

**EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT**  
**Columbia, Louisiana**

**Annual Financial Statements**

**As of and for the Year Ended**  
**December 31, 2017**

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**Accountant's Compilation Report**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT  
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Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of East Columbia Sewerage District, a component unit of Caldwell Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

**Supplementary Information**

The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head and board of commissioners is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. The information was subject to my compilation engagement, but I have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information, and, accordingly, do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

**Required Supplementary Information**

Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. The Management's Discussion and Analysis, 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.

/s Carleen Dumas  
Calhoun, Louisiana  
March 12, 2018

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## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT  
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
December 31, 2017

**ASSETS**

## Current assets:

Cash	\$20,726
Accounts receivable	3,120
Total current assets	23,846
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	177,174
Total assets	201,020

**LIABILITIES**

## Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	1,855
Payroll taxes payable	495
Customer deposits	13,227
Total liabilities	15,577

**NET POSITION**

Net investment in capital assets	\$177,174
Unrestricted	8,269
Total net position	\$185,443

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Service fees	<u>\$40,217</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Board members per diem	2,925
Labor	70
Materials and supplies	1,654
Dues and fees	1,354
Office expense	1,115
Lab analysis	480
Utilities	2,501
Insurance	7,077
Salaries	15,300
Payroll taxes	1,029
Travel	<u>175</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>33,680</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	6,537
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES</b> - loan principal forgiveness	<u>158,924</u>
<b>INCREASE IN NET POSITION</b>	165,461
<b>NET POSITION - BEGINNING</b>	<u>19,982</u>
<b>NET POSITION - ENDING</b>	<u><u>\$185,443</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Receipts from customers	\$40,157
Payments to suppliers	(15,953)
Payments to employees and board members	<u>(18,225)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,979
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Construction of capital assets	(158,924)
Loan principal forgiveness	<u>158,924</u>
Net cash provided by capital financing activities	<u>NONE</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH</b>	<u>5,979</u>
<b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>14,747</u>
<b>CASH AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$20,726</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash     Provided by Operating Activities</b>	
Operating income	<u>\$6,537</u>
Adjustments:	
Increase in accounts receivable	(60)
Decrease in accounts payable	(650)
Increase in payroll taxes payable	<u>152</u>
Total adjustments	<u>(558)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$5,979</u></u>

See accountant's compilation report and accompanying notes.

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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## INTRODUCTION

East Columbia Sewerage District was created by the Caldwell Parish Police Jury, on May 3, 1976, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3881. The district is governed by a five member board appointed by the police jury. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3887, East Columbia Sewerage District commissioners receive \$50 per meeting attended. The district is responsible for maintaining and operating a sewerage collection and disposal system within the boundaries of the district. The district has approximately 114 customers and two part-time employees.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, and No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*, establish criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of these Statements, the East Columbia Sewerage District is considered a component unit of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements maybe included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as a discrete component unit.

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Financial Statements

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, provides that special-purpose governments engaged only in business-type activities should present only the financial statements required for enterprise funds. For these governments, basic financial statements and required supplemental information (RSI) consist of :

- (1) Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A)
- (2) Statement of net position
- (3) Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position
- (4) Statement of cash flows
- (5) Notes to the financial statements
- (6) RSI other than MD&A, if applicable

The East Columbia Sewerage District is a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities.

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**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and  
Financial Statement Presentation**

Enterprise fund statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the fund's principal ongoing operation. The operating revenues of the East Columbia Sewerage District are service fees. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the costs of the services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

**C. Deposits**

Cash includes amounts in a demand deposit. State law limits the district's credit risk by restricting the district's investments to collateralized certificates of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities.

**D. Receivables**

Receivables for sewer fees are generally shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. These statements contain no provision for uncollectible accounts. The district is of the opinion that such an allowance would be immaterial in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. Past due accounts are written off when they are considered uncollectible by management.

**E. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include the sewerage system, equipment, and construction in progress are reported in the enterprise fund financial statements. All of the district's capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. The East Columbia Sewerage District maintains a threshold level of \$900 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

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All capital assets, except construction in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Infrastructure - sewerage system	25 years
Equipment	10 years

All of the district's capital assets, excluding construction in progress, were fully depreciated at December 31, 2017.

**F. 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 that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures, and revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**2. DEPOSITS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

At December 31, 2017, the district has cash (book balances) as follows:

Checking account	<u>\$20,726</u>
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These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. 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 district's deposits at December 31, 2017 are secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

**3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

At December 31, 2017, the district has net receivables of \$3,120 as follows:

Service fees	\$3,120
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	<u>NONE</u>
Net receivables	<u>\$3,120</u>

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**4. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, is as follows:

	Balance at January 1, 2017	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2017
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress	\$18,250	\$158,924		\$177,174
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Sewer system	\$514,331			\$514,331
Equipment	933			933
Total capital assets being depreciated	515,264	NONE	NONE	515,264
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Sewer system	514,331			514,331
Equipment	933			933
Total accumulated depreciation	515,264	NONE	NONE	515,264
Total assets being depreciated, net	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Total capital assets	NONE	\$158,924	NONE	\$177,174

All of the district’s capital assets, except construction in progress, were fully depreciated at December 31, 2017.

**5. LOANS PAYABLE**

On October 27, 2016, the District issued Sewer Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 to fund improvements to its water treatment plant. The bonds are to be purchased entirely by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the “Department”) from its Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The terms of the purchase of the bonds by the Department provide that the bonds are non-interest bearing and the District’s obligation to repay the principal of the bonds will be forgiven simultaneously with the payment by the Department of each installment of the purchase price of the bonds, accordingly, it is anticipated that no payments of principal, interest, or administrative fees of the Department will ever be due and payable on the bonds.

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The following is a summary of loans payable transactions for the year ended December 31, 2017:

Loans payable at January 1	NONE
Additions	\$158,924
Principal forgiveness	<u>(158,924)</u>
Loans payable at December 31	<u><u>NONE</u></u>

**6. COMMITMENTS UNDER CONTRACTS**

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the District entered into an agreement for professional services with McManus Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$15,590 and a construction contract with Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc., for construction of sewer lift repairs in the amount of \$162,484, in connection with its water treatment plant improvement project. As discussed in Note 5, this project is being funded by the issuance of sewer revenue bonds that were purchased by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality from its Clean Water State Revolving Fund. At December 31, 2017, the District had incurred \$22,353 in total engineering costs under the contract with McManus, and \$146,235 in total construction costs under the contract with Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc., which are reported in the accompanying financial statements as construction in progress.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The district purchases commercial insurance to reduce the risk of loss resulting from theft or liability claims. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The district has evaluated subsequent events through March 12, 2018, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

See accountant's compilation report.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE**

See accountant's compilation report.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE  
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**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS  
AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD  
AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head and Board of Commissioners is presented in compliance with Act 706 of the 2017 Session and House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. East Columbia Sewerage District commissioners receive \$50 per meeting attended.

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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND  
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD AND  
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For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

**BOARD COMPENSATION**

Agency Head - Shelby Cruse - President	\$595
Kay Ellerbe	595
Lynette Lowery	545
Scott Gwin	595
John Wilkes	<u>595</u>
Total	<u>\$2,925</u>

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