Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District

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The following is the proposed agenda for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District ("District") Board of Supervisors' Meeting, scheduled to be held at the Sunny Hills Community Center, 4083 Challenger Rd., Sunny Hills, Florida on Friday, June 25, 2021 at 1:30 pm CST / 2:30 pm EST. A quorum will be confirmed prior to the start of the Meeting.

Please use the following information to join the telephonic conferencing:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING AGENDA

Organizational Matters

- Call to Order & Roll Call
- Oaths of Office
- Public Comment Period [for any members of the public desiring to speak on any proposition before the Board]
- Announcement of the Date, Time, and Location of the Annual Landowner's Election (with Friday, November 12, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. CST at 4083 Challenger Blvd., Sunny Hills, Florida suggested)
- 1) Swearing in Newly Elected Supervisor
- 2) Consideration of the Minutes of the June 25, 2020 Auditor Selection Committee Meeting
- 3) Consideration of the Minutes of the June 25, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 4) Consideration of the Minutes of the November 13, 2020 Landowner's Election
- 5) Discussion Regarding Materials on the District Website
- 6) Letter from Supervisor of Elections Washington County

Business Matters

- 7) Consideration of Resolution 2021-01, Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowner's Election
- 8) Consideration of Resolution 2021-02, Appointing District Officers
- 9) Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Amended Rules of Procedure
 - a) Public Comments and Testimony
 - b) Board Comments
 - c) Consideration of Resolution 2021-03, Adopting the Amended Rules of Procedure
- 10) Consideration of Resolution 2021-04, Approving an Annual Budget for the District's 2021-2022 Fiscal Year (Beginning October 1, 2021)
- 11) Consideration of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Funding Agreement
- 12) Ratification of Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Engagement Letter
- 13) Review of Fiscal Year 2020 Audit
- 14) Ratification of Funding Request No. 36 61
- 15) Review of Statements of the District's Financial Position



Staff Reports

- District Counsel
- District Manager

Supervisor's Requests and/or Audience Comments

Adjournment



Oath of Office

SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OATH OF OFFICE

I,, A CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND BEING EMPLOYED BY OR AN OFFICER
OF THE SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT AND A RECIPIENT OF
PUBLIC FUNDS AS SUCH EMPLOYEE OR OFFICER, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY
SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED
STATES AND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
December 10 and
Board Supervisor
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OATH BEING TAKEN
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF
The foregoing oath was administered before me this day
of, 2021, by, who
personally appeared before me, and is personally known to me or has
produced as identification, and is the person
described in and who took the aforementioned oath as a Member of the Board of
Supervisors of Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District and acknowledged to and
before me that he/she took said oath for the purposes therein expressed.
(NOTARY SEAL)
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Notary Public, State of Florida
Print Name·

Minutes of the June 25, 2020 Auditor Selection Committee Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING

SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15

DEPENDENT DISTRICT

Auditor Selection Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2020

1:34 p.m. CST / 2:34 p.m. EST

via telephonic conferencing due to the COVID-19 Executive Orders 20-52, 20-69 & 20-123

Present and constituting a quorum:

Jim TownCommittee Member(via phone)Larry KaufmannCommittee Member(via Phone)Rob AdamsCommittee Member(via phone)

Also present were:

Jennifer Walden PFM (via phone)
Tucker Mackie Hopping Green & Sams (via phone)

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Auditor Selection Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 1:34 p.m. CST / 2:34 p.m. EST and the roll was called. The persons in attendance are outlined above.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comment Period

Ms. Walden called for public comments but there were no public comments at this time.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Review of Auditing Services

Proposals- CRI

Ms. Walden explained the District only received one proposal which was from Carr Riggs & Ingram. They are the current Auditor of this District.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ranking of Auditing Services

Proposals

Ms. Walden stated CRI was the only Auditor and their price for each year of service is \$4,500 for three
years for a total of \$13,500.00. They received 100 points and Ms. Walden recommended the Auditor
Selection Committee rank CRI as the No. 1 ranked bidder and to move forward with recommending CRI to
the Board of Supervisors.

On Motion by Mr. Town, second by Mr. Kaufmann, with all in favor, the Auditor Selection Committee for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District ranked CRI the No. 1 ranked bidder and recommended the proposal from CRI.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

Ms. Walden requested a motion to adjourn the Auditor Selection Committee Meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaufmann, seconded by Mr. Adams, with all in favor, the June 25, 2020 Sunny Hil	ls
Units 12-15 Dependent District Auditor Selection Committee Meeting was adjourned.	

Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Minutes of the June 25, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING

SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT Board of Supervisors' Meeting Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:36 p.m. CST / 2:36 p.m. EST

via telephonic conferencing due to the COVID-19 Executive Orders 20-52, 20-69 & 20-123

Present and constituting a quorum:

Jim TownBoard Member(via phone)Larry KaufmannBoard Member(via phone)Rob AdamsBoard Member(via phone)

Also present were:

Jennifer Walden PFM (via phone)
Tucker Mackie Hopping Green & Sams (via phone)

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Board of Supervisor's Meeting was called to order at approximately 1:36 p.m. CST / 2:36 p.m. EST and the roll was called. The persons in attendance are outlined above.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comment Period

Ms. Walden called for public comments but there were no public comments at this time.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Announcement of the Date, Time, and Location of the Annual Landowners' Election

Ms. Walden noted that District staff is proposing Friday, November 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. CST / 2:30 p.m. EST at Sunny Hills Community Center, 4083 Challenger Rd., Sunny Hills, FL 32428, as the date of the Landowner's Election. There was no action required by the Board.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Swearing in Newly Elected Supervisor

Ms. Walden noted that Mr. Adams was administered the Oath of Office prior to the start of today's meeting. No further action is required.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion regarding Executive Orders 20-52, 20-69 & 20-123

Ms. Walden explained included in the packet are those executive orders which state the District is able to hold their meetings via telephonic conferencing due to the COVID-19 situation. Also, included is a proof of the ad that was placed for today's meeting which notes those executive orders as well as the telephonic conferencing information so the public can safely join.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of the Minutes of the June 21, 2019 Board of Supervisors' Meeting

The Board Members reviewed the minutes of the June 21, 2019 Board of Supervisors' Meeting.

On Motion by Mr. Town, second by Mr. Kaufmann, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved the minutes of the June 21, 2019 Board of Supervisors' Meeting.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of the Minutes of the June 21, 2019 Auditor Selection Committee Meeting

The Board Members reviewed the minutes of the June 21, 2019 Auditor Selection Committee Meeting.

On Motion by Mr. Adams, second by Mr. Town, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved the minutes of the June 21, 2019 Auditor Selection Committee Meeting.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of the Minutes of the November 15, 2019 Landowner's Election

The Board Members reviewed the minutes of the November 15, 2019 Landowner's Election.

On Motion by Mr. Kaufmann, second by Mr. Adams, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved the minutes of the November 15, 2019 Landowner's Election.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Letter from Supervisor of Elections – Washington County

Ms. Walden explained that the District must state on the record how many registered voters are within the District. There are no registered voters within this District.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Review of Auditor Selection Committee Rankings & Selection of an Auditor

Ms. Walden stated the recommended rankings form the Auditor Selection Committee are CRI as No. 1. She requested a motion from the Board to approve the recommended rankings and authorize District staff to move forward with finalizing an engagement letter for those services.

On Motion by Mr. Kaufmann, second by Mr. Town, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved the recommended rankings from the Auditor Selection Committee to rank CRI No.1 and authorized District Staff to move forward with finalizing the Audit Engagement Letter for Auditing Services.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2020-01, Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowner's Election

Ms. Walden stated that Mr. Adams was reelected as a Supervisor for Seat 3 with 6,411 votes and will serve a term of three years.

On Motion by Mr. Town, second by Mr. Kaufmann, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved Resolution 2020-01, Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowner's Election.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2020-02 Appointing District Officers

Ms. Walden stated the current slate of officers is as follows; Mr. Larry Kaufmann as Chairman, Mr. Jim Town as Vice Chairman, Ms. Jennifer Walden as Secretary, Ms. Lynne Mullins as Assistant Secretary, Ms. Amanda Lane as Treasurer, and Ms. Jennifer Glasgow as Assistant Treasurer. The Board is free to keep the slate the same and add Mr. Adams as Assistant Secretary or any changes they see fit and recommended District staff keep their current positions so they can handle business as needed.

On Motion by Mr. Kaufmann, second by Mr. Town, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved Resolution 2020-02, Appointing District Officers, as follows: Mr. Larry Kaufmann as Chairman, Mr. Jim Town as Vice Chairman, Ms. Jennifer Walden as Secretary, Ms. Lynne Mullins and Mr. Rob Adams as Assistant Secretaries, Ms. Amanda Lane as Treasurer, and Ms. Jennifer Glasgow as Assistant Treasurer.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2020-03, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy

Ms. Mackie stated the Internal Controls Policy is included as Exhibit A to Resolution 2020-03. There was a change in Florida Law during the last legislative session that requires local governments including Special Districts to maintain and design internal controls to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. In consultation with District staff, Management and Auditing Firms to develop a written policy. Included behind Exhibit A are the proposed recommended polices, all of which were process and procedure long in place before being reduced to writing. Ms. Mackie requested a motion to approve Resolution 2020-03, as presented.

On Motion by Mr. Kaufmann, second by Mr. Town, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved Resolution 2020-03, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2020-04, Setting a Public Hearing to Adopt Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure

- a) Memorandum of Updated Provision of the District's Rules of Procedures
- b) Redlined Rules of Procedures

Ms. Walden explained along with the Resolution is a memo from District Counsel and a red lined Rules of Procedure. Ms. Mackie stated the District only looks to revise the Rules of Procedure once every 4-5 years due to the process involved in adopting them with the ads that need to be placed in order to hold the public hearing. These revised rules take into account changes in Florida Law that has happened between that time period and changes to allow the District to be run more efficiently such as now the District can choose an Auditor for up to five years as opposed to three years. Other changes are highlighted in the memorandum that's included in the agenda packages and there are minor changes highlighted in the redlined version. Ms. Mackie requested a motion to approve Resolution 2020-04 and delegating District Management to set a time for the public hearing around this time next year. Mr. Town asked if the annual meeting dates are posted on the District website. Ms. Walden stated this is the only District that does not set dates.

On Motion by Mr. Town, second by Mr. Kaufmann, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved Resolution 2020-04 and delegated to District Management setting the date and time for public hearing for next year's meeting.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of 1st Amendment to the Website Services Agreement

Ms. Walden explained currently this District has the Website Agreement with the District Manager who uses a third party vendor for the District website which is the same vendor that does the quarterly ADA Auditing Services. This Agreement will now be directly between the District and VGlobalTech who has agreed to keep the current monthly maintenance pricing the same which is \$100.00 per month. Once this is in place PFM will stop billing the District for website services and the bills will then come directly from VGlobalTech.

On Motion by Mr. Adams, second by Mr. Kaufmann, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved the 1st Amendment to the Website Services Agreement.

SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2020-05, Approving an Annual Budget for the District's 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Ms. Walden stated there were a few line items that staff proposed changing which are the website maintenance which went up to \$2,400.00 which includes the monthly maintenance and ADA Auditing Services. Miscellaneous was increased and contingency and office supplied was decreased. The overall budgeted amount is still \$38,500.00

Mr. Town stated it looks like the year to date is tracking behind last year and asked if the District has larger bills still coming in the final third of the year. Ms. Walden started it is probably the way the monthly averages are falling. Some of the invoices come in earlier or later depending on the year.

On Motion by Mr. Kaufmann second by Mr. Town, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved Resolution 2020-05, Approving an Annual Budget for the District's 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

SEVENTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Funding Agreement

Ms. Walden presented the Funding Agreement with Spring Ridge Development, LLC. This is to fund the annual budget that was just approved in Resolution 2020-05

On Motion by Mr. Adams, second by Mr. Kaufmann, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District approved the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Funding Agreement.

EIGHTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ratification of Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Engagement Letter

Ms. Walden explained this was previously approved by the Chair so the Auditors could work on the Audit.

On Motion by Mr. Town, second by Mr. Adams, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District ratified the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Engagement Letter.

NINTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Review of the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit

Ms. Walden explained it was a standard and clean Audit and there were no deficiencies in internal controls that would be considered material weaknesses. She noted District Counsel and the Chair were both sent the draft prior to today to review. No changes were provided by District Counsel. Ms. Mackie confirmed that to be correct. Ms. Walden requested a motion to accept the Audit.

On Motion by Mr. Town, second by Mr. Adams, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District ratified the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit.

TWENTIETH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ratification of Funding Requests 2019-09 – 2019-16 and 17 - 35

Ms. Walden explained that these had been previously submitted and approved by the Chairman and now need to be ratified by the Board.

On Motion by Mr. Town, second by Mr. Kaufmann, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District ratified Funding Requests 2019-09 – 2019-16 and 17 – 35.

TWENTY-FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Review of Statements of the District's Financial Position

The Board reviewed the updated financials. Ms. Walden stated that that the District has incurred expenses of \$12,000.00 vs a budget of \$25,000.00 through the month of May. The District is running under budget by almost \$13,000.00. There was no action required by the Board.

TWENTY-SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

Attorney – No Report

Manager - No Report

TWENTY-THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor's Requests and/or Audience Comments

Mr. Town stated Washington County now has funding from the Hurricane Mitigation to connect Orange Hill to Washington Boulevard and they already have funding through another source to pave Buckhorn Boulevard tow to County Line Road and that right-of-way is being obtained right now and Bay County already paved Scott Road from 231 up to County Line Road. The District is close to having full paved access out to US-231 and West Florida 77.

Mr. Kaufmann stated as part of that construction for the roadway there was some discussion of condemnation of lots so they could provide drainage for the road. Mr. Town responded that portion of the road is where the Spring Ridge area is partially and they are not that far into design yet. Mr. Kaufmann asked if the District will hear about it when the County has the design and wishes to move forward with

some condemnation of lots. Mr. Town said that is correct. The County just got the money confirmed two weeks ago.

TWENTY-FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

There was no other business to discuss. Ms. Walden requested a motion to adjourn.

On MOTION by Mr. Town, seconded by Mr. Adams, with all in favor, the June 25, 2020 Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Board Meeting was adjourned.		
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	 Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson	

Minutes of the November 13, 2020 Landowner's Election

MINUTES OF MEETING

SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15
DEPENDENT DISTRICT
Landowners Meeting
Friday, November 13, 2020
Sunny Hills Community Center
4083 Challenger Road
Sunny Hills, FL 32428
1:30 p.m. CST / 2:30 p.m. EST

Present:

Jim Town Proxy Holder - Spring Ridge Development

Jennifer Walden PFM (via phone) Lynne Mullins PFM (via phone)

Deb Sier Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. (via phone)

Gary Hartman Public Steve Healis Public

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. CST.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Appointment of Meeting Chairman

Ms. Walden, the District Manager, served as Chairman of the meeting.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Determine Number of Voting Units Represented or Assigned by Proxy

Ms. Walden explained that Jim Town has the appropriate documents that show that he was appointed the proxy holder for Spring Ridge Development, LLC. The form also indicates that he is authorized to cast 6,411 votes on behalf of Spring Ridge Development. No other landowners or proxy holders were identified.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Nominations for the Board of Supervisors, Casting of

Ballots, Ballot Tabulations and Announcement of Election Results

Mr. Town cast 6,411 votes for Mr. Jim Town for Seat 1. Ms. Walden stated that Mr. Jim Town was elected for a three-year term.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Adjournment
The Landowner's Election was adjourned.	
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Materials on the District Website



MEMORANDUM

TO: District Manager

FROM: HGS Attorney

DATE: July 1, 2020

RE: Amendments to Section 189.069(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*

The Florida Legislature recently enacted amendments to the website requirements contained in Section 189.069(2)(a), *Florida Statues*, effective July 1, 2020. The full text of these amendments is attached to this memorandum as **Exhibit A**, and the amendments are summarized below:

- The requirement to post the final, complete audit report for the most recent completed fiscal year and audit reports required by law or authorized by the governing body of the special district may be satisfied by providing a link to the audit report on the Auditor General's website.
- The public facilities report is no longer required to be posted.
- Meeting materials accompanying meeting or workshop agendas are no longer required to be posted. Please note that the agenda itself is still required to be posted.

The amendments do not prevent districts from including these documents on their websites, but districts may remove them if they so choose. We recommend requesting board direction on a district-by-district basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact your HGS attorney at (850) 222-7500 if you have any questions or concerns.

CHAPTER 2020-77

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1466

An act relating to government accountability; amending s. 189.031, F.S.; specifying conditions under which board members and public employees of special districts do not abuse their public positions; amending s. 189.069, F.S.; revising the list of items required to be included on the websites of special districts; amending s. 190.007, F.S.; specifying conditions under which board members and public employees of community development districts do not abuse their public positions; providing effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

- Section 1. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (6) is added to section 189.031, Florida Statutes, to read:
- 189.031 Legislative intent for the creation of independent special districts; special act prohibitions; model elements and other requirements; local general-purpose government/Governor and Cabinet creation authorizations.—
- (6) GOVERNANCE.—For purposes of s. 8(h)(2), Art. II of the State Constitution, a board member or a public employee of a special district does not abuse his or her public position if the board member or public employee commits an act or omission that is authorized under s. 112.313(7), (12), (15), or (16) or s. 112.3143(3)(b), and an abuse of a board member's position does not include any act or omission in connection with a vote when the board member has followed the procedures required by s. 112.3143.
- Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 189.069, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 189.069 Special districts; required reporting of information; web-based public access.—
- (2)(a) A special district shall post the following information, at a minimum, on the district's official website:
 - 1. The full legal name of the special district.
 - 2. The public purpose of the special district.
- 3. The name, official address, official e-mail address, and, if applicable, term and appointing authority for each member of the governing body of the special district.
 - 4. The fiscal year of the special district.

- 5. The full text of the special district's charter, the date of establishment, the establishing entity, and the statute or statutes under which the special district operates, if different from the statute or statutes under which the special district was established. Community development districts may reference chapter 190 as the uniform charter but must include information relating to any grant of special powers.
- 6. The mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and website uniform resource locator of the special district.
- 7. A description of the boundaries or service area of, and the services provided by, the special district.
- 8. A listing of all taxes, fees, assessments, or charges imposed and collected by the special district, including the rates or amounts for the fiscal year and the statutory authority for the levy of the tax, fee, assessment, or charge. For purposes of this subparagraph, charges do not include patient charges by a hospital or other health care provider.
- 9. The primary contact information for the special district for purposes of communication from the department.
- 10. A code of ethics adopted by the special district, if applicable, and a hyperlink to generally applicable ethics provisions.
- 11. The budget of the special district and any amendments thereto in accordance with s. 189.016.
- 12. The final, complete audit report for the most recent completed fiscal year and audit reports required by law or authorized by the governing body of the special district. If the special district has submitted its most recent final, complete audit report to the Auditor General, this requirement may be satisfied by providing a link to the audit report on the Auditor General's website.
- 13. A listing of its regularly scheduled public meetings as required by s. 189.015(1).
 - 14. The public facilities report, if applicable.
- 15. The link to the Department of Financial Services' website as set forth in s. 218.32(1)(g).
- <u>15.16.</u> At least 7 days before each meeting or workshop, the agenda of the event, along with any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding confidential and exempt information. The information must remain on the website for at least 1 year after the event.
- Section 3. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (1) of section 190.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

190.007 Board of supervisors; general duties.—

(1) The board shall employ, and fix the compensation of, a district manager. The district manager shall have charge and supervision of the works of the district and shall be responsible for preserving and maintaining any improvement or facility constructed or erected pursuant to the provisions of this act, for maintaining and operating the equipment owned by the district, and for performing such other duties as may be prescribed by the board. It shall not be a conflict of interest under chapter 112 for a board member or the district manager or another employee of the district to be a stockholder, officer, or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner. The district manager may hire or otherwise employ and terminate the employment of such other persons, including, without limitation, professional, supervisory, and clerical employees, as may be necessary and authorized by the board. The compensation and other conditions of employment of the officers and employees of the district shall be as provided by the board. For purposes of s. 8(h)(2), Art. II of the State Constitution, a board member or a public employee of a district does not abuse his or her public position if the board member or public employee commits an act or omission that is authorized under this subsection, s. 112.313(7), (12), (15), or (16), or s. 112.3143(3)(b), and an abuse of a board member's public position does not include any act or omission in connection with a vote when the board member has followed the procedures required by s. 112.3143.

Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2020.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 23, 2020.

Letter from Supervisor of Elections -Washington County

From: Wendy Mayo
To: Jennifer Walden

Subject: RE: Sunny Hills Requested Information Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 2:04:07 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Use care with links and attachments.

There are no registered voters in the area of Sunny Hills that you are inquiring about.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Jennifer Walden

Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:01 PM

To: Wendy Mayo

Subject: RE: Sunny Hills Requested Information

So as there are no residents living in the Sunny Hills area, then there are no registered voters.

~ Jennifer

From: Wendy Mayo <wmayo@wcsoe.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 11:45 AM
To: Jennifer Walden <waldenj@pfm.com>
Subject: Sunny Hills Requested Information

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Use care with links and attachments.

Good morning Jennifer,

Be advised that there are no residents living in the Sunny Hills area that you were inquiring about.

Thank you,

Wendy Mayo Deputy Supervisor of Elections Washington County Supervisor of Elections 1331 South Blvd., Suite 900 Chipley, FL 32428 (850)638-6230

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Resolution 2021-01, Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowner's Election

RESOLUTION 2021-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNNY HILLS UNIT 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT CANVASSING AND CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE LANDOWNERS ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS HELD PURSUANT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE 2006-12, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2009-5, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District (hereinafter the "District") was established by Ordinance No. 2006-12 of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida (as further amended by Ordinance No. 2009-5; together, the "Ordinance") pursuant to the Uniform Special District Accountability Act of 1989, Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, and is validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ordinance, a landowners meeting is required to be held annually for the purpose of electing one (1) supervisor of the District to a three (3) year term; and

WHEREAS, such landowners meeting was held on November 15, 2019, the Minutes of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and at which the below recited persons were duly elected by virtue of the votes cast in his/her favor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District, by means of this Resolution, desires to canvas the votes and declare and certify the results of said election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNNY HILLS UNIT 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The following persons are found, certified, and declared to have been duly elected as Supervisors of and for the District, having been elected by the votes cast in his/her favor as shown:

Jim Town Seat 1 6,411 Votes

SECTION 2. In accordance with the Ordinance, and by virtue of the number of votes cast for the Supervisor, the above-named person is declared to have been elected for the following terms of office:

Jim Town 3 Year Term

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of June 2021.

ATTEST:	SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairnerson/Vice-Chairnerson

Resolution 2021-02, Appointing District Officers

RESOLUTION 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT APPOINTING OFFICERS OF SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT (hereinafter the "District") is a dependent special district pursuant to Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, being situated entirely within Washington County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to appoint officers of the;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT:

1

is appointed Chairman

Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson
ATTEST:	SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT
Adopted this 25th day of June, 2021.	
7	is appointed Assistant Treasurer
6	is appointed Treasurer
5	is appointed Assistant Secretary
4	is appointed Assistant Secretary
3	is appointed Secretary
2	is appointed Vice Chairman
1.	is appointed Chairman

Resolution 2021-03, Adopting the Amended Rules of Procedure

RESOLUTION 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AMENDED AND RESTATED RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District (the "District") is a dependent district created and existing pursuant to Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within Washington County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the District has previously adopted Rules of Procedure to govern the administration of the District; and

WHEREAS, to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to maintain compliance with recent changes to Florida law, the Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution the Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has complied with applicable Florida law concerning rule development and adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT:

- **SECTION 1.** The attached Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure are hereby adopted pursuant to this resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. These Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure replace all prior versions of the Rules of Procedure and shall stay in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors may amend these rules in accordance with Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.
- **SECTION 2.** If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- **SECTION 3.** This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:	SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT
Secretary	Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Exhibit A:	Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure

EXHIBIT A:AMENDED AND RESTATED RULES OF PROCEDURE

AMENDED AND RESTATED RULES OF PROCEDURE SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT

EFFECTIVE AS OF , 20

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District (the "District") was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 189 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (the "Rules") is to describe the general operations of the District.
- (2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.
- (3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

- (1) <u>Board of Supervisors.</u> The Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") shall consist of three (3) members. Members of the Board ("Supervisors") appointed by ordinance or rule or elected by landowners must be citizens of the United States of America and residents of the State of Florida. Supervisors elected or appointed by the Board to elector seats must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District and registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located and for those elected, shall also be qualified to run by the Supervisor of Elections. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District under Florida law.
 - (a) Supervisors shall hold office for a three (3) year term. If, during the term of office, any Board member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s). If three or more vacancies exist at the same time, a quorum, as defined herein, shall not be required to appoint replacement Board members.
 - (b) A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, exercising powers and all other purposes. A Board member shall be counted toward the quorum if physically present at the meeting, regardless of whether such Board member is prohibited from, or abstains from, participating in discussion or voting on a particular item.
 - (c) Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law. Subject to Rule 1.3(10), a Board member participating in the Board meeting by teleconference or videoconference shall be entitled to vote and take all other action as though physically present.
 - (d) Unless otherwise provided for by an act of the Board, any one Board member may attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board. Any agreement resulting from such mediation session must be approved pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this Rule.
- (2) Officers. At the first Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - (a) The Chairperson must be a member of the Board. If the Chairperson resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairperson. The Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairperson shall be authorized to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and

conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall convene and conduct the meeting. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may delegate the responsibility of conducting the meeting to the District's manager ("District Manager") or District Counsel, in whole or in part.

- (b) The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. The Vice-Chairperson has the authority to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf in the absence of the Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. An employee of the District Manager may serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of the State of Florida. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall either be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (e) In the event that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a Board meeting and a quorum is present, the Board may designate one of its members or a member of District staff to convene and conduct the meeting. In such circumstances, any of the Board members present are authorized to execute agreements, resolutions, and other documents approved by the Board at such meeting. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both unavailable to execute a document previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.
- (f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.

- (g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.
- (3) <u>Committees.</u> The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation.
- (4) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at a District office and shall be available for inspection by the public.
- (5) Meetings. For each fiscal year, the Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located and filed with the local general-purpose governments within whose boundaries the District is located. All meetings of the Board and Committees serving an advisory function shall be open to the public in accord with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.
- (6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member's special private gain or loss or the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.
 - (a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

The Board's Secretary shall prepare a Memorandum of Voting Conflict (Form 8B) which shall then be signed by the Board member, filed with the Board's Secretary, and provided for attachment to the minutes of the meeting within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.

- (b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board's Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the Memorandum of Voting Conflict. The Board member's vote is unaffected by this filing.
- (c) It is not a conflict of interest for a Board member, the District Manager, or an employee of the District to be a stockholder, officer or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner.
- (d) In the event that a Board member elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, has a continuing conflict of interest, such Board member is permitted to file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

Rule 1.2 District Offices; Public Information and Inspection of Records; Policies; Service Contract Requirements; Financial Disclosure Coordination.

- (1) <u>District Offices.</u> Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:
 - (a) Agenda packages for prior 24 months and next meeting;
 - (b) Official minutes of meetings, including adopted resolutions of the Board;
 - (c) Names and addresses of current Board members and District Manager, unless such addresses are protected from disclosure by law;
 - (d) Adopted engineer's reports;
 - (e) Adopted assessment methodologies/reports;
 - (f) Adopted disclosure of public financing;
 - (g) Limited Offering Memorandum for each financing undertaken by the District;
 - (h) Proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts;
 - (i) District policies and rules;
 - (j) Fiscal year end audits; and
 - (k) Adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

The District Manager shall ensure that each District records office contains the documents required by Florida law.

(2) <u>Public Records.</u> District public records include all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received in connection with the transaction of official business of the District. All District public records not otherwise restricted by law may be copied or inspected at the District Manager's office during regular business hours. Certain District records can also be inspected and copied at the District's local records office during regular business hours. All written public records requests shall be directed to the Secretary who by these rules is appointed

as the District's records custodian. Regardless of the form of the request, any Board member or staff member who receives a public records request shall immediately forward or communicate such request to the Secretary for coordination of a prompt response. The Secretary, after consulting with District Counsel as to the applicability of any exceptions under the public records laws, shall be responsible for responding to the public records request. At no time can the District be required to create records or summaries of records, or prepare opinions regarding District policies, in response to a public records request.

- (3) <u>Service Contracts.</u> Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.
- **(4)** Fees; Copies. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting person at a charge of \$0.15 per page for one-sided copies and \$0.20 per page for two-sided copies if not more than 8 ½ by 14 inches. For copies of public records in excess of the sizes listed in this section and for outside duplication services, the charge shall be equal to the actual cost of reproduction. Certified copies of public records shall be made available at a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) per page. If the nature or volume of records requested requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, the District may charge, in addition to the duplication charge, a special service charge that is based on the cost the District incurs to produce the records requested. This charge may include, but is not limited to, the cost of information technology resource, employee labor, and fees charged to the District by consultants employed in fulfilling the request. In cases where the special service charge is based in whole or in part on the costs incurred by the District due to employee labor, consultant fees, or other forms of labor, those portions of the charge shall be calculated based on the lowest labor cost of the individual(s) who is/are qualified to perform the labor, taking into account the nature or volume of the public records to be inspected or copied. The charge may include the labor costs of supervisory and/or clerical staff whose assistance is required to complete the records request, in accordance with Florida law. For purposes of this Rule, the word "extensive" shall mean that it will take more than 15 minutes to locate, review for confidential information, copy and re-file the requested material. In cases where extensive personnel time is determined by the District to be necessary to safeguard original records being inspected, the special service charge provided for in this section shall apply. If the total fees, including but not limited to special service charges, are anticipated to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), then, prior to commencing work on the request, the District will inform the person making the public records request of the estimated cost, with the understanding that the final cost may vary from that estimate. If the person making the public records request decides to proceed with the request, payment of the estimated cost is required in advance. Should the person fail to pay the estimate, the District is under no duty to produce

the requested records. After the request has been fulfilled, additional payments or credits may be due. The District is under no duty to produce records in response to future records requests if the person making the request owes the District for past unpaid duplication charges, special service charges, or other required payments or credits.

- (5) <u>Records Retention.</u> The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- (6) <u>Policies.</u> The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.
- Financial Disclosure Coordination. Unless specifically designated by Board (7) resolution otherwise, the Secretary shall serve as the Financial Disclosure Coordinator ("Coordinator") for the District as required by the Florida Commission on Ethics ("Commission"). The Coordinator shall create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, all Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to his or her affiliation with the District ("Reporting Individual"). The Coordinator shall provide this list to the Commission by February 1 of each year, which list shall be current as of December 31 of the prior year. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Coordinator in writing if there are any changes to such person's name, e-mail address, or physical address. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission if there are any changes to such person's email address.

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (407) 723-5900. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

- (f) The following or substantially similar language: "The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record."
- (2) <u>Mistake.</u> In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Vice-Chairperson, Chairperson shall prepare an agenda meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as "meeting materials" shall not convert such materials into "meeting materials." For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

The District may, but is not required to, use the following format in preparing its agenda for its regular meetings:

Call to order
Roll call
Public comment
Organizational matters
Review of minutes
Specific items of old business
Specific items of new business
Staff reports

- (a) District Counsel
- (b) District Engineer
- (c) District Manager
 - 1. Financial Report
 - 2. Approval of Expenditures

Supervisor's requests and comments Public comment Adjournment

- (4) <u>Minutes.</u> The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Secretary may work with other staff members in preparing draft minutes for the Board's consideration.
- (5) <u>Special Requests.</u> Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to pre-pay the cost of the copying and postage.
- (6) Emergency Meetings. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable, upon consultation with the District Manager and District Counsel, if available, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with sections (1) and (3) of this Rule, to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to provide public notice and notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. Notice of the emergency meeting must be provided both before and after the meeting on the District's website, if it has one. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.
- (7) <u>Public Comment.</u> The Board shall set aside a reasonable amount of time at each meeting for public comment and members of the public shall be permitted to provide comment on any proposition before the Board. The portion of the meeting generally reserved for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Policies governing public comment may be adopted by the Board in accordance with Florida law.
- (8) <u>Budget Hearing.</u> Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Florida Statutes. Once adopted, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.
- (9) <u>Public Hearings.</u> Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and

- published as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.
- (10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist.
- (11) <u>Board Authorization.</u> The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.
- (12) <u>Continuances.</u> Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:
 - (a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;
 - (b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and
 - (c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.
- (13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to

litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.

(14) Security and Firesafety Board Discussions. Portions of a meeting which relate to or would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by section 119.071(3)(a), Florida Statutes, are exempt from the public meeting requirements and other requirements of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and section 24(b), Article 1 of the State Constitution. Should the Board wish to discuss such matters, members of the public shall be required to leave the meeting room during such discussion. Any records of the Board's discussion of such matters, including recordings or minutes, shall be maintained as confidential and exempt records in accordance with Florida law.

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

- (1) <u>Internal Controls.</u> The District shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:
 - (a) Prevent and detect "fraud," "waste" and "abuse" as those terms are defined in section 11.45(1), Florida Statutes; and
 - (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
 - (c) Support economical and efficient operations; and
 - (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
 - (e) Safeguard assets.
- (2) <u>Adoption.</u> The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

(1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A "rule" is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District ("Rule"). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

(2) Notice of Rule Development.

- (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least twenty-nine (29) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed Rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.
- (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) <u>Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.</u>

(a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the District's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date

- of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.
- (b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and each county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.
- (c) The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing.
- (4) <u>Rule Development Workshops.</u> Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the Chairperson must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.
- (5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. Not later than sixty (60) calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the Board shall initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial. If the petition is directed to an existing policy that the District has not formally adopted as a rule, the District may, in its discretion, notice and hold a public hearing on the petition to consider the comments of the public directed to the policy, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the policy on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule. However, this section shall not be construed as requiring the District to adopt a rule to replace a policy.
- (6) <u>Rulemaking Materials.</u> After the publication of the notice referenced in section (3) of this Rule, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:

- (a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;
- (b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
- (c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes; and
- (d) The published notice.
- Hearing. The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person **(7)** received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. The District shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District either in the text of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (8) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists which requires immediate action. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of emergency rules shall be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule as long as it protects the public interest as determined by the District and otherwise complies with these provisions.
- (9) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.
- (10) <u>Rulemaking Record.</u> In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:

- (a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;
- (b) All notices given for a proposed rule;
- (c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;
- (d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;
- (e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and
- (f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

- (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
- (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.
- (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.
- (d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.
- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:
 - (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;

- (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
- (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
- (iv) Enter orders; and
- (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
- (f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (12) <u>Variances and Waivers.</u> A "variance" means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A "waiver" means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
 - (a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
 - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District's Rule. Each petition shall specify:
 - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
 - (ii) The type of action requested;
 - (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
 - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
 - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions

raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.

- (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) <u>Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges.</u> All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

- (1) <u>Purpose and Scope.</u> In order to comply with Sections 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) <u>Board Authorization.</u> Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.

(3) <u>Definitions.</u>

- (a) "Competitive Solicitation" means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.
- (b) "Continuing Contract" means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
- (c) "Contractual Service" means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.
- (d) "Design-Build Contract" means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.

- (e) "Design-Build Firm" means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- "Design Criteria Package" means concise, performance-oriented drawings (f) or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District's Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performancebased criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) "Design Criteria Professional" means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) "Emergency Purchase" means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances

where the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- (i) "Invitation to Bid" is a written solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.
- (j) "Invitation to Negotiate" means a written solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.
- (k) "Negotiate" means to conduct legitimate, arm's length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.
- (l) "Professional Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm's or individual's professional employment or practice.
- (m) "Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District" means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:
 - (i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;
 - (ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and
 - (iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.
- (n) "Purchase" means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.

- (o) "Request for Proposals" or "RFP" is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) "Responsive and Responsible Bidder" means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. "Responsive and Responsible Vendor" means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity's/individual's headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;
 - (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
 - (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise.

(q) "Responsive Bid," "Responsive Proposal," "Responsive Reply," and "Responsive Response" all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, "Project" means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.
- (2) <u>Qualifying Procedures.</u> In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm's qualification submittal:
 - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
 - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with this Rule may be submitted with the qualifications, if requested by the District. In addition, evidence of compliance must be submitted any time requested by the District.

(3) Public Announcement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when Professional Services are required for a Project or a Continuing Contract by publishing a notice providing a general description of the Project, or the nature of the Continuing Contract, and the method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The notice must allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of qualifications from the date of publication. The District may maintain lists of consultants interested in receiving such notices. These consultants are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such consultants, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process. The Board has the right to reject any and all qualifications, and such reservation shall be included in the published notice. Consultants not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover from the District any costs of qualification package preparation or submittal.

(4) <u>Competitive Selection.</u>

- (a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described in section (3) of this Rule regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualifications on file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by consultants regarding their qualifications, approach to the Project, and ability to furnish the required services. The Board shall then select and list the consultants, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required Professional Services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each consultant;
 - (ii) Whether a consultant is a certified minority business enterprise;
 - (iii) Each consultant's past performance;
 - (iv) The willingness of each consultant to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (v) The geographic location of each consultant's headquarters, office and personnel in relation to the project;
 - (vi) The recent, current, and projected workloads of each consultant; and
 - (vii) The volume of work previously awarded to each consultant by the District.
- (b) Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a consultant if less than three (3) Responsive qualification packages, including packages indicating a desire not to provide Professional Services on a given Project, are received.
- (c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.

(d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) <u>Competitive Negotiation.</u>

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."
- (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
- (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

- (6) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (7) <u>Continuing Contract.</u> Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) <u>Emergency Purchase.</u> The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 218.391 of the Florida Statutes, the following procedures are outlined for selection of firms or individuals to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts. For audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but not meeting the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes, the District need not follow these procedures but may proceed with the selection of a firm or individual to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District.

(1) <u>Definitions.</u>

- (a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
- (b) "Committee" means the auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.
- (2) Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an auditor selection committee ("Committee"), the primary purpose of which is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes. The Committee shall include at least three individuals, at least one of which must also be a member of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board. The Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board. An employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the District may not serve as a member of the Committee; provided however such individual may serve the Committee in an advisory capacity.
- (3) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Committee shall meet at a publicly noticed meeting to establish minimum qualifications and factors to use for the evaluation of Auditing Services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
 - (a) <u>Minimum Qualifications.</u> In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at all relevant times including the time of receipt of the proposal by the District:

- (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
- (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any pre-qualification requirements established by the Committee and set forth in the RFP or other specifications.

If requested in the RFP or other specifications, evidence of compliance with the minimum qualifications as established by the Committee must be submitted with the proposal.

- (b) Evaluation Criteria. The factors established for the evaluation of Auditing Services by the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Ability of personnel;
 - (ii) Experience;
 - (iii) Ability to furnish the required services; and
 - (iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

The Committee may also choose to consider compensation as a factor. If the Committee establishes compensation as one of the factors, compensation shall not be the sole or predominant factor used to evaluate proposals.

- (4) Public Announcement. After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (3) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.
- (5) <u>Request for Proposals.</u> The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals ("RFP"). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee

determines is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and place for submitting proposals.

(6) Committee's Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed for a reasonable time in advance of the meeting to evaluate all qualified proposals and may, as part of the evaluation, require that each interested firm provide a public presentation where the Committee may conduct discussions with the firm, and where the firm may present information, regarding the firm's qualifications. At the public meeting, the Committee shall rank and recommend in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this Rule. If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP or if no firms respond to the RFP, the Committee shall recommend such firm as it deems to be the most highly qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may recommend that any and all proposals be rejected.

(7) Board Selection of Auditor.

- (a) Where compensation was not selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall negotiate with the firm ranked first and inquire of that firm as to the basis of compensation. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked firm at a price deemed by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the Board shall immediately begin negotiations with the second ranked firm. satisfactory agreement with the second ranked firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third ranked firm shall be undertaken. The Board may reopen formal negotiations with any one of the three top-ranked firms, but it may not negotiate with more than one firm at a time. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any of the selected firms, the Committee shall recommend additional firms in order of the firms' respective competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- (b) Where compensation was selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall select the highest-ranked qualified firm or document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm.
- (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.

- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (8) <u>Contract.</u> Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
 - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
 - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
 - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule but must be in writing.
 - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

- (1) Scope. The purchases of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all of any kinds of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the purchase of any other type of insurance by the District, including but not limited to liability insurance, property insurance, and directors and officers insurance. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of bids.
 - (c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such persons, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process.
 - (d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.
 - (e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.
 - (f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.
 - (g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies that have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, the cost, if any, to the District officers, employees, or their dependents, the geographic location of the company's headquarters and offices in relation to the District, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase

- insurance shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.
- (h) Notice of the intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of insurance under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

- (1) <u>Scope.</u> In its discretion, the District may undertake a pre-qualification process in accordance with this Rule for vendors to provide construction services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When the District seeks to pre-qualify vendors, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Request for Qualifications.
 - (b) For construction services exceeding the thresholds described in Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, the Board must advertise the proposed prequalification criteria and procedures and allow at least seven (7) days notice of the public hearing for comments on such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. At such public hearing, potential vendors may object to such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. Following such public hearing, the Board shall formally adopt pre-qualification criteria and procedures prior to the advertisement of the Request for Qualifications for construction services.
 - (c) The Request for Qualifications shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of qualifications for goods, supplies and materials, Contractual Services, maintenance services, and construction services under two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of qualifications for construction services estimated to cost over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and thirty (30) days for construction services estimated to cost over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
 - (d) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Qualifications. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any pre-qualification determination or contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be a basis for a protest of any pre-qualification determination or contract award.
 - (e) If the District has pre-qualified vendors for a particular category of purchase, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or

responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

- (f) In order to be eligible to submit qualifications, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the qualifications:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
 - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the qualifications if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the qualifications.

- (g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.
- (h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.
- (i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.

(j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

- (a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:
 - i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), Fla. Stat., has occurred.
 - ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
 - iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
 - iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
 - v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
 - vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.

- vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension, revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's prequalified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.
- viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
- ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
- x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
- xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
- xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
 - 1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
 - 2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- (b) A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.

- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.
- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

- i. Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;
- ii. Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;
- iii. Complaints from the public;
- iv. Delay or interference with the bidding process;
- v. The potential for repetition;
- vi. Integrity of the public contracting process;
- vii. Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure, or other public construction works, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and the procedures of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When a purchase of construction services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, proposals, replies, or responses, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses. If the Board has previously pre-qualified contractors pursuant to Rule 3.4 and determined that only the contractors that have been pre-qualified will be permitted to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation need not be published. Instead, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be sent to the pre-qualified contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

- (d) If the District has pre-qualified providers of construction services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses to Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations.
- (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation; and
 - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to, reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response, if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

(f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals,

Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) <u>Exceptions.</u> This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

(1) <u>Scope.</u> The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:

(2) <u>Procedure.</u>

- (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
- (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
- (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
 - (i) <u>Qualifications-Based Selection.</u> If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.
 - (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

- 1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.
- 2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
- 3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
 - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
 - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;
 - d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may

be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

- The proposals, or the portions of which that include the 4. price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the In consultation with the Design Criteria District. Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
- 5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if the proposals are too high, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
- 6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Proposals are received, the District may proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.
- 7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the

Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

- 8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- 9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.
- 10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.
- (3) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (4) <u>Emergency Purchase.</u> The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified

Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

- (5) <u>Exceptions.</u> This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) <u>Scope.</u> This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.
- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.
- (3) <u>Discretionary Bond.</u> At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of "goods, supplies, and materials" do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

Any firm or individual whose principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must also submit a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that foreign state to business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state, in the letting of any or all public contracts. Failure to submit such a written opinion or submission of a false or misleading written opinion may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and this Rule. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid, after taking into account the preferences provided for in this subsection, submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be accepted. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the

lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference of five (5) percent. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which grants a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference equal to the preference granted by such foreign state.

To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct

purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

- Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.
- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) <u>Renewal.</u> Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, and responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be

- entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of maintenance services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Exemptions. Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) <u>Renewal.</u> Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (5) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (6) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.
- (2) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

Rule 3.11 Protests with Respect to Proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9.

The resolution of any protests with respect to proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9 shall be in accordance with this Rule.

(1) <u>Filing.</u>

- (a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,

- 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9, any person who files a notice of protest must post the protest bond. The amount of the protest bond shall be determined by District staff after consultation with the Board and within the limits, if any, imposed by Florida law. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor.
- (d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (2) <u>Contract Execution.</u> Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.
- (3) <u>Informal Proceeding.</u> If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via facsimile, United States Mail, or hand delivery to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
- (4) <u>Formal Proceeding.</u> If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:
 - (a) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

- (d) Enter orders; and
- (e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

The hearing officer shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing or receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is later, file a recommended order which shall include a caption, time and place of hearing, appearances entered at the hearing, statement of the issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and a recommendation for final District action. The District shall allow each party fifteen (15) days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. The District shall issue a final order within sixty (60) days after the filing of the recommended order.

- (5) <u>Intervenors.</u> Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.
- (7) <u>Settlement.</u> Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT

Resolution 2021-04,
Approving an Annual Budget for the
District's 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

RESOLUTION 2021-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 AND TRANSMITTING SAID BUDGET TO WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the District Board approves the proposed budget for purpose of transmitting said budget to the County Administrator of Washington County, Florida, for adoption by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT:

1. The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 in the amount of \$38,500.00 is hereby approved for the purpose of transmitting said budget to the County Administrator of Washington County, Florida, for adoption by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

ATTEST:	SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT
Secretary	By: Its:

EXHIBIT A: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Proposed Budget

EXHIBIT A

Sunny Hills Unit 12-15 Depen. District

FY 2022 O&M Proposed Budget

	Year To Date								
	Actual Though 05/31/2021		Anticipated June to Sept 2021		Anticipated Total FY 2022		FY 2021 Adopted Budget		FY 2022 Proposed Budget
Revenues									
Developer Contributions	\$	16,997.23	\$	8,498.62	\$	25,495.85	\$	38,500.00	\$ 38,500.00
Net Revenues	\$	16,997.23	\$	8,498.62	\$	25,495.85	\$	38,500.00	\$ 38,500.00
General & Administrative Expenses									
Supervisor Fees	\$	-	\$	133.33	\$	133.33	\$	400.00	\$ 200.00
Travel and Per Diem		-		666.67		666.67		2,000.00	2,000.00
Public Officials' Liability Insurance		3,224.00		-		3,224.00		3,295.00	3,610.00
Management		6,666.76		3,333.24		10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00
Engineering		-		666.67		666.67		2,000.00	2,000.00
District Counsel		992.00		9,008.00		10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00
Audit		4,500.00		-		4,500.00		4,750.00	4,500.00
Bank fees		-		-		-		-	85.00
Telephone		-		8.33		8.33		25.00	25.00
Postage & Shipping		60.95		30.48		91.43		50.00	100.00
Copies		-		16.67		16.67		50.00	50.00
Legal Advertising		299.22		149.61		448.83		1,250.00	1,250.00
Miscellaneous		-		201.67		201.67		605.00	605.00
Web Site Maintenance		1,400.00		700.00		2,100.00		2,400.00	2,400.00
Dues, Licenses, and Fees		175.00		-		175.00		175.00	175.00
Total General & Administrative Expenses	\$	17,317.93	\$	14,914.66	\$	32,232.59	\$	37,000.00	\$ 37,000.00
Capital Project Fund									
District Counsel	\$	-	\$	333.33	\$	333.33	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Contingency		-		166.67		166.67		500.00	500.00
Total Capital Project Expenses	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$	17,317.93	\$	15,414.66	\$	32,732.59	\$	38,500.00	\$ 38,500.00
Income (Loss) from Operations	\$	(320.70)	\$	(6,916.04)	\$	(7,236.74)	\$	-	\$ -
Other Income (Expense)									
Interest Income	\$	0.18	\$	0.13	\$	0.31			\$ -
Total Other Income (Expense)	\$	0.18	\$	0.13	\$	0.31	\$	-	\$ -
Net Income (Loss)	\$	(320.52)	\$	(6,915.91)	\$	(7,236.43)	\$	-	\$ -

Budget Item Description

Revenues:

Developer Contribution

Funding from the Developer.

Administrative Expenditures:

Directors' & Officers' (D&O) or Public Officials' Liability (POL) Insurance

Supervisors' and Officers' liability insurance.

District Management Fees

The District receives Management and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with PFM Group Consulting, LLC. These services are further outlined in Exhibit "A" of the Management Agreement.

Engineering Fees

The District's engineer provides general engineering services to the District. Among these services are attendance at and preparation for monthly board meetings, review of invoices, and all other engineering services as requested by the District throughout the year.

District Counsel

The District's legal counsel provides general legal services to the District. Among these services are attendance at and preparation for monthly board meetings, review of operating and maintenance contracts, and all other legal services as requested by the District throughout the year.

Audit

Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes requires a District to conduct an annual financial audit by an Independent Certified Public Accounting firm. Some exceptions apply.

Supervisor Fees

Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes allows for a member of the Board of Supervisors to be compensated for meeting attendance and to receive up to \$200.00 per meeting. The amount for the Fiscal Year is based upon all supervisors attending the meetings.

Travel & Per Diem

Travel to and from meetings as related to the District.

Telephone

Telephone and fax machine services.

Postage & Shipping

Mail, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Bank Fees

Bank fees associated with the services the District uses with the bank (e.g. remote deposit capture, positive pay, wire transfers, ACH payments, monthly maintenance, etc.).

Copies

Printing and binding Board agenda packages, letterhead, envelopes, and copies.

Legal Advertising

The District will incur expenditures related to legal advertising. The items for which the District will advertise include, but are not limited to monthly meetings, special meetings, and public hearings for the District.

Website Maintenance

Website maintenance fee.

Dues, Licenses & Fees

The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Department of Economic Opportunity.

Miscellaneous & Contingency

Other administrative and grounds expenses incurred throughout the year.

SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Funding Agreement

SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FUNDING AGREEMENT

This agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into this 25th day of June 2021, by and between:

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District, a special dependent established pursuant to Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*, and located in Washington County, Florida (hereinafter "**District**"), and

Spring Ridge Development, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, whose address of 6900 Tavistock Lakes Blvd., Suite 200, Orlando, Florida 32827 (hereinafter "**Developer**").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance No. 2006-12 of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida (hereinafter, the "County"), for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*, and Washington County Ordinance No. 2006-12, is authorized to levy such taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges as may be necessary in furtherance of the District's activities and services; and

WHEREAS, Developer presently owns real property within the District, which property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is approving its proposed general fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 ("Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget") and transmitting said budget to the County for final adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget, which both parties recognize may be amended from time to time by the County, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the District will need a funding mechanism to enable it to proceed with its operations and services during Fiscal Year 2021/2022 as described in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Developer desires to provide such funds as are necessary to allow the District to proceed with its operations for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 as described in Exhibit A, and as may be amended from time to time by the County; and

- **NOW, THEREFORE**, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt of which and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:
- 1. The Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the budget attached hereto as Exhibit A (as finalized and amended from time to time), within thirty (30) days of written request by the District. The funds shall be deposited in the District's general checking account. These payments are made by the Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.
- 2. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.
- 3. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.
- 4. This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 5. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and specific performance and specifically including the ability of the District to enforce any and all payment obligations under this Agreement through the imposition and enforcement of a contractual or other lien on property owned by the Developer.
- 6. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.
- 7. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.
- 8. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

- 9. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.
 - 10. The Agreement shall take effect as of October 1, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement the day and year first written above.

Attest:	Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District						
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	By: Larry Kaufmann, Chairman						
	Spring Ridge Development, LLC, a Florida limited liability company						
Witness	By:						

EXHIBIT A: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget

EXHIBIT A

SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Engagement Letter



September 24, 2020

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District c/o Fishkind & Associates 12051 Corporate Blvd.
Orlando, FL, 32817

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We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District for the year ended September 30, 2020. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District's 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. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis.
- 2) Budgetary Comparison Schedule.

Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of Sunny Hills

Units 12-15 Dependent District's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Supervisors of Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or may withdraw from this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of 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 on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that

comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential, and of any material abuse that comes to our attention. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

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

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent Development District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

We will also examine the District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, Local Government Investment Policies, as of September 30, 2020. Our examination will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Accordingly, it will include examining, on a test basis, your records and other procedures to obtain evidence necessary to enable us to express our opinion. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Supervisors of the District. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion. If our opinion is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the examination or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or may withdraw from this engagement.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and all accompanying information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

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

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period

presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we report.

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

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable

skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

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

We will provide copies of our reports to the District; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to the Florida Auditor General or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of CRI personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

<u>Public Records</u>. Auditor shall, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, comply with the public records laws of the State of Florida, and specifically shall:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the services or work set forth in this Agreement; and
- b. Upon the request of the District's custodian of public records, provide the District with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law; and
- c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the Agreement if the Auditor does not transfer the records to the District; and
- d. Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost to the District, all public records in possession of the Auditor or keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service or work provided for in this Agreement. If the Auditor transfers all public records to the District upon completion of the Agreement, the Auditor shall destroy (except as required by regulation or professional standard to maintain such records) any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from

public disclosure requirements. If the Auditor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Auditor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District, upon request from the District's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District.

Auditor acknowledges that any requests to inspect or copy public records relating to this Agreement must be made directly to the District pursuant to Section 119.0701(3), Florida Statutes. If notified by the District of a public records request for records not in the possession of the District but in possession of the Auditor, the Auditor shall provide such records to the District or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time. Auditor acknowledges that should Auditor fail to provide the public records to the District within a reasonable time, Auditor may be subject to penalties pursuant to Section 119.10, Florida Statutes.

IF THE AUDITOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE AUDITOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT/CONTRACT, THE AUDITOR MAY CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS FOR THE DISTRICT AT:

PFM Group Consulting, LLC 12051 Corporate Blvd. Orlando, FL, 32817 TELEPHONE: (407)723-5900 EMAIL: mullinsl@pfm.com

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the Florida Auditor General. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

We expect to begin our audit on approximately January 1, 2021 and will issue our reports no later than April 30, 2021. Alan Jowers is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them.

Our fee for these services will be \$4,500. This agreement provides for a contract period of one (1) year with the option for two (2) one-year extensions upon the written agreement of the parties. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. Invoices will be provided in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms discussed herein. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 30 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. This agreement may be terminated at-will by either party with 30 days' written notice. The District will pay all invoices for services rendered prior to the date of the notice of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected

circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

Governing Law; Venue

This agreement and performance hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, without reference to any conflict of laws rules or principles. Any action or proceeding arising from or relating to this agreement must be brought in a state or federal court having jurisdiction in Washington County, Florida, and each party irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction and venue of any such court in any such action or proceeding and agrees to waive any defenses to venue and jurisdiction including *forum non conveniens*.

Electronic Data Communication and Storage and Use of Third Party Service Provider

In the interest of facilitating our services to your company, we may send data over the Internet, securely store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the Internet, or allow access to data through third-party vendors' secured portals or clouds. Electronic data that is confidential to your company may be transmitted or stored using these methods. We may use third-party service providers to store or transmit this data, such as, but not limited to, providers of tax return preparation software. In using these data communication and storage methods, our firm employs measures designed to maintain data security. We use reasonable efforts to keep such communications and data access secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards. We also require our third-party vendors to do the same.

To enhance our services to you, we will use a combination of remote access, secure file transfer, virtual private network or other collaborative, virtual workspace or other online tools or environments. Access through any combination of these tools allows for on-demand and/or real-time collaboration across geographic boundaries and time zones and allows CRI and you to share data, engagement information, knowledge, and deliverables in a protected environment. In order to use certain of these tools and in addition to execution of this acknowledgement and engagement letter, you may be required to execute a separate client acknowledgement or agreement and agree to be bound by the terms, conditions and limitations of such agreement. While we may back up your files to facilitate our services, you are solely responsible for the backup of your files and records; therefore, we recommend that you also maintain your own backup files of these records. In the event you suffer a loss of any files or records due to accident, inadvertent mistake, or Act of God, copies of which you have provided to us pursuant to this agreement, we shall not be responsible or obligated to provide you a copy of any such file or record which we may retain in our possession.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District and believe this letter accurately summarizes the terms of our engagement. This letter constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between CRI and the District. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Caux Rigge & Ingram, L.L.C.

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC Certified Public Accountants

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District.

Management Signature:

Title: ASSISTAV

Governance Signature

Title: Board Sunug

SUNNY HILLS UNITS 12-15 DEPENDENT DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2020 Draft Audit

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District

Financial Statements

September 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District
Washington County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District (hereinafter referred to as "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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

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, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the 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, as listed in the table of contents, 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.

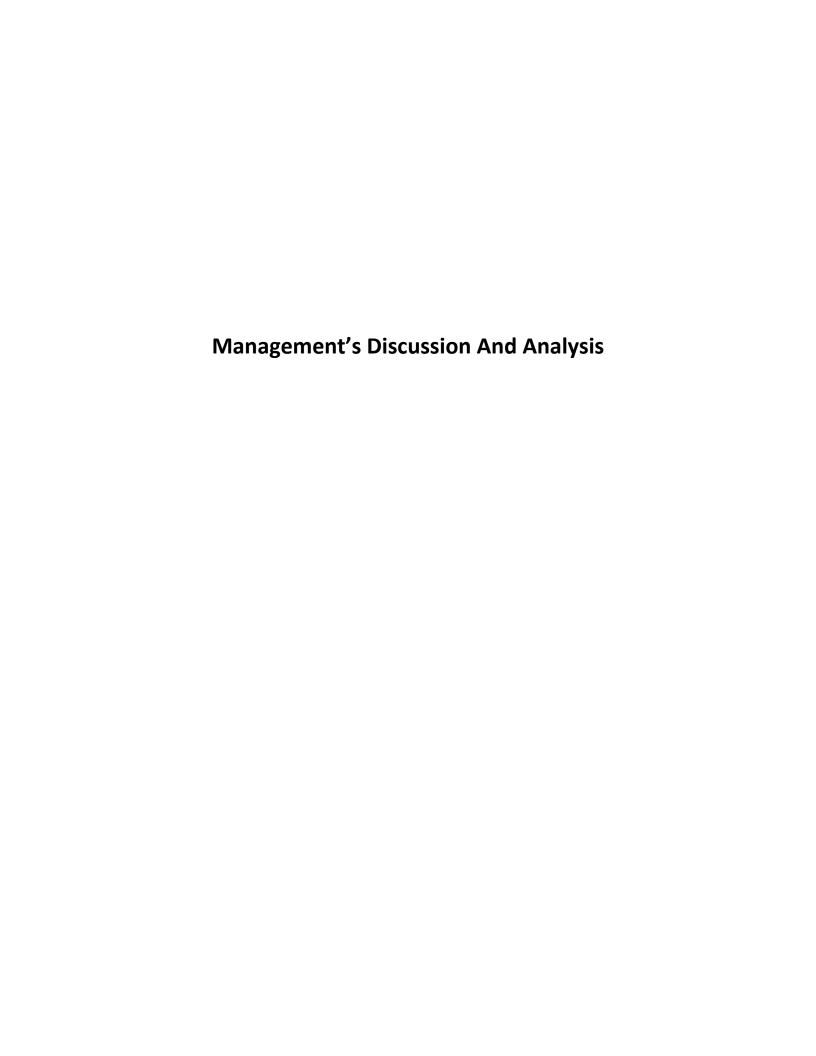
Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 28, 2021, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and 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 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.

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Can, Rigge & Ingram, L.L.C.

Miramar Beach, Florida January 28, 2021



Our discussion and analysis of the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which begin on page 7.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- At September 30, 2020, the assets of the District exceed its liabilities by approximately \$1.8 million.
- As of September 30, 2020, the District has temporarily stopped its infrastructure construction project. Its activities were minimal and were largely administrative in nature.

USING THE ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities on pages 7 – 8 provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 9. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most significant funds.

Reporting the District as a Whole

Our analysis of the District as a whole begins on page 4. One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is, "Is the District as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the District as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net position and related changes during the current year. You can think of the Districts' net position – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors; however, such as changes in the District's assessment base and the condition of the District's infrastructure, to assess the overall health of the District.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Our analysis of the District's major funds begins on page 5. The fund financial statements begin on page 9 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. All of the District's funds are governmental fund-types.

Governmental funds – All of the District's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position and is compared to the prior year.

September 30,	2020			2019	Change	
Assets						
Current and other assets	\$	4,473	\$	5,087	\$	(614)
Capital assets		1,770,313		1,770,313		-
Total assets	\$	1,774,786	\$	1,775,400	\$	(614)
Liabilities						
Current liabilities	\$	3,410	\$	3,992	\$	(582)
Total liabilities		3,410		3,992		(582)
Deferred inflows of resources Deferred revenue		_		3		(3)
Total liabilities		-		3		(3)
Net position		4 770 242		4 770 242		
Net investment in capital assets		1,770,313		1,770,313		- (22)
Unrestricted		1,063		1,092		(29)
Total net position		1,771,376		1,771,405		(29)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	¢	1,774,786	¢	1,775,400	\$	(614)
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For more detailed information, see the accompanying Statement of Net Position.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, total assets and liabilities decreased from the prior year by approximately \$600, respectively. The variances in assets and liabilities are primarily due to timing of developer contributions and vendor payments.

The following schedule compares the Statement of Activities for the current and previous fiscal year.

For the year ended September 30,	2020		2019	Change	
Revenue:					
Program revenue:					
Grants and contributions	\$	23,749	\$ 26,057	(2,308)	
Total revenue		23,749	26,057	(2,308)	
Expenses:					
General government		23,778	25,248	(1,470)	
Total expenses		23,778	25,248	(1,470)	
Change in net position		(29)	809	(838)	
Net position, beginning of year		1,771,405	1,770,596	809	
Net position, end of year	\$	1,771,376	\$ 1,771,405	(29)	

For more detailed information, see the accompanying Statement of Activities.

Program revenue and expenses decreased by approximately \$2,300 and \$1,500, respectively, from the prior year. The decrease in both program revenue and expenses are primarily due to timing in developer contributions and vendor invoices. The overall result was a \$29 decrease in net position for fiscal year 2020.

THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

As the District completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet on page 9) reported a fund balance deficit of \$21, which is a decrease from last year's fund balance that totaled \$1,092. Significant transactions are discussed below.

• During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, the Developer contributed approximately \$23,000 to fund the operations of the District.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

An operating budget was established by the District's governing board and approved by the Washington County, Florida Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the requirements of the Florida Statues and Washington County Ordinance 2006-12. The budget to actual comparison for the General Fund, including the original budget and final adopted budget, is shown at page 19.

The District experienced an unfavorable variance in revenues and a favorable variance in expenditures as compared to the budget in the amount of approximately \$49,000 and \$48,000, respectively. The variance in expenditures occurred primarily due to the District anticipating operating expenditures for district counsel, engineering, and travel and per diem that were not incurred during the year. The variance in revenue is a result of the lower expenditure level.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At September 30, 2020, the District had approximately \$1.8 million invested in capital assets. This amount did not change from the prior year.

A listing of capital assets by major category for the current and prior year follows:

September 30,	2020	2019	Change	
Infrastructure under construction	\$ 1,770,313	\$ 1,770,313	\$	_
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	\$ 1,770,313	\$ 1,770,313	\$	

More information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 3 to the financial statements.

FUTURE FINANCIAL FACTORS

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District is a dependent special district that operates under the provisions of Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. The District operates under an elected Board of Supervisors, which has the authority to establish policy and impose special assessments. For the fiscal year 2021, the Developer has agreed to fund the operations of the District.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District's management company at 12051 Corporate Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32817.



Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Statement of Net Position

September 30,	2020	2020				
	Governmental	Π				
	Activities					
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,06	62				
Due from developer	3,41	11				
Capital assets:						
Not being depreciated	1,770,31	13_				
Total assets	1,774,78	86				
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	3,41	10				
Total liabilities	3,41	10				
Net position						
Net investment in capital assets	1,770,31	13				
Unrestricted	1,06	53				
Total net position	\$ 1,771,37	76				

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Statement of Activities

For the year ended September 30,			20	20		
					Ne	et (Expense)
					Re	evenue and
					(Changes in
			<u>Program</u>	Revenue	<u>N</u>	et Position
			Oper	ating		
			Gran	ts and	Go	vernmental
Functions/Programs	Expenses		Contributions		Activities	
Primary government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$	(23,778)	\$	23,749	\$	(29)
Total governmental activities	\$	(23,778)	\$	23,749		(29)
	Chan	ge in net po	osition			(29)
	Net p	osition - be	eginning of	the year		1,771,405
	Net p	osition - er	nd of the ye	ear	\$	1,771,376

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

September 30,		2020				
	Gene	eral Fund				
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,062				
Due from developer		3,411				
Total assets	\$	4,473				
Liabilitiess and fund balance						
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$	3,410				
Total liabilities		3,410				
Deferred inflows of resources						
Deferred revenue		1,084				
Total deferred inflows of resources		1,084				
Fund balance						
Unassigned		(21)				
Total fund balance		(21)				
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	4,473				

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position

September 30,	2020
Total fund balance, governmental funds	\$ (21)
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund level statements.	1,770,313
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are reported as deferred inflows at the fund level.	1,084
Total net position - governmental activities	\$ 1,771,376

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

For the year ended September 30,		2020
	Gen	eral Fund
Revenue		
Developer contributions	\$	22,665
Total revenue		22,665
Expenditures		
Current:		
General government		23,778
Total expenditures		23,778
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures		(1,113)
Fund balance, beginning of year		1,092
Fund balance (deficit), end of year	\$	(21)

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the year ended September 30,	2020
Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ (1,113)
Certain revenues that did not represent current financial resources in the current year were deferred in the fund level financial statements but were recognized as revenue in the government-wide financial statements in the current year.	1,084
Tevende in the government wide infancial statements in the current year.	 1,064
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ (29)

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District (the "District") was established on August 14, 2006 pursuant to Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, by Washington County Ordinance 2006-12. The Act provides, among other things, the power to manage basic services for community development, power to borrow money and issue bonds, and the power to levy ad valorem taxes 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 required to have their budget approved by Washington County, Florida on an annual basis. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, the District did not engage in construction activities and its expenditures were largely administrative in nature.

The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is comprised of three members. The Supervisors are elected on an at large basis by the owners of the property within the District. The majority of the Board of Supervisors are currently affiliated with the Developer, Spring Ridge Development, LLC or its affiliates. The District is economically dependent on the Developer. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercises all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 189, 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.

In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include or exclude a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Based on the criteria identified therein, no potential component units were found.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the District conform to GAAP as applicable to governments in accordance with those promulgated by GASB. The following is a summary of the more significant 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 non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by assessments, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The business-type activities are reported separately in government-wide financial statements; however, at September 30, 2020, the District did not have any significant business-type activities. Therefore, no business-type activities are reported. Assessments and other items not properly included as program revenues (i.e., charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods or services) are reported as general revenues.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of 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 the related cash flows. Assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and other 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 District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Developer contributions and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

<u>General Fund</u> – The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

For the year ended September 30, 2020, the District does not report any proprietary funds.

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 District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. When committed, assigned, or unassigned resources are available for use in governmental fund financial statements, it is the District's policy to use committed resources first, followed by assigned resources, and then unassigned resources as needed.

Cash, Deposits and Investments

The District maintains deposits with "Qualified Public Depositories" as defined in Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. All Qualified Public Depositories must place with the Treasurer of the State of Florida securities in accordance with collateral requirements determined by the State's Chief Financial Officer. In the event of default by a Qualified Public Depository, the State Treasurer will pay public depositors all losses. Losses in excess of insurance and collateral will be paid through assessments between all Qualified Public Depositories.

Under this method, all the District's deposits are fully insured or collateralized at the highest level of security as defined by GASB Statement Number 40, Deposits and Investment Disclosures (An Amendment of GASB Statement Number 3).

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The District is authorized to invest in financial instruments as established by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The authorized investments include among others, direct obligations of the United States Treasury; the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust as created by Section 218.405, Florida Statutes; SEC registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency; and interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in authorized financial institutions.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include primarily infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, sidewalks, water management systems and similar items), are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District 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 and estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated 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 asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Property, plant and equipment of the primary government will be depreciated using the straight-line method upon completion and being placed into service.

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.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and/or balance sheet – governmental funds will sometimes include 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. The District does not have any of this type of item at September 30, 2020.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and/or balance sheet – governmental funds 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. At September 30, 2020, the District's balance sheet – governmental funds has \$1,084 of deferred inflows of resources relating to Developer contributions not received within the period of availability.

Fund Equity

Net position in the government-wide financial statements is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents net assets related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment. Restricted net position represents the net position restricted by outside parties. At September 30, 2020, the District did not have restricted net position.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by creditors, grantors, or contributors or by enabling legislation or constitutional provisions. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by the District board through approval of resolutions. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by a designee of the District board. Unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories. Negative unassigned fund balance in other governmental funds represents excess expenditures incurred over the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budgets

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an annual budget, which is submitted for approval to the Washington County, Florida Board of County Commissioners. Annual budgets are legally adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP for the General Fund. Any revision to the budget must also be approved by the County. The budgets are compared to actual expenditures. In instances where budget appropriations and estimated revenues have been revised during the year, budget data presented in the financial statements represent final authorization amounts.

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

- A. On or before each July 15, the District shall prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year.
- B. No later than each August 1, the proposed budget shall be delivered to the County Manager.
- C. The budget for the District shall be approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners no later than September 30.
- D. All significant budget changes must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- E. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the capital assets for the year ended September 30, 2020:

	I	Beginning Balance	Α	dditions	•	sals and eyances	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:					•		
Capital assets not being depreciated							
Land	\$	1,770,313	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,770,313
Total capital assets, not being depreciated		1,770,313		-		-	1,770,313
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$	1,770,313	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,770,313

The total project costs of the infrastructure improvements for the District have been estimated at \$96.5 million. The Developer has agreed to fund the ongoing construction of the District. See Note 4 – Related Party Transactions. The infrastructure will include roadways, utilities, potable water and stormwater management systems, and land improvements. Upon completion, certain improvements are to be maintained and operated by Washington County.

Because of current economic conditions, the District is not currently pursuing the implementation of the capital improvement program, and development activities are on hold. The District believes any erosion or loss of value related to the infrastructure under construction is temporary in nature until the development stoppage is ended; thus, no permanent impairment charge has been recorded.

NOTE 4: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A significant portion of the District's activity is dependent upon the continued involvement of the Developer, Spring Ridge Development, LLC, the loss of which could have a materially adverse effect on the District's operations. At September 30, 2020, the Developer owned a majority of the assessable property located within the District's boundaries.

The Developer has agreed to fund the General Fund operations of the District. In connection with that agreement, Developer contributions to the General Fund for the year ended September 30, 2020 totaled \$23,749. Totals of \$3,411 and \$1,084 are recorded as Due from developer and Deferred revenue, respectively, on the accompanying Statement of Net Position and Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds.

NOTE 5: 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 maintains commercial insurance coverage to mitigate the risk of loss. Coverage may not extend to all situations. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in the previous three years, as there have been no claims.

NOTE 6: MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The District has contracted with a management company to perform management advisory services, which include financial and accounting advisory 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 7: CONTINGENCY

In March 2020, the World Health Organization made the assessment that the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) can be characterized as a pandemic. As a result, uncertainties have arisen that may have a significant negative impact on the operating activities and results of the District. The occurrence and extent of such an impact will depend on future developments, including (i) the duration and spread of the virus, (ii) government quarantine measures, (iii) voluntary and precautionary restrictions on travel or meetings, (iv) the effects on the financial markets, and (v) the effects on the economy overall, all of which are uncertain.

Required Supplemental Information (Other Than MD&A)

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Budget to Actual Comparison Schedule – General Fund

For the year ended September 30,	2020										
		ginal and al Budget	Actu	al Amounts	Variance with Final Budget						
Revenue											
Developer contributions	\$	71,350	\$	22,665	\$	(48,685)					
Total revenue		71,350		22,665		(48,685)					
Expenditures											
General government		71,350		23,778		47,572					
Total expenditures		71,350		23,778		47,572					
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures	\$		¢	(1 113)	¢	(1 113)					



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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
Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District
Washington 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 Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report dated January 28, 2021.

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) as a basis for designing 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 the 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 of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 result 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.

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

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Miramar Beach, Florida January 28, 2021



MANAGEMENT LETTER

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To the Board of Supervisors Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District Washington County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated January 28, 2021.

Auditors' 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 Florida Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditors' 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 Accountants' Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in these reports, which are dated January 28, 2021, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no recommendations made in the preceding annual audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The information required is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to communicate whether or not the District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the District's 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.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c, Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, provided the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit, within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that all special district component units provided the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

Other Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate 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. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

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

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Can, Rigge & Ingram, L.L.C.

Miramar Beach, Florida January 28, 2021



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District
Washington County, Florida

We have examined Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, during the year ended September 30, 2020. Management of the District is responsible for the District's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide 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 year ended September 30, 2020.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Caux Rigge & Ingram, L.L.C.

Miramar Beach, Florida January 28, 2021

Funding Request 36 -61

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Funding Request 36

6/15/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	P	Amount	
1	Hopping Green & Sams General Counsel	115165	\$	192.50	
		TOTAL	\$	192.50	
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson			

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Funding Request 37

6/22/2020

Item	Payee	Invoice			
No.		Number		Amount	
1	PFM Group Consulting LLC				
	DM Fees - June 2020	DM-06-2020-0058	\$	833.33	
	Website Fees - June 2020	DM-06-2020-0059		100.00	
		TOTAL	\$	933.33	
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson			

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7/2/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	Amount
1	Carr Riggs & Ingram Audit FY 2019 - Final bill	16937524	\$ 2,000.00
2	VGlobalTech Quarter 2 ADA Audit	1759	\$ 300.00
		TOTAL	\$ 2,300.00
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson	

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7/14/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number		Amount	
1	PFM Group Consulting				
•	Website Fee - July	DM-07-2020-0090	\$	100.00	
	DM Fees - July	DM-07-2020-0057		833.33	
2	Gatehouse Media				
	Legal Ad - 06/10/2020	5306902-0620		181.00	
		TOTAL	\$	1,114.33	
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson			

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Funding Request 40

8/18/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	Amount	
1	PFM Group Consulting May Postage DM Fees - August 2020	OE-EXP-00916 DM-08-2020-0051		1.50 833.33
		TOTAL	\$	834.83
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	 Chairperson		

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Funding Request 41

9/14/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	Amount	
1	Hopping Green & Sams General Counsel	116819	\$	82.00
		TOTAL	\$	82.00
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson		

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Funding Request 42

9/16/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	Amount	
1	VGlobalTech			
-	ADA website	1848	\$	100.00
	ADA website	1910		
2	Egis Insurance & Risk Advisors Insurance FY 2020-2021	11665	\$ 3,224	
3	PFM Group Consulting DM Fees September	DM-09-2020-0038	\$	833.37
		TOTAL	\$	4,257.37
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	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson		

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Funding Request 43

9/29/2020

Item No.	Payee Invo Num		Amou	
1	PFM Group Consulting July Postage August Postage	OE-EXP-01033 OE-EXP-01092	\$ \$	1.70 11.49
		TOTAL	\$	13.19
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	 Chairperson		

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Funding Request 44

10/5/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	A	mount
1	Hopping Green & Sam General Counsel through 08/31/2020	117452	\$	62.50
		TOTAL	\$	62.50
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	 Chairperson		

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Funding Request 45

10/14/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	F	Amount	FY 2021
1	PFM Group Consulting September Postage	OE-EXP-01152	\$	2.00	
2	VGlobalTech Quarterly Website Audits Monthly website fee	1986 2023	\$	300.00	\$ 100.00
		TOTAL	\$	402.00	
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson			

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Funding Request 46

10/22/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	FY 2020 Amount	FY 2021 Amount
1	PFM Group Consulting			
	October DM fees	DM-10-2020-0035		\$ 833.33
		TOTAL	\$ 833.33	
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson		

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Funding Request 47

11/4/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	FY 2020 Amount	FY 2021 Amount
1	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Admin annual fee	83225		\$ 175.00
2	Hopping Green & Sams General Counsel	116210	\$ 1,083.50	
		TOTAL	\$ 1,258.50	
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson		

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Funding Request 48

11/16/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	Y 2021 Amount
1	PFM Group Consulting DM Fees	DM-11-2020-0030	\$ 833.33
2	VGlobalTech Monthly website fees	2100	\$ 100.00
		TOTAL	\$ 933.33
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	 Chairperson	

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Funding Request 49

11/30/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	Y 2021 Amount
1	Gatehouse Media Legal Ad	5306902-1020	\$ 299.22
2	PFM Group Consulting Postage	OE-EXP-11-43	\$ 2.00
		TOTAL	\$ 301.22
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson	

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Funding Request 50

11/8/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	FY 2021 Amount
1	VglobalTech Monthly Maintenance	2178	\$ 100.00
		TOTAL	\$ 100.00
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	 Chairperson	

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Funding Request 51

12/16/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	FY 2021 Amount
1	PFM Group Consulting DM fees	DM-12-2020-0043	\$ 833.33
2	Hopping Green & Sams General Counsel	118935	\$ 205.00
		TOTAL	\$ 1,038.33
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson	

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Funding Request 52

12/28/2020

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	Y 2021 mount
1	PFM Group Consulting November postage	Oe-EXP-12-46	\$ 48.61
		TOTAL	\$ 48.61
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	 Chairperson	

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Funding Request 53

1/19/2021

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	Y 2021 Amount
1	Hopping Green & Sams General Counsel	119493	\$ 111.50
2	VglobalTech Quarterly ADA & WCAG	2262	\$ 300.00
	Monthly Website maintenance	2302	\$ 100.00
		TOTAL	\$ 511.50
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson	

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Funding Request 54

1/26/2021

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	FY 2021 Amount
1	PFM Group Consulting LLC DM fees January	DM-01-2021-0043	\$ 833.33
		TOTAL	\$ 833.33
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	 Chairperson	

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Funding Request 55

2/9/2021

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	Y 2021 Amount	
1	PFM Group Consulting LLC December Postage	OE-EXP-01-42	\$ 0.50	
2	Hopping Green & Sams General Counsel through 12/31/2020	120161	\$ 210.00	
		TOTAL	\$ 210.50	
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson		

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Funding Request 56

2/17/2021

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	FY 2021 Amount
1	VGlobalTech Monthly website fee	2378	\$ 100.00
2	Carr Riggs & Ingram Initial progress audit billing	17047908	\$ 1,000.00
		TOTAL	\$ 1,100.00
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson	

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Funding Request 57

2/26/2021

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	FY 2021 Amount
1	PFM Group Consulting LLC DM Fees February 2021	DM-02-2021-0043	\$ 833.33
		TOTAL	\$ 833.33
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	 Chairperson	

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Funding Request 58

3/5/2021

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	FY 2021 Amount
1	VglobalTech Website maintenance monthly	2460	\$ 100.00
2	Carr Riggs & Ingram Final Audit bills FY2020	17077374	\$ 3,500.00
		TOTAL	\$ 3,600.00
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson	

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Funding Request 59

3/15/2021

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number		Y 2021 Amount
1	PFM Group Consulting, LLC DM Fees - March 2021 Postage	DM-03-2021-0044 OE-EXP-03-41	\$ \$	833.33 1.02
		TOTAL	\$	834.35
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson		

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Funding Request 60

4/20/2021

Item No.	PFM Group Consulting DM Fee April 2021 March postage	Invoice Number	FY 2021 Amount		
1		DM-04-2021-0044 OE-EXP-04-40	\$ \$	833.33 3.57	
		TOTAL	\$	836.90	
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	 Chairperson			

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Funding Request 61

5/18/2021

Item No.	Payee	Invoice Number	FY 2021 Amount		
1	PFM Group Consulting				
	April postage	OE-EXP-05-48	\$	0.51	
	DM Fees May 2021	DM-05-2021-0044	\$	833.33	
	January postage	OE-EXP-02-45	\$	4.74	
2	VGlobalTech				
	May Web maintenance	2681	\$	100.00	
3	Hopping Green & Sams				
	General Counsel	122573	\$	110.00	
	General Counsel	120836	\$	355.50	
		TOTAL	\$	1,404.08	
	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson			

Statements of the District's Financial Position

Sunny Hills Unit 12-15 Depen. District Statement of Financial Position

As of 5/31/2021

	General Fund		
<u>Assets</u>			
Current Assets			
General Checking Account	\$	2,300.05	
Accounts Receivable - Due from Developer		1,403.75	
Total Current Assets	\$	3,703.80	
Total Assets	\$	3,703.80	
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$	2,640.98	
Deferred Revenue		1,403.75	
Total Current Liabilities	\$	4,044.73	
Total Liabilities	\$	4,044.73	
Net Assets			
Net Assets, Unrestricted	\$	(4,537.99)	
Net Assets - General Government		4,517.58	
Current Year Net Assets - General Government		(320.52)	
Total Net Assets	\$	(340.93)	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	3,703.80	

Sunny Hills Unit 12-15 Depen. District

Statement of Activities As of 5/31/2021

		General fund		
Revenues				
Developer Contributions	\$	16,997.23		
Total Revenues	\$	16,997.23		
Expenses				
Public Officials' Liability Insurance	\$	3,224.00		
Management		6,666.76		
District Counsel		992.00		
Audit		4,500.00		
Postage & Shipping		60.95		
Legal Advertising		299.22		
Web Site Maintenance		1,400.00		
Dues, Licenses, and Fees		175.00		
Total Expenses	\$	17,317.93		
Other Revenues (Expenses) & Gains (Losses)				
Interest Income	\$	0.18		
Total Other Revenues (Expenses) & Gains (Losses)	\$	0.18		
Change In Net Assets	\$	(320.52)		
Net Assets At Beginning Of Year	\$	(20.41)		
Net Assets At End Of Year	\$	(340.93)		

Sunny Hills Unit 12-15 Depen. District

Budget to Actual For the Month Ending 5/31/2021

Year To Date

		Actual	Budget	Variance	FY 2020 Adopted Budget
Revenues					
Developer Contributions	\$	16,997.23	\$ 25,666.64	\$ (8,669.41)	\$38,500.00
Net Revenues	\$	16,997.23	\$ 25,666.64	\$ (8,669.41)	\$38,500.00
General & Administrative Expenses					
Supervisor Fees	\$	-	\$ 266.64	\$ (266.64)	\$ 400.00
Travel and Per Diem		-	1,333.36	(1,333.36)	2,000.00
Public Officials' Liability Insurance		3,224.00	2,196.64	1,027.36	3,295.00
Management		6,666.76	6,666.64	0.12	10,000.00
Engineering		-	1,333.36	(1,333.36)	2,000.00
District Counsel		992.00	6,666.64	(5,674.64)	10,000.00
Audit		4,500.00	3,166.64	1,333.36	4,750.00
Telephone		-	16.64	(16.64)	25.00
Postage & Shipping		60.95	33.36	27.59	50.00
Copies		-	33.36	(33.36)	50.00
Legal Advertising		299.22	833.36	(534.14)	1,250.00
Miscellaneous		-	403.36	(403.36)	605.00
Web Site Maintenance		1,400.00	1,600.00	(200.00)	2,400.00
Dues, Licenses, and Fees		175.00	116.64	58.36	175.00
Total General & Administrative Expenses	\$	17,317.93	\$ 24,666.64	\$ (7,348.71)	\$37,000.00
Capital Project Fund					
District Counsel	\$	-	\$ 666.64	\$ (666.64)	\$ 1,000.00
Contingency		-	333.36	(333.36)	500.00
Total General & Administrative Expenses	\$	-	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$	17,317.93	\$ 25,666.64	\$ (8,348.71)	\$38,500.00
Income (Loss) from Operations	\$	(320.70)	\$ -	\$ (320.70)	\$ -
Other Income (Expense)					
Interest Income		0.18	\$ -	\$ 0.18	\$ -
Total Other Income (Expense)	\$	0.18	\$ -	\$ 0.18	\$ -
Net Income (Loss)	\$	(320.52)	\$ 	\$ (320.52)	\$ -