget was adopted and maintained by the governing board for the District pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in preparation of the fund financial statements. The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 was amended to increase revenues by \$54,051 and decrease appropriations by (\$1,239,896). Actual general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations during the current fiscal year.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Supervisors  
St. Lucie West Services District  
St. Lucie County, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of St. Lucie West Services District, St. Lucie County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our opinion thereon dated May 24, 2019.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

May 24, 2019



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES, REQUIRED BY  
RULE 10.556(10) OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

To the Board of Supervisors  
St. Lucie West Services District  
St. Lucie County, Florida

We have examined St. Lucie West Services District, St. Lucie County, Florida ("District") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. Management is responsible for District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, management, and the Board of Supervisors of St. Lucie West Services District, St. Lucie County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

May 24, 2019



**MANAGEMENT LETTER PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF  
THE AUDITOR GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

To the Board of Supervisors  
St. Lucie West Services District  
St. Lucie County, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of St. Lucie West Services District, St. Lucie County, Florida (the "District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated May 24, 2019.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

**Other Reports and Schedule**

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters based on an audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, Section 601, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated May 24, 2019, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

**Purpose of this Letter**

The purpose of this letter is to comment on those matters required by Chapter 10.550 of the Rules of the Auditor General for the State of Florida. Accordingly, in connection with our audit of the financial statements of the District, as described in the first paragraph, we report the following:

- I. Current year findings and recommendations.**
- II. Status of prior year findings and recommendations.**
- III. Compliance with the Provisions of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, as applicable, management, and the Board of Supervisors of St. Lucie West Services District, St. Lucie County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to thank St. Lucie West Services District, St. Lucie County, Florida and the personnel associated with it, for the opportunity to be of service to them in this endeavor as well as future engagements, and the courtesies extended to us.

May 24, 2019

## REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

### I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

### II. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND CURRENT YEAR STATUS

None

### III. COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Unless otherwise required to be reported in the auditor's report on compliance and internal controls, the management letter shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. A statement as to whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

There were no significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

2. Any recommendations to improve the local governmental entity's financial management.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018.

3. Noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018.

4. The name or official title and legal authority of the District are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
5. The District has not met one or more of the financial emergency conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.
6. We applied financial condition assessment procedures pursuant to Rule 10.556(7) and no deteriorating financial conditions were noted as of September 30, 2018. It is management's responsibility to monitor financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.