

**THE GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors  
The Groves Community Development District  
Pasco County, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of The Groves Community Development District, Pasco County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, 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 and each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, 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 March 17, 2017, 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 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 March 17, 2017, 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.

March 17, 2017

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of The Groves Community Development District, Pasco County, Florida (the "District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. 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.

### 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 \$8,325,109.
- The change in the District's total net position in comparison with the prior fiscal year was \$71,874, 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, 2016, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balance of \$2,019,490, an increase of \$666,894 in comparison with the prior fiscal year. A portion of fund balance is restricted for debt service, non-spendable for prepaid items and deposits, assigned for reserves and subsequent year's expenditures, and the remainder is unassigned fund balance which is available for spending at the District's discretion.
- During fiscal year 2016, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, GASB Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*, and GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. Please see New Accounting Standards Adopted in Note 2 of the financial statements for additional information.

### OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is 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, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources 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.

The government-wide financial statements include all governmental activities that are principally supported by special assessments. The District does not have any business-type activities. The governmental activities of the District include the general government (management), recreation and maintenance functions.

## OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 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 one fund category: governmental funds.

### 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 two 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 fund and debt service fund. The general and debt service funds 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.

### 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 an entity'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.

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 of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position may be used to meet the District's other obligations.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

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

NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30,		
	2016	2015
Current and other assets	\$ 2,078,345	\$ 1,389,463
Capital assets, net of depreciation	7,832,337	8,485,312
Total assets	9,910,682	9,874,775
Deferred outflows of resources	135,449	143,915
Current liabilities	96,022	75,455
Long-term liabilities	1,625,000	1,690,000
Total liabilities	1,721,022	1,765,455
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	6,342,787	6,939,228
Restricted for:		
Debt service	43,119	41,060
Unrestricted	1,939,203	1,272,947
Total net position	\$ 8,325,109	\$ 8,253,235

The District's net position increased during the most recent fiscal year. The majority of the increase is due to proceeds received from a settlement with a former contractor of the District – see Note 10.

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

CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	2016	2015
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 1,377,262	\$ 1,381,233
General revenues		
Interest income and other revenue	379,694	28,663
Total revenues	1,756,956	1,409,896
Expenses:		
General government	148,225	214,384
Maintenance and operations	930,069	874,889
Parks and recreation	507,130	630,662
Interest	99,658	102,916
Total expenses	1,685,082	1,822,851
Change in net position	71,874	(412,955)
Net position - beginning	8,253,235	8,666,190
Net position - ending	\$ 8,325,109	\$ 8,253,235

As noted above and in the statement of activities, the cost of all governmental activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 was \$1,685,082. The costs of the District's activities were primarily funded by program revenues. Program revenues were comprised primarily of assessments in the prior and current fiscal years. Expenses decreased from the prior year primarily as a result of projects related to sewer pipe and road repairs in the prior fiscal year which did not recur in the current year. In addition, there was a decrease in professional fees, including legal services.

## GENERAL 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. Actual general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

The variance between budgeted and actual general fund revenues for the current fiscal year is the result of fewer homeowners taking advantage of the discount and revenues earned through recreational activities that were not budgeted. In addition, during the current fiscal year, the District received a \$350,000 settlement from a contractor that was not budgeted. The actual general fund expenditures were lower than budgeted amounts due primarily to anticipated costs which were not incurred in the current fiscal year.

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At September 30, 2016, the District had \$15,428,998 invested in capital assets for its governmental activities. In the government-wide financial statements, depreciation of \$7,596,661 has been taken, which resulted in a net book value of \$7,832,337. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

### Capital Debt

At September 30, 2016, the District had \$1,625,000 in Bonds outstanding for its governmental activities. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND OTHER EVENTS

The District does not anticipate any major projects or significant changes to its infrastructure maintenance program for the subsequent fiscal year. In addition, it is anticipated that the general operations of the District will remain fairly constant.

## CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, 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 Groves Community Development District's Finance Department at 12750 Citrus Park Lane, Suite 115, Tampa, Florida 33625.



## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**THE GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,942,608
Investments	4
Accounts receivable	1,816
Deposits	23,691
Prepays	29,939
Restricted assets:	
Investments	80,287
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable	1,438,000
Depreciable, net	6,394,337
Total assets	9,910,682
 <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred charge on refunding (debit)	135,449
Total deferred outflows of resources	135,449
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	55,705
Deposits payable	3,150
Accrued interest payable	37,167
Non-current liabilities:	
Due within one year	70,000
Due in more than one year	1,555,000
Total liabilities	1,721,022
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	6,342,787
Restricted for:	
Debt service	43,119
Unrestricted	1,939,203
Total net position	\$ 8,325,109

See notes to the financial statements

**THE GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues Charges for Services</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</u>
Primary government:			
Governmental activities:			
General government	\$ 148,225	\$ 148,225	\$ -
Maintenance and operations	930,069	907,780	(22,289)
Parks and recreation	507,130	163,161	(343,969)
Interest on long-term debt	99,658	158,096	58,438
Total governmental activities	<u>1,685,082</u>	<u>1,377,262</u>	<u>(307,820)</u>
General revenues:			
Miscellaneous revenue			375,693
Investment earnings			<u>4,001</u>
Total general revenues			<u>379,694</u>
Change in net position			71,874
Net position - beginning			<u>8,253,235</u>
Net position - ending			<u>\$ 8,325,109</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**THE GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Major Funds		Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,942,608	\$ -	\$ 1,942,608
Investments	4	80,287	80,291
Accounts receivable	1,816	-	1,816
Deposits	23,691	-	23,691
Prepays	29,939	-	29,939
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,998,058</u>	<u>\$ 80,287</u>	<u>\$ 2,078,345</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 55,705	\$ -	\$ 55,705
Deposits payable	3,150	-	3,150
Total liabilities	<u>58,855</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,855</u>
Fund balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Prepaid items and deposits	53,630	-	53,630
Restricted for:			
Debt service	-	80,287	80,287
Assigned to:			
Maintenance reserves	1,160,321	-	1,160,321
Subsequent year's expenditures	136,634	-	136,634
Unassigned	588,618	-	588,618
Total fund balances	<u>1,939,203</u>	<u>80,287</u>	<u>2,019,490</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,998,058</u>	<u>\$ 80,287</u>	<u>\$ 2,078,345</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**THE GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Total fund balances - governmental funds		\$2,019,490
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</p>		
<p>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 in the net position of the government as a whole.</p>		
Cost of capital assets	15,428,998	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,596,661)</u>	7,832,337
<p>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.</p>		
		135,449
<p>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.</p>		
Accrued interest payable	(37,167)	
Bonds payable	<u>(1,625,000)</u>	<u>(1,662,167)</u>
Net position of governmental activities		<u>\$8,325,109</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**THE GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Major Funds		Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service	
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessments	\$ 1,219,166	\$ 158,096	\$ 1,377,262
Interest	3,846	155	4,001
Miscellaneous revenue	375,693	-	375,693
Total revenues	1,598,705	158,251	1,756,956
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	148,225	-	148,225
Maintenance and operations	500,243	-	500,243
Parks and recreation	264,376	-	264,376
Debt Service:			
Principal	-	65,000	65,000
Interest	-	92,613	92,613
Capital outlay	19,605	-	19,605
Total expenditures	932,449	157,613	1,090,062
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	666,256	638	666,894
Fund balances - beginning	1,272,947	79,649	1,352,596
Fund balances - ending	\$ 1,939,203	\$ 80,287	\$ 2,019,490

See notes to the financial statements

**THE GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 666,894
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, the cost of those assets is eliminated in the statement of activities and capitalized in the statement of net position.	19,605
Repayment of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements but such repayments reduce liabilities in the statement of net position and are eliminated in the statement of activities.	65,000
Depreciation of capital assets is not recognized in the governmental fund statements but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.	(672,580)
Amortization of the deferred charge on refunding is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements, but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.	(8,466)
The change in accrued interest on long-term liabilities between the current and prior fiscal year is recorded in the statement of activities but not in the governmental fund financial statements.	<u>1,421</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 71,874</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements

**THE GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

The Groves Community Development District ("District") was established on August 15, 2000, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, otherwise known as Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, by Pasco County Ordinance No. 00-14. The Act provides, among other things, the power to manage basic services for community development, power to borrow money and issue bonds, and to levy and assess non-ad valorem assessments for the financing and delivery of capital infrastructure.

The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a portion of the infrastructure necessary for community development within the District.

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is composed of five members. The Supervisors are elected on an at large basis by qualified electors who reside within the District. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercise all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

The Board has the final responsibility for:

1. Allocating and levying special assessments.
2. Approving budgets.
3. Exercising control over facilities and properties.
4. Controlling the use of funds generated by the District.
5. Approving the hiring and firing of key personnel.
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 primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

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; 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment and 3) operating-type special assessments that are treated as charges for services (including assessments for maintenance and debt service). 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.

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, including debt service assessments and operation and maintenance assessments, are non-ad valorem assessments imposed on all lands located within the District and benefitted by the District's activities. Assessments are levied by the District prior to the start of the fiscal year which begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Operation and maintenance special assessments are imposed upon benefitted lands within the District. Debt service assessments are imposed upon certain lots and lands described in each resolution imposing the special assessment for each of the series of Bonds issued by the District.

Assessments and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of 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.

### **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.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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.

### **New Accounting Standards Adopted**

During fiscal year 2016, the District adopted three new accounting standards as follows:

#### *GASB 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application*

The Statement improves financial reporting by clarifying the definition of fair value for financial reporting purposes, establishing general principles for measuring fair value, providing additional fair value application guidance, and enhancing disclosures about fair value measurements. These improvements are based in part on the concepts and definitions established in Concepts Statement No. 6, *Measurement of Elements of Financial Statements*, and other relevant literature.

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

### **New Accounting Standards Adopted (Continued)**

*GASB 76 - The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*  
The Statement identifies—in the context of the current governmental financial reporting environment—the sources of accounting principles used to prepare financial statements of state and local governmental entities in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the framework for selecting those principles.

### *GASB 79 - Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*

This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for qualifying external investment pools that elect to measure for financial reporting purposes all of their investments at amortized cost. This Statement also establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments that participate in a qualifying external investment pool that measures for financial reporting purposes all of its investments at amortized cost.

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

#### **Restricted Assets**

These assets represent cash and investments set aside pursuant to Bond covenants or other contractual restrictions.

#### **Deposits and Investments**

The District's cash on hand and demand deposits are considered to be cash and cash equivalents.

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 paragraphs c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due. In addition, surplus funds may be deposited into certificates of deposit which are insured. Any unspent proceeds are required to be held in investments as specified in the Bond indenture.

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.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks and similar items), are reported in the governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) 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.

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

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

#### Capital Assets (Continued)

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 completed.

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>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5-10
Recreational facilities	25
Roadways	20
Security and other	15
Stormwater management	20

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 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, \$8,466 was recognized as a component of interest expense in the current fiscal year.

#### Unearned Revenue

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

#### 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. 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 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 sources 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

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future reporting period(s). For example, the District would record deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position related to debit amounts resulting from current and advance refundings resulting in the defeasance of debt (i.e., when there are differences between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt).

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to future reporting period(s). For example, when an asset is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements, but the revenue is unavailable, the District reports a deferred inflow of resources on the balance sheet until such time as the revenue becomes available.

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

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

#### 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.

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 District Manager submits to the District Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1.
- b) A public hearing is conducted to obtain comments.

### NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY INFORMATION (Continued)

- 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.

### 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.

#### Investments

The District's investments were held as follows at September 30, 2016:

	Amortized cost	Credit Risk	Maturities
Investment in Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida PRIME)	\$ 4	S&P AAAm	Weighted average of the fund portfolio: 50 days
First American Treasury Obligation Fund CL Z	80,287	S&P AAAm	Weighted average of the fund portfolio: 39 days
Total Investments	<u>\$ 80,291</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.

## NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### Investments (Continued)

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 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental activities</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land and land improvements	\$ 1,438,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,438,000
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	1,438,000	-	-	1,438,000
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	396,996	7,805	-	404,801
Recreational facilities	3,671,067	11,800	-	3,682,867
Roadways	4,835,373	-	-	4,835,373
Security and other	1,433,767	-	-	1,433,767
Stormwater management	3,634,190	-	-	3,634,190
Total capital assets, being depreciated	13,971,393	19,605	-	13,990,998
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	372,743	6,347	-	379,090
Recreational facilities	1,389,778	147,170	-	1,536,948
Roadways	2,417,690	241,769	-	2,659,459
Security and other	926,770	95,584	-	1,022,354
Stormwater management	1,817,100	181,710	-	1,998,810
Total accumulated depreciation	6,924,081	672,580	-	7,596,661
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	7,047,312	(652,975)	-	6,394,337
Governmental activities capital assets	\$ 8,485,312	\$ (652,975)	\$ -	\$ 7,832,337

Depreciation expense was charged to function/programs as follows:

Maintenance and operations	\$ 429,826
Culture and recreation	242,754
Total depreciation	<u>\$ 672,580</u>

## NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

On September 20, 2007, the District issued \$2,105,000 of Special Assessment Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2007 due May 1, 2032, with interest rates of 5.0% to 5.5%. The Bonds were issued to refund all of the District's outstanding Series 2000 bonds and finance a portion of the costs of the Series 2007 Project. 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, 2008 through May 1, 2032.

The Series 2007 Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. The Series 2007 Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occur as outlined in the Bond Indenture.

The Bond Indenture provides for a surety bond to be obtained in place of funding for the Debt Service Reserve Fund (the "Reserve Fund"). The Debt Service Reserve Fund Surety Bond constitutes a Debt Service Reserve Fund Insurance Policy under the Bond Indenture. The District has obtained the required bonding and is in compliance with the reserve requirement.

**NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

The Bond Indenture established certain restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2016.

Changes in long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<u>Governmental activities</u>					
Bonds payable:					
Series 2007	\$ 1,690,000	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ 1,625,000	\$ 70,000
Total	\$ 1,690,000	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ 1,625,000	\$ 70,000

At September 30, 2016, the scheduled debt service requirements on the long – term debt were as follows:

Year ending September 30:	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 70,000	\$ 89,200	\$ 159,200
2018	70,000	85,525	155,525
2019	75,000	81,675	156,675
2020	80,000	77,550	157,550
2021	85,000	73,150	158,150
2022-2026	480,000	292,875	772,875
2027-2031	620,000	145,475	765,475
2032	145,000	7,975	152,975
	<u>\$ 1,625,000</u>	<u>\$ 853,425</u>	<u>\$ 2,478,425</u>

**NOTE 7 – MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

The District has contracted with a management company to perform management services, which include financial and accounting services. Certain employees of the management company also serve as officers (Board appointed non-voting positions) of the District. Under the agreement, the District compensates the management company for management, accounting, financial reporting, and other administrative costs.

**NOTE 8 – 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. The District filed three claims totaling approximately \$2,600, which does not exceed coverage amounts, under this commercial coverage during the last three years.

**NOTE 9 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, the District received \$16,898 as reimbursement for electric, cable, copier, and irrigation repairs from The Groves Golf & Country Club HOA, Inc (HOA), the homeowners association located in the District. At September 30, 2016, the HOA owed the District approximately \$1,210, which is included in accounts receivable.

## **NOTE 10 – SETTLEMENT**

In January of 2014, the District retained Central Florida Testing Laboratories, Inc. ("CFTL") to perform a geotechnical engineering investigation of a portion of a roadway located within the District. In April of 2014, the District entered into a contract with CFTL to monitor grouting work, which was required based on CFTL's recommendations. To perform the grouting work, the District retained a contractor, Bio-Mass Tech, Inc. ("BioMass"). Bio-Mass engaged a subcontractor, Professional Foundation Services, LLC ("PFS"), to perform the drilling and grouting work.

During the grout pumping, the grout pipe perforated a lateral subsurface sewer line which caused damage to the sewer line, the nearby stormwater drain system and the adjacent residence. This damage required extensive repairs and remediation to return the project site and the adjacent residence to its original condition.

In February of 2015, the District filed a lawsuit against CFTL, Bio-Mass and PFS. During the current fiscal year, the lawsuit was settled for a sum of \$350,000 paid to the District and a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release dated October 30, 2015, was entered into by all parties.



**THE GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Budgeted Amounts Original & Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessments	\$ 1,211,066	\$ 1,219,166	\$ 8,100
Interest	-	3,846	3,846
Miscellaneous revenue	-	375,693	375,693
Total revenues	1,211,066	1,598,705	387,639
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	149,650	148,225	1,425
Maintenance and operations	305,300	500,243	(194,943)
Parks and recreation	756,116	264,376	491,740
Capital outlay	-	19,605	(19,605)
Total expenditures	1,211,066	932,449	278,617
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ -	666,256	\$ 666,256
Fund balance - beginning		1,272,947	
Fund balance - ending		\$ 1,939,203	

See notes to required supplementary information

**THE GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
PASCO 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).

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. Actual general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

The variance between budgeted and actual general fund revenues for the current fiscal year is the result of fewer homeowners taking advantage of the discount and revenues earned through recreational activities that were not budgeted. In addition, during the current fiscal year, the District received a \$350,000 settlement from a contractor that was not budgeted. The actual general fund expenditures were lower than budgeted amounts due primarily to anticipated costs which were not incurred in 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  
The Groves Community Development District  
Pasco 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 and each major fund of The Groves Community Development District, Pasco County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our opinion thereon dated March 17, 2017.

**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.

March 17, 2017



**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  
The Groves Community Development District  
Pasco County, Florida

We have examined The Groves Community Development District, Pasco County, Florida's ("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, 2016. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the 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 the 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 the 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, 2016.

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 The Groves Community Development District, Pasco County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

March 17, 2017



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
The Groves Community Development District  
Pasco County, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of The Groves Community Development District, Pasco County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated March 17, 2017.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the 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 Auditor'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 March 17, 2017, 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 of 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 The Groves Community Development District, Pasco County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to thank The Groves Community Development District, Pasco 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.

March 17, 2017

## REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

### I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

### II. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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, 2015.

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, 2016.

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, 2016.

4. The name or official title and legal authority of the District are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

5. The financial report filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes agrees with the September 30, 2016 financial audit report.

6. The District has not met one or more of the financial emergency conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

7. We applied financial condition assessment procedures and no deteriorating financial conditions were noted as of September 30, 2016. 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.