ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ST. TAMMANY PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District Slidell, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District, a component unit of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District as of December 31, 2022, 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.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management 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.



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In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether
 due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks.
 Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and
 disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



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Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedule, schedule of proportionate share of net pension liability, schedule of contributions – retirement plan, and the related notes to the required supplementary information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head is presented to comply with the requirements issued by the State of Louisiana and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 29, 2023 on our consideration of the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

June 29, 2023 Mandeville, Louisiana

Certified Public Accountants

Guikson Keenty, LLP

REQUIRED SUPPLI	EMENTARY INFO	RMATION (PART	I)

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District's financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2022. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts. Please read this document in conjunction with the additional information contained in the basic financial statements. The MD&A is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and prior year has been presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The minimum requirements for financial reporting on the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District that was established by GASB No. 34 are divided into the following sections:

- (a) Management's Discussion and Analysis
- (b) Basic Financial Statements
- (c) Required Supplementary Information (other than MD&A)

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements present information for the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District as a whole, in a format designed to make the statements easier for the reader to understand. The financial statements in this section are divided into the two following types:

Government-Wide Financial Statements, which include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements present financial information for all activities of the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District from an economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting and providing both short-term and long-term information of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance for the General Fund (a governmental fund). These financial statements present information on the individual fund of the District's office allowing for more detail. The current financial resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting used to prepare these statements are dependent on the fund type. The District's only governmental fund is the General Fund. The statements in this section represent the short-term financing of general government.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

SUMMARY OF NET POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	2022	2021
Current assets	\$ 26,527,511	\$ 30,655,377
Capital assets, net	12,074,577	7,519,488
Net pension asset	1,301,700	482,048
Total assets	39,903,788	38,656,913
Total deferred outflows of resources	373,593	511,101
Current liabilities	252,970	254,124
Net pension liability Non-current liabilities	288,155	266,471
Total liabilities	541,125	520,595
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,226,956	1,006,753
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	12,074,577	7,519,488
Restricted for pension obligations	1,301,700	482,048
Unrestricted	25,133,023	29,639,130
Total net position	\$ 38,509,300	\$ 37,640,666

The total net position of the District increased \$868,634, or 2.31%, from the prior year. This was mainly due to an increase in current assets compared to the prior year and a net pension asset resulting from recording pension liabilities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68.

STATEMENET OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	2022	2021
Revenues	\$ 8,138,618	, ,
Expenditures	(7,269,984	(7,840,279)
Change in net position	\$ 868,634	<u>\$ 1,290,325</u>

The change in net position increased \$868,634, or 2.31%, primarily due to revenues and expenditures remaining consistent with the prior year during 2022.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The District had \$18,427,548 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings and other related improvements, machinery and equipment, aircraft and related equipment, office furniture and equipment and vehicles as of December 31, 2022. This amount represents the original purchase price of capital assets on hand at year-end. The table below lists the capital assets by type, net of accumulated depreciation:

	 2022
Land	\$ 472,645
Construction in progress	1,382,683
Buildings and improvements	5,841,125
Machinery and equipment	1,139,120
Aircraft and related equipment	8,790,096
Office furniture and equipment	38,361
Vehicles	 763,518
Subtotal	18,427,548
Less: accumulated depreciation	 (6,352,971)
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 12,074,577

Debt and Long-Term Liabilities

The District did not have any debt outstanding at year end. However, it did have non-current liabilities of \$288,155 which represented accrued annual leave outstanding at year-end.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

A comparison of budget to actual operations is required information and is presented in the accompanying financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND A LOOK AT NEXT YEAR

The District considered the following factors and indicators when setting up the 2022 annual operating budget. These factors and indicators include: (1) all costs associated with fighting and detecting the Zika Virus, the West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne emerging diseases in St. Tammany Parish, especially increased chemical and labor costs due to increased seasonal mosquito populations; (2) any potential change in ad valorem tax revenues; (3) increased spraying as needed for all areas covered by the District in its fight against mosquito existence and breeding; the District's coverage area includes the entire parish; (4) other operating costs of the office in the process of providing services to the public. Barring any unforeseen events, the District expects next year's available revenues will be sufficient to cover its expenses.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

CONTACTING THE MOSQUITO DISTRICT

This financial report is designed to provide the citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances, and to show accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District at 62512 Airport Road, Building #23, Slidell, LA 70460, or by telephone at 985-643-5050.



STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2022

ASSETS:	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,430,960
Investments	2,065,265
Revenue receivables, net	8,207,210
Inventory	3,676,137
Prepaid expenses	 147,939
Total current assets	 26,527,511
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets, net of depreciation	12,074,577
Net pension asset	 1,301,700
Total non-current assets	 13,376,277
Total assets	 39,903,788
Deferred outflows of resources	 373,593
LIABILITIES:	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	4,819
Accrued expenses	981
Deductions from ad valorem taxes for retirement system	 247,170
Total current liabilities	 252,970
Non-current liabilities:	
Accrued annual leave payable	 288,155
Total non-current liabilities	 288,155
Total liabilities	 541,125
Deferred inflows of resources	 1,226,956
NET POSITION:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	12,074,577
Restricted for pension obligations	1,301,700
Unrestricted	 25,133,023
Total net position	\$ 38,509,300

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

EXPENSES:

Governmental activities - public health and safety:	
Personnel services and related benefits	\$ 3,617,922
Changes in deferred outflows, deferred inflows,	
net pension liability (asset) and pension expense (GASB 68)	(433,081)
Chemicals and insecticides	1,441,757
Materials, operating and service expense	1,816,713
Depreciation expense	 826,673
Total expenses	 7,269,984
GENERAL REVENUES:	
Ad valorem taxes (net)	7,351,775
State revenue sharing	153,993
Interest earnings	368,786
Nonemployer pension contributions	28,860
Other	 235,204
Total general revenues	 8,138,618
Change in net position	868,634
Net position, beginning of year	 37,640,666
Net position, end of year	\$ 38,509,300

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND <u>DECEMBER 31, 2022</u>

ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,430,960
Investments		2,065,265
Revenue receivables, net		8,207,210
Inventory		3,676,137
Prepaid expenses		147,939
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	26,527,511
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$	4,819
Accrued expenses		981
Accrued annual leave		288,155
Deductions from ad valorem taxes		
for retirement system		247,170
Total liabilities		541,125
FUND BALANCE:		2 924 076
Nonspendable		3,824,076
Assigned		8,280,218 13,882,092
Unassigned		13,002,092
Total fund balance		25,986,386
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$</u>	26,527,511

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2022

Total fund balance - governmental fund	\$ 25,986,386
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial reso and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Shee	12,074,577
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in governmental funds	373,593
Net pension asset	1,301,700
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in governmental funds	 (1,226,956)
Total net position - governmental activities	\$ 38,509,300

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

REVENUES:	
Ad valorem taxes, net	\$ 7,351,775
State revenue sharing	153,993
Interest earnings	368,786
Other	235,204
Total revenues	8,109,758
EXPENDITURES:	
Salaries and related taxes	2,651,269
Employer's retirement contributions	223,647
Medicare & social security - employer's portion	67,950
Other employee benefits	675,056
Information technology	59,594
Insurance	815,748
Materials and supplies:	
Chemicals and insecticides	1,441,757
Aerial supplies	182,978
Office	7,877
Public information	4,154
Utilities and telephone	57,688
Repairs and maintenance	36,718
Travel	19,572
Gas, oil and grease	156,404
Professional services	50,680
Contracted services	282,207
Rent	81,637
Capital outlay	5,381,762
Miscellaneous	61,456
Total expenditures	12,258,154
Net change in fund balance	(4,148,396)
Fund balance - beginning	30,134,782
Fund balance - ending	\$ 25,986,386

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Net change in fund balance - total governmental fund

\$ (4,148,396)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

The governmental fund reports capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.

4,555,089

Changes in the components of GASB 68

461,941

Change in net position of governmental activities

868,634

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

The St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District was created by the St. Tammany Parish Council as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:7721-7728. The District is governed by a board of five commissioners who are appointed by the St. Tammany Parish Council. These members are authorized to operate facilities for the abatement, control, eradication and study of mosquitos and other arthropods of public health importance, and all activities incidental thereto. As a result of the October 16, 1993 referendum, taxpayers of Wards 3, 4, 7 and a portion of 2 elected to be included in the service area of the District beginning on January 1, 1994. As a result of the October 2001 referendum, taxpayers of Wards 5, 6, 10 and the remaining portion of 2 elected to be included in the service area of the District beginning on January 1, 2002. Therefore, the District now services all of St. Tammany Parish.

To fulfill these responsibilities, the District has established procedures for collecting and analyzing mosquito population data and determining the most appropriate control methods. The District uses only environmentally sound and scientifically proven methods supported by professional entomologists nationwide. The District has also developed special programs, including the disease vector surveillance program designed to detect the presence of encephalitis and dengue fever viral activity and insecticide resistance studies. In addition, the District also performs tests for the presence of West Nile Virus in the parish.

Board members serve without compensation.

Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the St. Tammany Parish Council is the financial reporting entity for St. Tammany Parish.

The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the St. Tammany Parish Council for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criterion includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. the ability of the council to impose its will on that organization, and/or
 - b. the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the council

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2022

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Reporting Entity (continued)

- 2. Organizations for which the council does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the council.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Even though the District operates independently of the council, the exclusion from the council's financial statements would cause the council's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Also, the council's ability to impose its will on the District is indicated by the ability to remove appointed members of the District's board at will. Because of these reasons, the District is determined to be a component unit of the St. Tammany Parish Council.

Basis of Presentation

The District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999, as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*.

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The District's abatement activities and related general administrative services are classified as governmental activities. The District does not have any business-type activities.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2022

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A), the governmental activities column is presented on a consolidated basis and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables, as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position is reported in two parts – net investment in capital assets and restricted for inventory, insurance, debt service. Pension obligations, and capital outlay.

The government-wide Statement of Activities (Exhibit B) reports both gross and net cost of the District's function. The function is supported by general government revenues (ad valorem tax). Any program revenues and operating grants received would reduce gross expenses in the Statement of Activities.

This government-wide focus is on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the District's net position resulting from current year's activities.

Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its own assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities, deferred inflow of resources, reserves, fund balance, revenues and expenditures. The District's current operations require the use of only the following fund types:

Governmental Fund

The focus of the governmental fund's measurement (in the fund statement) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources, which may be used to finance future operations of the District.

General Fund

The General Fund is the principal fund of the District and is used to account for the operations of the District. General revenues are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2022

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus.

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

All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The operating statements of the funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other uses) in net current assets. All governmental fund types use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due.

Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15th of each year, and become delinquent on December 31st. They are recognized as revenue in the year the taxes are assessed.

Those revenues of the District susceptible to accrual are ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, grants and interest. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Budgets

Annually, the District adopts a budget for the General Fund on a modified accrual basis of accounting. The budgetary practices include public notice of the proposed budget, public inspection of the proposed budget, and public hearings on the budget. Budgetary integration is used as a management control device.

Once a budget is approved it can be amended by the District. Such amendments are made before the fact, are reflected in the official minutes of the District, and are not made after fiscal year end.

Each budget is prepared and controlled by the budget coordinator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. All budget appropriations lapse at year end.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2022

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposit accounts and in interest-bearing money market accounts. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposit accounts, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts and time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. The District may also invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. fund, or United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates.

Investments are stated at fair value in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB) No. 31 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools."

Revenue Receivables

There was a 2% allowance for doubtful accounts set up based on past experience of the differences between the amount of ad valorem taxes received and accrued as recorded on the financial statements.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost. Inventories consist of primarily chemicals and larvicide oil supplies. Inventory at December 31, 2022 was determined using the FIFO method (firstin, first- out). The cost is recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items are purchased.

Inventories at year end are equally offset by fund balance reserves which indicates that although a component of current assets, they do not constitute available spendable resources.

Prepaid Insurance

The District made payments of insurance premiums for coverage that will benefit a period of time after December 31, 2022. This portion of the payments made are listed as prepaid insurance on the Statement of Net Position.

Prepaid expenditures at year end are equally offset by fund balance reserves which indicates that although a component of current assets, they do not constitute available spendable resources.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at either historical cost or estimated historical cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives (excluding salvage value). Any donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Estimated useful life is management's estimate of how to meet service demands.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets (continued)

Straight-line depreciation is used based on the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and improvements	40 Years
Machinery and equipment	5 - 10 Years
Aircraft and related equipment	10 - 15 Years
Office furniture and equipment	5 Years
Vehicles	5 Years

The board of commissioners of the District adopted a policy to depreciate all of the District's equipment, vehicles, buildings and improvements that have a purchase price of \$1,000 and more. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Annual and Sick Leave

The District's employees earn annual (vacation) leave days at varying rates according to their years of service. Upon termination from employment, employees are compensated for all unused or accrued annual leave at their current rate of pay. The cost of unused or accrued annual leave privileges, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized as a current year expenditure and corresponding long-term liability in the General Fund when leave is earned.

Full-time, permanent employees are credited 10 days of "regular" sick leave on a biweekly accrual rate basis. Unused regular sick leave may be carried over to the following year with a maximum of 30 regular sick leave days being accrued. In addition, 10 days of "extended" sick leave is granted to each employee on January 1st of each year and is to be used only when the employee is either hospitalized or under a doctor's care for 5 days or more. Unused extended sick leave cannot be carried over to the following year. Upon termination from employment, employees are not paid for any unused sick leave earned.

Long-Term Obligations

Long-term obligations consisted of accumulated annual leave benefits for employees.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is not utilized by the District due to the nature of operations and the ability of management to monitor budgeted expenditures on a timely basis.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Currently, the District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, deferred amounts related to pensions.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. Currently, the District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, deferred amounts related to pensions.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (the Plan) and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Equity Classification

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. <u>Net investment in capital assets</u> consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Constraints may be placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. <u>Unrestricted net position</u> consists of net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in either of the other two categories of net position.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Equity Classification (continued)

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

- a. Nonspendable amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. <u>Restricted</u> amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state, local or federal awards or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.
- c. <u>Committed</u> amounts that can be used for specific purposes determined by formal action by an ordinance or resolution.
- d. <u>Assigned</u> amounts that are designated by the formal action of the government's highest level of decision making authority.
- e. <u>Unassigned</u> amounts not included in other classifications.

The Board of Commissioners, as the highest level of decision-making authority, can establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment by formal vote at a public board meeting. For assigned fund balance the Board of Commissioners authorizes management to assign amounts for a specific purpose. At December 31, 2022, the District had assigned fund balances of \$5,280,218 and \$3,000,000 for capital projects and disaster contingency planning, respectively.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted as needed. When committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available for use it is the District's policy to use committed resources first, then assigned resources and unassigned resources as they are needed.

Use of Estimates

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

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 29, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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(2) <u>LEVIED AD VALOREM TAXES</u>

The District was authorized to levy up to 9.0 mills in ad valorem taxes for the year; however, during the year, the District's board passed a resolution to roll back its millage to 3.35 mills, and received that amount in ad valorem taxes for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The following are the 10 largest principal taxpayers for the District:

		2022	% of Total
		Assessed	Assessed
Taxpayer	Type of Business	Valuation	Valuation
Central La. Electric Corp.	Power	\$ 51,177,750	1.67%
Florida Marine LLC	Transporters	21,439,720	0.70
Atmos Energy Corporation	Utility	16,467,700	0.54
Tri States NGL Pipeline LLC	Pipeline	12,395,420	0.41
Parkway Pipeline LLC	Pipeline	9,825,210	0.32
Bell South Communications	Telephone	8,839,008	0.29
Wash-St Tammany Elec Coop	Utility	7,565,890	0.25
Entergy Louisiana Inc	Utility	6,367,810	0.21
Southern Natural Gas	Utility	5,528,470	0.18
Utilities Inc of Louisiana	Utility	5,275,671	<u>0.17</u>
Total		<u>\$ 144,882,649</u>	<u>4.74%</u>

The total assessed valuation for all taxpayers at December 31, 2022, was \$3,056,556,759. This figure was used in calculating the percentage of total assessed valuation of each of the ten largest taxpayers.

(3) <u>CASH DEPOSITS</u>

At December 31, 2022, the carrying amounts (book balances) of all cash deposits of the District are listed as follows:

Petty cash and other cash	\$	1,374
Cash in checking accounts		241,199
Cash in money market account	1	2,188,387
Total	\$ 1	2,430,960

These deposits are stated at market value. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk; however, under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent at all times. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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(3) <u>CASH DEPOSITS (CONTINUED)</u>

At December 31, 2022, the District had \$12,439,617 in cash deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits were secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal depository insurance and \$18,000,000 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank.

Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

(4) INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2022, the District held the following types of investments:

	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Carrying</u>
Type of Investments	<u>Date</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Louisiana Asset Mgmt. Pool	Average of		
	48 days	\$ 2,065,265	\$ 2,065,265

LAMP is administered by Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA-R.S. 33:2955.

GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure*, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, the concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments. LAMP is a 2a7-like investment pool. The following facts are relevant for 2a7-like investment pools:

Credit risk - LAMP is rated AAA by Standard & Poor's.

Custodial credit risk - LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares in the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required. Concentration of credit risk - Pooled investments are excluded from the 5% disclosure requirement.

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(4) <u>INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)</u>

Interest rate risk - LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity **(WAM)** method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 60 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days.

Foreign currency risk - not applicable to 2a7-I pools.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company.

(5) REVENUE RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of revenue receivables at December 31, 2022:

Ad valorem taxes \$ 8,374,704 Less: Estimated uncollectible (2%) (167,494)

Total revenue receivables, net \$ 8,207,210

(6) <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

The capital assets used in the governmental-type activities are included on the Statement of Net Position of the District and are capitalized at historical cost. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets used by the District is charged as an expense against operations. Capital assets are reported net of accumulated depreciation on the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation expense for financial reporting purposes is computed using the straight-line method over the useful lives of the capital assets and is reported in the Statement of Activities.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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(6) <u>CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)</u>

A summary of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation during the year is listed as follows:

Capital Assets Not Being	12/31/2021	Additions	Retirements/ Reclasses	12/31/2022
Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 472,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 472,645
Construction in progress	226,409	1,156,274	Ψ -	1,382,683
compared in progress				
Total capital assets not				
being depreciated	699,054	1,156,274	_	1,855,328
and				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	5,841,125	-	_	5,841,125
Machinery and equipment	1,002,674	216,035	(79,589)	1,139,120
Aircraft and related equipment	4,843,643	4,009,453	(63,000)	8,790,096
Office furniture and equipment	38,361	, , , , <u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	38,361
Vehicles	763,518	<u>-</u>		763,518
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Total capital assets being				
depreciated	12,489,321	4,225,488	(142,589)	16,572,220
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings and improvement	2,017,606	146,683	-	2,164,289
Machinery and equipment	614,055	97,687	(79,589)	632,153
Aircraft and related equipment	2,289,944	525,366	(63,000)	2,752,310
Office furniture and equipment	74,954	6,617	-	81,571
Vehicles	672,328	50,320	<u> </u>	722,648
Total accumulated				
depreciation	5,668,887	<u>826,673</u>	(142,589)	6,352,971
Total capital assets				
being depreciated, net	6,820,434	3,398,815		10,219,249
being depreciated, liet	0,020,434	3,370,013		10,219,249
Governmental activities				
capital assets, net	\$ 7,519,488	\$ 4,555,089	\$ -	\$ 12,074,577
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(7) ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE

Employees of the District have accumulated and vested amounts of employee leave benefits, which are computed in accordance with governmental accounting standards. This amount is recorded in the Statement of Net Position as a noncurrent liability.

The following is a summary of accrued annual leave during the year:

Balance at December 31, 2021 Net change	\$ 266,471 21,684
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ 288,155

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(8) PENSION PLAN/GASB 68

Plan Description

The Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS) is the administrator of a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. The System was established and provided for by R.S.11:1901 of the Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS).

The System provides retirement benefits to employees of taxing districts of a parish or any branch or section of a parish within the state which does not have its own retirement system and which elects to become members of the System.

The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and separate benefit provisions. The District's employees are members of Plan A.

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes.

Eligibility Requirements

All permanent parish government employees (except those employed by Orleans, Lafourche, and East Baton Rouge Parishes) who work at least 28 hours a week shall become members on the date of employment. New employees meeting the age and Social Security criteria have up to 90 days from the date of hire to elect to participate.

As of January 1997, elected officials, except coroners, justices of the peace, and parish presidents may no longer join the System.

Retirement Benefits

Any member of Plan A can retire providing he/she meet one of the following criteria:

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2007:

- 1. Any age with thirty (30) or more years of creditable service.
- 2. Age 55 with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service.
- 3. Age 60 with a minimum often (10) years of creditable service.
- 4. Age 65 with a minimum of seven (7) years of creditable service.

For employees hired after January 1, 2007:

- 1. Age 55 with 30 years of service
- 2. Age 62 with 10 years of service
- 3. Age 67 with 7 years of service

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(8) PENSION PLAN/GASB 68 (CONTINUED)

Retirement Benefits (continued)

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to 3% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

Survivor Benefits

Upon the death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service who is not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and minor children as outlined in the statutes.

Any member of Plan A, who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic Option 2 benefit as outlined in the statutes.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan

Act 338 of 1990 established the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for the System. DROP is an option for that member who is eligible for normal retirement.

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, any member of Plan A who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in DROP in which they are enrolled for three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in in the DROP Fund or roll over the fund to an Individual Retirement Account.

Interest is accrued on the DROP benefits for the period between the end of DROP participation and the member's retirement date.

For individuals who become eligible to participate in the DROP on or after January 1, 2004, all amounts which remain credited to the individual's subaccount after termination in the plan will be placed in liquid asset money market investments at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. These subaccounts may be credited with interest based on money market rates of return or, at the option of the System, the funds may be credited to self-directed subaccounts. The participant in the self-directed portion of this plan must agree that the benefits payable to the participant are not the obligations of the State or the System, and that any returns and other rights of the plan are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made.

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(8) PENSION PLAN/GASB 68 (CONTINUED)

Disability Benefits

For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if they were hired prior to January 1, 2007 and has at least five years of creditable service or if hired after January 1, 2007, has seven years of creditable service, and is not eligible for normal retirement and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of an amount equal to 3% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of service, not to be less than 15, or three percent multiplied by years of service assuming continued service to age 60 for those members who are enrolled prior to January 1, 2007 and to age 62 for those members who are enrolled January 1, 2007 and later.

Cost of Living Increases

The Board is authorized to provide a cost-of-living allowance for those retirees who retired prior to July 1973. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements.

In addition, the Board may provide an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are over age 65 equal to 2% of the member's benefit paid on October 1, 1977, (or the member's retirement date, if later). Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older (RS 11:1937). Lastly, Act 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide an annual 2.5% cost of living adjustment commencing at age 55.

Employer Contributions

According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 10.38% of member's compensation for Plan A. However, the actual rate for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 was 12.25% for Plan A. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the District contributed 12.2% of member wages.

According to state statute, the System also receives one-fourth of one percent of ad valorem taxes collected within respective parishes, except for Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes. The System also receives revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. Tax monies and revenue sharing monies are apportioned between Plan A and Plan B in proportion to the member's compensation. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities.

Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue in the amount of \$28,860, and excluded from pension expense for the year ended December 31, 2022.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2022

(8) PENSION PLAN/GASB 68 (CONTINUED)

Employer Allocations

The schedule of employer allocations reports the required projected employer contributions, in addition to the employer allocation percentage. The required projected employer contributions are used to determine the proportionate relationship of each employer to all employers of the System. The employer's proportion was determined on a basis that is consistent with the manner in which contributions to the pension plan are determined. The allocation percentages were used in calculating each employer's proportionate share of pension amounts.

The allocation method used in determining each employer's proportion was based on the employer's contributions to the plan during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to the total of all employers' contributions received by the plan during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The net pension liability (asset) was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability (asset) as of December 31, 2021 is as follows:

Valuation Date: December 31, 2021

Actuarial Cost Method: Plan A - Entry Age Normal

Investment Rate of Return: 6.40%, net investment expense, including

inflation

Remaining Service Lives: 4 years

Projected Salary Increases: Plan A – 4.75% (2.45% Merit/2.30% Inflation)

Cost of Living

Adjustments: The present value of future retirement benefits

is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increase not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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(8) PENSION PLAN/GASB 68 (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Mortality: For annuitants and beneficiaries, Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for

Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale.

For employees, the Pub-2010 Public

Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and

125% for females using MP2018 scale.

For disabled annuitants, Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018

scale.

Inflation rate: 4 years

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.40% for Plan A. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contributions rates and contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the capital asset pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up) and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.10% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.00% for the year ended December 31, 2021.

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(8) PENSION PLAN/GASB 68 (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

Target	Long-Term Expected	
Asset	Portfolio Real Rate	
Allocation	of Return	
33%	0.85%	
51%	3.23%	
14%	0.71%	
2%	0.11%	
100%	4.90%	
	2.10%	
Expected arithmetic nominal return		
	Asset Allocation 33% 51% 14% 2%	

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The data was assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. As a result of this study, mortality for employees was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale. In addition, mortality for annuitants and beneficiaries was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement plans Mortality Table for Healthy Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale. For Disabled annuitants mortality was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale.

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(8) PENSION PLAN/GASB 68 (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the participating employers as of December 31, 2021 calculated using the discount rate of 6.40%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.40%) or one percentage point higher (7.40%) than the current rate:

	1.00% Dec		ent Discount	1.00% Increase
	(5.40%) Ra	ite (6.40%)	(7.40%)
Employer's proportionate				
share of the net pension				
liability (asset)	\$ 2	232,068 \$	(1,301,700)	\$ (2,586,512)

Changes in Net Pension Liability (Asset)

The changes in the net pension liability (asset) for the year ended December 31, 2021, were recognized in the current reporting period except as follows:

<u>Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience</u>

Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the total pension liability were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. The difference between expected and actual resulted in \$78,647 of deferred outflow of resources and \$94,343 of deferred inflow of resources.

Net Differences Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings

Differences between projected an actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five-year period. The difference between projected actual investment earnings resulted in a deferred inflow of resources in the amount of \$1,125,938.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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(8) PENSION PLAN/GASB 68 (CONTINUED)

Change in Net Pension Liability (Asset) (continued)

Changes in Assumptions

The changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. The changes in assumptions resulted in deferred outflow of resources in the amount of \$67,886.

Change in Proportion

Changes in the employer's proportionate shares of the collective net pension liability (asset) and collected deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date were recognized in employer's pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan. The change in proportion resulted in \$5,756 of deferred outflow of resources and \$6,675 of deferred inflow of resources.

<u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and</u> Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2022, the District reported an asset of \$9,346 for its proportionate share of the net pension asset. The net pension asset was measured as of December 31, 2021, and the total pension asset used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension asset was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2021, the District's proportion was 0.276344%.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the District recognized pension expense of \$211,572.

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(8) PENSION PLAN/GASB 68 (CONTINUED)

<u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and</u> <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)</u>

At December 31, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred		Deferred
		flows	Inflows
	<u>of Re</u>	sources	of Resources
Differences between expected			
and actual experiences	\$	78,647	\$ 94,343
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan			
investments		-	1,125,938
Changes of assumptions		67,886	-
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of			
contributions		5,756	6,675
Employer contributions subsequent			
to the measurement date		221,304	_
	<u>\$</u>	373,593	\$ 1,226,956

Deferred outflows of resources of \$221,304 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability (asset) in the next fiscal year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Amount		
2022	\$ (208,756)		
2023	(445,563)		
2024	(297,332)		
2025	(120,686)		
Total	\$(1,072,337)		

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2022

(8) PENSION PLAN/GASB 68 (CONTINUED)

<u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)</u>

Contributions - Proportionate Share

Differences between contributions remitted to the System and the employer's proportionate share are recognized in pension expense/(benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan. The resulting deferred inflow/outflow and amortization is not reflected in the schedule of employer amounts due to differences that could arise between contributions reported by the System and contributions reported by the participating employer.

(9) **GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS**

The District provides certain continuing group health, dental and life insurance benefits for its full-time employees. It pays 100% of the health insurance premiums for its employees, their spouses and dependents. The District also pays ½ the cost of the cost of its employees dental and life insurance premiums. The District's portion of the cost is recognized as an expenditure when paid. The District's total cost of providing these benefits for its eligible employees for the current year was \$675,056.

The District does not pay for any post-employment healthcare benefits, and no liability or expense should be recorded in the financial statements in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other than Pensions*.

(10) **DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

Certain employees of the District participate in the District's deferred compensation plan adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457 by making employee contributions into their individual participant accounts for each payroll.

The District does not participate in the plan in any other way except to act as a payroll agent by withholding the proper amount of employee contributions, previously decided on by each participating employee, and then remitting that amount to the plan's administrator for investing. The District does not make any employer contributions to the plan.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2022

(11) RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of general and auto liability and workers' compensation. The District carries commercial insurance in amounts sufficient to insure itself against claims resulting from any of those risks.

(12) <u>NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS</u>

The GASB issued Statement No. 96, "Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements". The Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements for government end users. The Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The District plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

REQ	UIRED SUPPLI	EMENTARY II	NFORMATIC	ON (PART II)	

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund							
		Original Budgeted Amounts		Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
RECEIPTS:								
Ad valorem taxes (net) Intergovernmental revenue -	\$	8,290,732	\$	8,290,732	\$	7,351,775	S	(938,957)
state revenue sharing		-		-		153,993		153,993
Interest earnings		50,000		50,000		368,786		318,786
Other income		12,240		12,240		235,204		222,964
Total receipts	_	8,352,972	_	8,352,972		8,109,758		(243,214)
DISBURSEMENTS:								
Salaries		2,860,509		2,860,509		2,651,269		209,240
Employee benefits		1,009,493		1,009,493		966,653		42,840
Contracted services		430,498		430,498		282,207		148,291
Chemicals and insecticides		1,455,908		1,455,908		1,441,757		14,151
Fuel, oil and grease		168,500		168,500		156,404		12,096
Equipment rental		81,200		81,200		80,827		373
Insurance		823,245		823,245		815,748		7,497
Lease		4,800		4,800		810		3,990
Office supplies		5,535		5,535		8,373		(2,838)
Professional dues		47,200		47,200		50,680		(3,480)
Publications		17,050		17,050		4,154		12,896
Repairs and maintenance		100,400		100,400		36,718		63,682
Safety		5,100		5,100		1,751		3,349
Software		75,798		75,798		59,594		16,204
Subscriptions		38,980		38,980		22,944		16,036
Supplies		283,900		283,900		182,978		100,922
Training		62,560		62,560		36,265		26,295
Travel		41,250		41,250		19,572		21,678
Utilities		52,000		52,000		57,688		(5,688)
Capital outlay - equipment								
and building improvements		3,045,850		7,083,754		5,381,762		1,701,992
Ad valorem taxes deductions for								
retirement	_							
Total disbursements	_	10,609,776		14,647,680		12,258,154		2,389,526
Excess of receipts over								
disbursements	_	(2,256,804)		(6,294,708)		(4,148,396)		2,146,312
Fund balance - beginning		30,134,782		30,134,782		30,134,782		
Fund balance - ending	<u>s</u>	27,877,978	\$	23,840,074	<u>\$</u>	25,986,386	\$	2,146,312

SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022*

Year Ended Dec 31.	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	<u>pro</u> sha	Employer pportionate re of the Net Pension bility (Asset)	_	Employer's ered Employee Pavroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a % of its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total Pension Liability
2016	0.283389%	S	745,961	\$	1,375,241	54.24%	92.23%
2017	0.258847%	\$	533,099	\$	1,839,600	28.98%	94.15%
2018	0.267878%	\$	(198,832)	\$	1,484,659	-13.39%	101.98%
2019	0.267090%	\$	1,185,437	\$	1,637,688	72.38%	88.86%
2020	0.279896%	\$	13,176	\$	1,809,724	0.73%	99.89%
2021	0.274920%	\$	482,048	\$	1,850,630	26.05%	104.00%
2022	0.276344%	\$	1,301,700	\$	1,924,383	67.64%	104.00%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

^{*}The amounts presented for each year were determined as of the fiscal year end of the plan that occurred on December 31, 2021.

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Year Ended Dec. 31	R	ontractual Required ntribution	in R Co R	ntributions Relations to Intractual Required Intribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	-	Employer Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as % of Covered Employee Payroll
2016	\$	247,089	\$	247,089	-	\$	1,839,600	13.4%
2017	\$	206,104	\$	206,104	-	\$	1,484,659	13.9%
2018	\$	189,231	\$	189,231	-	\$	1,637,688	11.6%
2019	\$	204,396	\$	204,396	-	\$	1,774,721	11.5%
2020	\$	221,691	\$	221,691	-	\$	1,809,724	12.2%
2021	\$	226,702	\$	226,702	-	\$	1,850,630	12.2%
2022	\$	221,304	\$	221,304	-	\$	1,924,383	11.5%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 2022

(1) PENSION PLAN SCHEDULES

Change of Benefit Terms

There were no changes of benefit terms during any of the years presented.

Changes of Assumptions

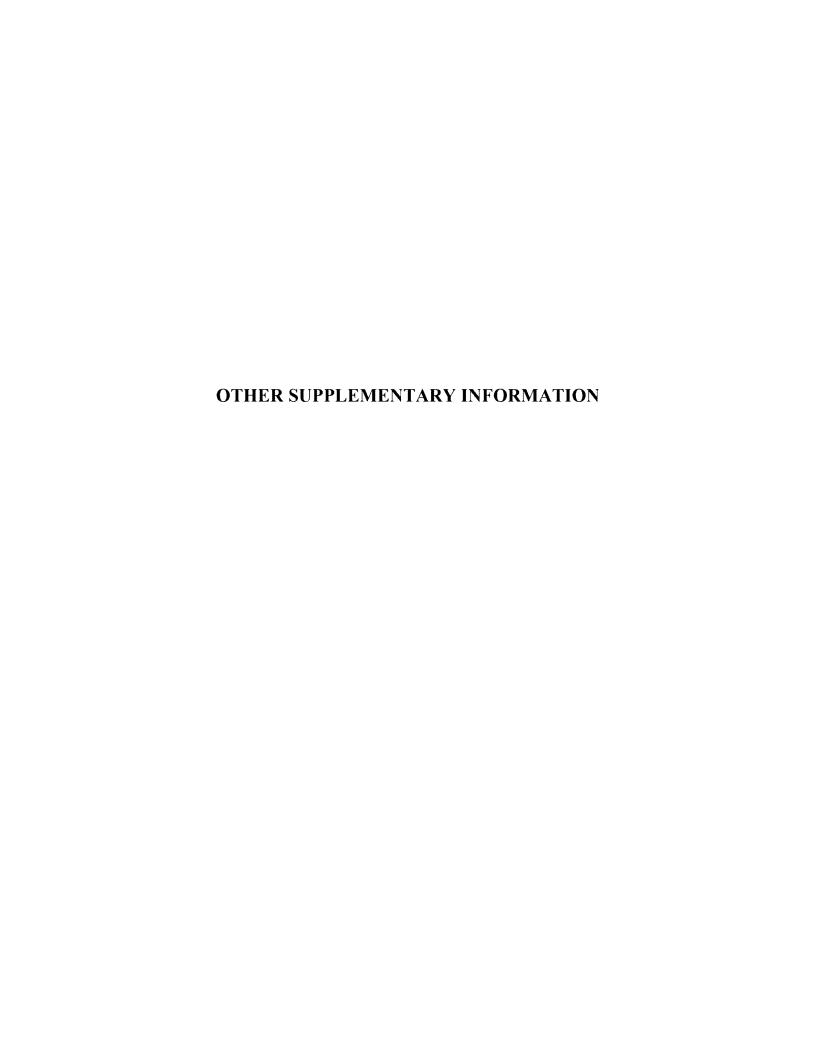
For the year ended December 31, 2022 (measurement date of December 31, 2021), the System increased its inflation rate assumption from 2.00% to 2.10% annually.

For the year ended December 31, 2021 (measurement date of December 31, 2020), the Parochial Employers Retirement System of Louisiana (the system) lowered its assumption for the real investment rate of return from 6.5% in 2019 to 6.4% in 2020.

There were no changes of assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2020 (measurement date of December 31, 2019).

Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the plan kept its assumption for the investment rate of return at 6.50%.



SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Kevin Caillouet, Director		
Gross salary	\$	153,756	
Dues - AMCA		175	
Benefits - insurance		27,320	
Benefits - retirement		17,682	
Cell phone allowance		660	
Car allowance		6,000	
Meals - board meetings		333	
Uniform		45	
Per diem		226	
Registration		660	
Travel		511	
Total compensation, benefits, and other payments	\$	207,368	

OTHER REPORT REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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 Commissioners St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District Slidell, Louisiana

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 St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2023.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement 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 District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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



To the Board of Commissioners St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District June 29, 2023

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District's financial statements are free from 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

June 29, 2023

Mandeville, Louisiana

Guikson Keintel, LEP Certified Public Accountants

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

- 1. The independent auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District.
- 2. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relating to the audit of the financial statements were reported in the 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*.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District were reported in the 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*.
- 4. No management letter was issued for the year ended December 31, 2022.

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

There were no findings related to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

There were no findings related to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT SLIDELL, LOUISIANA AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022





INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Commissioners St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District Slidell, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District's (the District's) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

Our procedures and associated findings are detailed in Schedule "1".

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

June 29, 2023 Mandeville, Louisiana

Certified Public Accountants

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STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 1) <u>Procedure:</u> Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
 - e) *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
 - f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
 - g) *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
 - h) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
 - i) *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
 - j) *Debt Service*, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

- k) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- 1) **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

BOARD OR FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 2) <u>Procedure</u>: Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.
 - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
 - d)Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)
JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

BANK RECONCILIATIONS

- 3) **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain, and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

COLLECTIONS (EXCLUDING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS)

- 4) **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5):
- 5) <u>Procedure:</u> For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)
JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

COLLECTIONS (EXCLUDING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER) (CONTINUED)

- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- 6) **Procedure**: Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- 7) Procedure: Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3 (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

NON-PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD PURCHASES, TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS, AND PETTY CASH PURCHASES)

8) **Procedure**: Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5):

STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)
JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

NON-PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD PURCHASES, TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS, AND PETTY CASH PURCHASES) (CONTINUED)

- 9) **Procedure**: For each location selected under procedure #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
 - e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
- 10) **Procedure**: For each location selected under procedure #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:
 - a) Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #9 above, as applicable
- 11) <u>Procedure</u>: Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)
JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

CREDIT CARDS/DEBIT CARDS/FUEL CARDS/PURCHASE CARDS (CARDS)

- 12) **Procedure:** Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- 13) **Procedure:** Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- 14) **Procedure:** Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #13 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

TRAVEL AND TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD TRANSACTIONS)

- 15) **Procedure:** Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).

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- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
- c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1g; and
- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

CONTRACTS

- 16) **Procedure:** Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
 - b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
 - d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL

17) **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

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PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

- 18) **Procedure:** Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials:
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- 19) Procedure: Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- 20) **Procedure:** Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

ETHICS

- 21) **Procedure:** Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17 obtain ethics documentation from management, and
 - a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
 - c) Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

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DEBT SERVICE

- 22) **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- 23) **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

<u>Results:</u> Not applicable. The entity does not issue debt during the fiscal period or have any outstanding debt.

<u>FRAUD</u>

- 24) **Procedure:** Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- 25) **Procedure:** Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/DISASTER RECOVERY/ BUSINESS CONTINUITY

- 26) **Procedure:** Perform the following procedures:
 - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

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<u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/DISASTER RECOVERY/ BUSINESS CONTINUITY</u> (CONTINUED)

- c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- d) Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Results: We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- 27) **Procedure:** Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- 28) **Procedure:** Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- 29) <u>Procedure:</u> Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures.