# SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

# JANUARY 28, 2016

#### Present:

Scott Hodges, Chairperson James Ryan, Vice Chairperson Robert E. Goggin, IV, Secretary Alanna Mersinger, Commissioner Thomas Good, Commissioner Mercedes Santana-Woodall, Commissioner Kevin M. Hart, District Director Douglas R. Bell, Legal Counsel Reina Muniz, Recording Secretary General Public: See Attached List

#### Absent:

#### Vicki Minnaugh, Treasurer

# 01. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hodges called the SBDD Board Meeting to order at 8:08 A.M.; with Vice Chair Ryan, Commissioner Mersinger, Commissioner Good, Commissioner Goggin and Commissioner Santana-Woodall present; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 02. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### 03. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Goggin moved for approval of the minutes of the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, South Broward Drainage District Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Santana-Woodall and carried unanimously.

#### 04. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# A. PRESENTATION OF DRAFT SBDD FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 BY BARRY FINK, CPA

District Director Hart stated that a draft report of the SBDD Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2015 has been prepared by the District's accounting firm, Margolies, Fink and Wichrowski, Certified Public Accounts (MFW). Barry Fink, CPA, a partner with MFW, presented an overview of the draft report.

Mr. Fink commented that there were no problems this year, and that the District had another clean opinion. He said the audit went smoothly; and that it pretty much mimicked last year's financials except for the change in the numbers. There were no Management comments that he found necessary, and that it went expeditiously this year. Regarding this year's financial statement, it reflects the transfer of what was remaining in the S-9/S-10 fund; which was transferred into the general funds in the amount of \$52,974.00. Chair Hodges asked Mr. Fink

to explain the GASB statement #54. Mr. Fink said that was the GASB statement from a few years ago, where there were some verbage changes and they assigned new definitions as to the committed fund, restricted fund, assigned fund, etc.

District Director Hart indicated that the Final Report would be presented to the Board at the February Board meeting. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Fink for all his good work on the financial report; and acknowledged Susan Iratzoqui for her expertise in handling the bookkeeping for the District. He said that she makes Mr. Fink's job a lot easier and every year there are less and less issues because of her expertise and handling of the bookkeeping for the District.

#### B. RELEASE AND VACATION REQUEST OF SWMA DESIGNATION FOR RODRIGUEZ RESIDENCE; SUBJECT TO THE DEDICATION OF A NEW SWMA

District Director Hart said that the owner of the property located at 17325 SW 63<sup>RD</sup> Manor, Southwest Ranches, FL 33331 is requesting that SBDD vacate the Surface Water Management Area (SWMA) that was previously designated and recorded under OR Book 51266, Pages 906-909, Broward County Records. All properties in the SW Ranches are required to set aside 20% of their property at elevation 5.0' (or an equivalent storage area) as a SWMA.

The property owner, Jose and Janine Rodriguez, will dedicate a new SWMA over the property to comply with the 20% SWMA requirement. District Director Hart said that SBDD staff has reviewed the request and has no objections. There are no financial impacts to this Agenda Item, other than SBDD administrative costs; all other costs will be incurred by the property owner.

The request is for SBDD to vacate and release its interest in the Surface Water Management Area on the property located at 17325 SW 63<sup>RD</sup> Manor, Southwest Ranches, FL 33331. This request is subject to the dedication of a new Surface Water Management Area in accordance with SBDD Criteria.

Commissioner Goggin moved for approval for the Release and Vacation of the SWMA Designation for the Rodriguez residents located at 17325 SW 63<sup>RD</sup> Manor, Southwest Ranches, FL; subject to the dedication of a new SWMA in accordance with SBDD Criteria. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Santana-Woodall.

Commissioner Mersinger commented that she did not see any plans as to what the homeowners were proposing to construct. She asked District Director Hart if the District has any control to ensure that the homeowner does not go beyond the elevations and does not flood their neighbors. District Director Hart replied that that the first thing the District reviews for is that the homeowners have dedicated their 20% SWMA. If they have designated the 20%, the District then verifies that they do not fill the area set aside for drainage. Then the District will record the paperwork with Broward County Records. Regarding the adjacent properties and impacts; District Director Hart explained that this is looked at on a case-by-case basis (by property), because SBDD does not require berms; so it is not required by code or criteria that a separation of water be provded between properties. He said the District does encourage a unified drainage system where properties will flow to the common property line, out to a street or swale inlet, and into the District's facilities. He said that the key for drainage is that these properties have some sort of conveyance or connectivity to the District's canal

#### system.

Commissioner Mersinger asked how would the District know that the homeowner has not gone beyond the elevations from this form. District Director Hart said that staff performs reviews on properties that get filled or on vacant properties that get new homes built. If there are problems, the District works with the Town of SWR to have the property owner put up a berm so that there are no issues, although the District does not encourage that per say. The District tries to educate and make the homeowners aware of what the benefits are in having a unified or contiguous system. In some cases, it may be appropriate that there is some sort of separation so that there is no question as to whose water is staying where, or who is impacting who.

To answer Commissioner Mersinger's question, District Director Hart reiterated that the District reviews the plans, verifies that they are not filling the area and that they are providing the volume of storage that is required on their property.

The question was called and it was carried unanimously.

# C. SBDD RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01 – POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR EROSION PROTECTION AND LAKE BANK STABILIZATION AND REHABILITATION

District Director Hart presented Resolution No. 2016-01 for the Board's review and approval which will adopt proposed SBDD Policies and Guidelines for Erosion Protection and Lake Bank Stabilization and Rehabilitation. The proposed Policies and Guidelines are consistent with SBDD's current and past practices for dealing with erosion protection and lake bank stabilization/rehabilitation issues. He said that they incorporated the changes discussed and requested by the Board at the last Board meeting.

Approval of Resolution No. 2016-01 will establish SBDD Policies and Guidelines for Erosion Protection and Lake Bank Stabilization and Rehabilitation.

District Director Hart requested approval of SBDD Resolution 2016-01 – Approval and Adoption of SBDD Policies and Guidelines for Erosion Protection and Lake Bank Stabilization and Rehabilitation.

Commissioner Goggin made a motion for the Approval and Adoption of SBDD Policies and Guidelines for Erosion Protection and Lake Bank Stabilization and Rehabilitation as submitted. Commissioner Santana-Woodall seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mersinger commented that she wanted to ensure that the District is differentiating from normal erosion and emergency situations where houses are about to fall into a lake. District Director Hart opined yes, and confirmed this with Attorney Bell. Chair Hodges commented that this is covered under emergencies. Chair Hodges said that one of the things that was discussed in great detail during Wilma was the terminology "wave action", and he asked District Director if that was covered under one of the terms for "causes of erosion", or should it be added. District Director Hart replied that it can be added. Commissioner Good added that "wave action" can be caused by either natural elements or by a boat. Commissioner Mersinger asked does that not fall under "wind speed and storm frequency/wave intensity".

The question was called and it was carried unanimously.

# D. AUTHORIZATION TO RE-INVEST DISTRICT FUNDS

The following investment fund is scheduled to mature next two months:

1. Florida Community Bank CD - \$247,500 Maturity Date - 2/25/2016

On January 13, 2016, the Finance and Investment Committee met to discuss the District's options for re-investing the cash-on-hand that will be available upon the maturity of this CD. The recommendation from the Finance and Investment Committee is to re-invest these funds in a new 12-month CD.

A 12 month cash flow analysis by SBDD staff indicates that the District will have adequate cash-on-hand over the next 12 months.

District Director Hart requested approval to re-invest the monies that will become available from a maturing CD investment next month by purchasing a new 12-month CD.

Commissioner Goggin moved for approval to re-invest the monies that will become available from a maturing CD investment next month by purchasing a new 12-month CD as requested. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Ryan.

The question was called and it was carried unanimously.

#### E. CONTRACT AWARDS

**SBDD STORMWATER CULVERT SLIP-LINING PROJECT IN SWR-** District Director Hart stated that SBDD advertised for bids for the SBDD Stormwater Culvert Slip-Lining Project in Southwest Ranches. SBDD received a total of three (3) bids. The bid included a base bid for one location and an alternate bid for a second location. The bid documents allow the District the option of awarding the contract on a split basis. The bids ranged in price from of \$32,100.00 to \$75,127.00.

The lowest base bid and the lowest alternate bid for both culverts was submitted by Shenandoah General Construction Co. in the amount of \$32,100.00. SBDD has reviewed the bid submitted by Shenandoah General Construction Co. and has determined that the Contractor is qualified to perform the work and that the bid meets all requirements. Shenandoah General Construction Co. has performed work for the District in the past and the District has been satisfied with their work.

District Director Hart recommended that the District award the contract for the SBDD Stormwater Culvert Slip-Lining Project in Southwest Ranches to Shenandoah General Construction Co. in the amount of \$32,100.00 as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

This work is covered under the General Operating Budget for 2015-2016. Funding for the project will be paid from the SBDD General Operating Account.

Vice Chair Ryan moved for approval to award the contract for the SBDD Stormwater Culvert Slip-Lining Project in Southwest Ranches Project to Shenandoah General Construction Co.

in the not-to-exceed amount of \$32,100.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mersinger and it was carried unanimously.

# F. PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR EXPANSION OF SBDD MAINTENANCE BUILDING

District Director Hart presented a preliminary design and site plan for the expansion of the SBDD Maintenance Building for the Board's review and action. He noted that the proposed plan includes the following program elements:

- 2,858 square foot (sf) garage building expansion for storage and maintenance activities.
- 1,050 sf covered parking area with permanent roof structure for storage and protection of SBDD equipment.
- Expanded building depth to accommodate the parking/storage of assembled trucks and boats (on trailers) to facilitate SBDD maintenance operations and improve efficiencies.
- Expanded building height to accommodate SBDD heavy equipment for required maintenance work and emergency storage.
- Building and structural design to accommodate 180 mph wind speeds.
- Concrete roof structure.
- Hurricane resistant garage doors and windows.
- Overhead steel beam (continuous) to accommodate a pulley and lifting system for District operations and maintenance activities.
- Utility floor sink and outdoor hose bib.
- Solar panels to be placed on the roof top for alternate electrical service.
- Six (6) new parking spaces plus new striping on existing asphalt area to replace lost parking due to the new building footprint.
- New 20' x 20' enclosed dumpster pad.
- Relocation or replacement of three (3) existing shade trees.
- Relocation of existing water service line to serve both the existing garage building and expansion area.
- Improved outdoor lighting and additional camera for safety and security.
- Capability for the future expansion of the enclosed building area under the covered parking area.
- Capability to install overhead lofts for additional storage areas.

In addition, the new garage building will free up storage area in the District's existing garage buildings, which can be used for maintenance and repair work; storage of vehicles and equipment that are currently stored outdoors; storage of supplies and replacement parts for District facilities; storage of District records; and the storage of new equipment, vehicles, trailers and boats that may be purchased in the future.

It is estimated that the proposed building expansion will accommodate the needs of the District's maintenance staff and operations for the next 25 - 30 years.

District Director Hart stated that SBDD staff is recommending that the District utilize a design-build approach for the design, permitting and construction of the garage building expansion. This recommendation is based upon the relatively simplistic design elements of the building. The structural components of the building will match the District's existing

garage buildings; the civil design will be performed in-house by SBDD; and SBDD staff will perform the construction administration services during the construction.

District Director Hart said that SBDD will still need an architect. He said that with the design-build they would hire both a contractor and the architect on one RFQ. There will still be a qualification based element to it; where they will short list based on qualifications, then they will award based on criteria that will be weighted with percentages. One criteria will be cost; and the Contractor can work with the Architect so that the District can get a more cost effective price.

The preliminary project schedule is as follows:

- Approval by SBDD Board to proceed with the project Jan. 2016
- Preparation of Project Scope and Design-Build Package Feb.–Apr. 2016 (90 days)
- Bidding and Selection of Design-Build Team May June 2016 (60 days)
- Contract Award & Notice to Proceed (NTP) July 2016 (30 days)
- Design and Permitting July Nov. 2016 (120 days)
- Construction Dec. 2016 July 2017 (8 months)

The proposed garage expansion is included in the District's Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2015-2016 with an estimated cost of \$400,000.

District Director Hart requested approval to proceed with the proposed expansion of the SBDD garage area in accordance with the preliminary site plan and project approach outlined by the District Director. Upon approval by the Board, District staff will meet with representatives of the Town of SW Ranches to discuss the Town's permitting and approval process; and will begin to prepare bid documents for a design-build contract for the SBDD Garage Building Expansion Project. District Director Hart noted that the approval of the design-build documents would need be presented to the SBDD Board of Commissioners and approved by Resolution; which he hopes to bring forward in the next two months.

Vice Chair Ryan moved for approval of the preliminary design and site plan for expansion of SBDD maintenance building. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Goggin.

Joseph Certain, Sr. Operations Manager, was asked for his input on the project. He said that the building expansion is long overdue; this building was built in 1990 and SBDD has many more employees since then. Right now, the District is parking things more in the parking lot at the maintenance department area and in the vacant field, and they have just run out of space over time. Commissioner Mersinger added that they will then be able to place the grapple truck inside. Mr. Certain agreed with Commissioner Mersinger and said that if a major hurricane comes, the grapple truck will be placed inside where it will be secure. He said that it will also cut back on time; where most of the operations with trucks and boats going to herbicide treatments can be left hooked up each day, and the next morning the trucks do not have to hook and unhook; so that they can just take it on out. Mr. Certain said that at this time, they are taking up two spots where in the future it will only be one spot. It will open up 8 bays on that side. Vice Chair Ryan commented that equipment that is placed under cover would make it last much longer. Commissioner Goggin commented that he heard the plan will be adding a security camera; he asked Mr. Certain if there will be enough security cameras in the open spaces because they will be out of sight. Mr. Certain replied that right now we have three cameras and one additional camera will be placed where it will pick up the parking lot and the entry gate. Commissioner Good asked District Director Hart if the Town of SWR has any code requirements for appearances, etc. District Director Hart replied yes they do. He said that he has had a preliminary discussion with the Town and he was told that the expansion does not have to go through a site plan approval; and that he just needs to go to the zoning officer and internal review to make sure that the District is in compliance. He said that before he brings this back to the Board, he will have a formal meeting with the Town to make sure that whatever sign-off, stamps and approvals are needed by the Town are done. Vice Chair Ryan asked if they will waive the fee on the permit. District Director Hart said he doubts it because they have to contract outside for their building services. Chair Hodges added they have to pay their outside people.

Attorney Bell said that notwithstanding that District Director Hart is going to the Town of SWR, the SBDD Charter specifically exempts the District from having to need any permits from any cities or anyone else basically. He said that issue has come up with the City of Pembroke Pines and Miramar in the past and, when all was said and done, they acknowledged that the District was not required to pull a permit; but the District has always gone and provided them with the proposed plans so that they have an opportunity to review them. Chair Hodges said that the District should still meet code and be in compliance. He asked if the District still needs to go through Broward County and if there will be traffic impact fees. District Director Hart replied that he does not think so, because SBDD is not adding any parking. He said that these are the things that the District will be researching within the next couple of months. He said the District will make sure that whatever fees are required are dealt with, and that SBDD would typically need to obtain a stamp from the County. Commissioner Good commented that he does not know that the District is truly exempt because when you are talking about land development codes, you are not exempt. He gave the FBI Building as an example and said they were not exempt. He said they had to conform to certain requirements with the land development code. Chair Hodges recommended that the District follow the rules.

Commissioner Good had concerns on the method of delivery because he felt that what was said is a bit counter to what he is exposed to. He said that the design-build process is a delivery method that is popular, but it is more popular in very complicated projects, not simple projects; and the reason why, is that when doing a design-build you are basically passing risk to the design-builder; and when you are passing risk, you would do it when it is a complicated project, (you don't understand it or you don't want to risk some of the changes that may come about), you will place that responsibility to the design-builder, etc.; but as was said, this is a very straight forward project, and typically straight forward projects are through a design-build delivery. He said that what design-build does, is allow the owner to have more flexibility as that process goes along. He said that when the District Director recommends design-build for this projects he is surprised. He asked if the District Director can present a comparison of what design-build vs design-build cost would be for this project.

He also wanted to discuss the Request for Qualification (RFQ) process vs Request for a Letter of Interest. He said that he would offer District Director Hart a consideration that he may be able to eliminate the RFQ process altogether; if he were willing to access other governmental agency's library of services for these type of services; because he would be reduced to an RLI, where he would access that library for the services that are needed. He would tell them what the District is interested in, and choose whoever they want; then SBDD

would negotiate their price; at least for the design. He said that you would get that action much quicker, rather than going through the RFQ process. He said there may be an opportunity to short circuit that.

Commissioner Good said if the District is doing this through a design-build, that he will be in a different place, because as he mentioned, it is totally counter to what he is exposed to.

District Director Hart said that they will review and evaluate Commissioner Good's consideration. He reminded the Board that this is just an initial recommendation and is subject to change. He said there is definitely an advantage to design-bid-build. Chair Hodges commented that he is familiar with the design-build process; and noted there are reasons for government agencies to consider this approach. One is that you can expedite the process if you go through design-build. He said it is a fairly fluid process that the District can be heavily involved with. Commissioner Good commented that he is not disagreeing, but when it comes to cost effectiveness, that is when he has issues.

Commissioner Mersinger asked if while the District is doing this, will there be any amenities for the workers out back. District Director Hart replied that although it is not on the plans, the District does want to make improvements to the existing building. Commissioner Mersinger said she would like to see multiple discussions on this.

Commissioner Santana-Woodall commented that she likes that the staff has had input on how they want the building to function. She said that the functionality is very important when they have a building like that. Chair Hodges said that he has had a few meetings with the District Director and the staff, and he is impressed up to this point, about the level of input the District Director has coordinated through staff.

Mr. Certain commented that when they began discussing this project, staff evaluated the area and discussed what they wanted and did not want; and went through every stage of how it will be built and how it will operate. District Director Hart has had them involved in each step of it to see if it met with the majority of the workers.

The question was called and it was carried unanimously.

#### G. OTHER

- Water Matters Day District Director Hart said that Water Matters Day will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Tree Tops Park. He said it's an annual event and every year they break the record for attendance. He said the District has been a supporter of this since its inception, and they will have a table and a tent where they will be sharing information about the District and hand some brochures. It is primarily geared towards the school kids where they get extra credit through their school, and they also have a plant giveaway program for families.
- FASD Legislative Meeting This week District Director Hart was in Tallahassee where he attended the FASD Legislative Agenda Meeting. He said it was very enlightening. He heard all about the upcoming legislative session and agenda. He said the one bill that has been standing out this year and had everyone concerned is the Special District's Website bill; where they are updating what Special Districts should have on their web page available to the public. He said the bill focuses on Special Districts and is not

government-wide. He said that most people feel that this is geared towards vendors who are trying to contract with Special Districts. It is very unlikely that there will be any more committee hearings under this current session; and that bill will not move forward and die. The FASD Board also approved, if required, funding for additional lobbying from outside to really fight this bill. He thinks they are getting the message out, that this is a vendor driven bill.

District Director Evaluation - District Director Hart expressed his gratitude to the Board members for their input on his evaluation.

#### 05. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Bell said that on Senate Bill 516, as indicated by District Director Hart, that it looked like it may be dead; he received feedback that it has been slowed down and that there was nothing scheduled this week, but there are many requests for exemptions to the bill. He said that Tindle Hammock has been trying to get an exemption so that it would not apply to District's less than 1000 acres. They are being inundated with these requests for amendments. He doesn't know that it is totally 100% dead.

Attorney Bell also commented on Senate Bill 416 and said that this bill has to do with utilities; and if they are doing work in rights-of-ways or easements that are dedicated by a plat. He said that right now there are approximately 8 or 9 exemptions for utilities; but if the utility is there lawfully, then they may not be required to pay for those expenses. He said that he thinks that bill is pretty much dead. Nothing has been done since the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month. Attorney Bell commented that there is one committee in the house and one in the senate.

Commissioner Good commented that drainage is considered a utility; and what it typically means is that if something is within the right-of-way then there is no need for that to happen; the problem is that typically there are easements that follow along right-of-way; and that he would assume that there are drainage easements that fall under this circumstance; and if there is a need to move the utility for some kind of project, would that be a requirement for the District to do as well. Attorney Bell replied possibly.

Attorney Bell said that if there is going to be another easement that crosses or coincides with the District's easement, that the District has priority. He said that if there is a contractual requirement, that it would trump this bill. He said he thinks the District is covered under 95% of the situations that may arise, and that the District would require someone else to pay for those expenses.

He thinks the District is pretty well covered on everything that needs to be done, even more than what is required.

#### 06. APPROVAL OF LEGAL FEES

Commissioner Goggin moved for approval of the legal bills. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Santana-Woodall and it was carried unanimously.

#### 07. BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mersinger stated that she will be going up to Tallahassee next month and she has been in touch with Fred Crawford from the Florida Association of Special Districts. He sent her the memo and is sending her talking points for when she goes up there. She said that now there is a Companion Bill to 416 that was introduced, that was not there before, and it doesn't seem to be going to a whole lot of Committees. She also commented that the Chamber is having a contest called the Biggest Loser, where they can put up a team to participate and lose weight and she thought it would be a fun thing to do. She said it's for a good cause. Chair Hodges said they look forward to hearing her report.

Chair Hodges was very happy to report that out the 7 reports received on the District Director's annual performance review, they had six -4.0 and one -3.5. He said that the Director is doing very well. He reviewed each of the comments made with the Director and will work on those this year. He thanked Kevin for doing an excellent job last year and looks forward to this year.

# **08. MEETING DATE(S)**

# A. The Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment at 9:18 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Goggin IV, Secretary South Broward Drainage District

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# \*\*\*\*MEMORANDUM\*\*\*\*

| DATE:    | February 18, 2016                             |
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| TO:      | South Broward Drainage District Commissioners |
| FROM:    | Kevin M. Hart, P.E.<br>District Director      |
| Subject: | SBDD Annual Financial Statements – Final Copy |

Comments:

The final report of the SBDD Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2015 has been prepared by the District's accounting firm, Margolies, Fink and Wichrowski, Certified Public Accounts (MFW). Barry Fink, CPA, a partner with MFW will be in attendance at the February Board meeting to present the final report and to answer any questions.

A copy of the final report is attached.

KH Attachment

# SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2015

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# **INTRODUCTORY SECTION**

#### SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT

#### **Board of Commissioners**

September 30, 2015

Scott Hodges

# Chairperson

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Mercedes B. Santana-Woodall

Alanna Mersinger

Vice Chairperson

Secretary

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Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

#### **Counsel to the District**

Douglas R. Bell Bell & Bell Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

#### **District Director**

Kevin M. Hart, P.E.

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# FINANCIAL SECTION

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, South Broward Drainage District:

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of South Broward Drainage District ("the District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the South Broward Drainage District, as of September 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5–9 and 32–34 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures to express an opinion or provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the South Broward Drainage District's basic financial statements. The introductory section and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 11, 2015, on our consideration of the South Broward Drainage 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 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 South Broward Drainage District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

January 11, 2016

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

The management of South Broward Drainage District ("District") would like to provide readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2015. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented in this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements, which are contained herein and commence on page 10.

The South Broward Drainage District exists pursuant to the provisions of Ch. 12049, a special act of the Florida legislature. The District was originally created in 1927; and today, the single purpose District manages approximately 46,400 acres (72.5 square miles) in southwest Broward County, Florida and serves a population of approximately 255,000 residents. The District, a special taxing district, has powers primarily in the areas of stormwater management and flood control. Their powers include rights to borrow money and issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, assess and impose upon all the lands in the District annual drainage, administrative, operation and maintenance taxes, and the District has the ability to install and foreclose special assessment liens.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the end of the fiscal year by \$21,350,086. Pursuant to the GASB Statement No. 54 presentation requirements, \$733,545 of this amount may be used to meet the District's ongoing operations and \$5,537,243 has been committed for specific purposes.
- The District's total net position decreased by \$(4,586), or (.02)% in 2015.
- The total assets of the District amounted to \$22,107,767 as of September 30, 2015. Of this amount, \$15,079,298 represented the net investment in capital assets. The total liabilities amounted to \$757,681.
- The District's total general revenues (on an accrual basis) were \$3,310,900 for the year ended September 30, 2015.
- The total expenses for all of the District's activities were \$3,315,486 for the year ended September 30, 2015.
- As of September 30, 2015, the District has a total of \$6,270,788 of unrestricted net position, of which \$5,537,243 has been committed for specific purposes; \$153,885 has been appropriated during the preparation of the fiscal year 2015 budget, leaving a remaining balance of \$579,660 as unassigned funds.

#### **DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Completed the following improvements under the District's 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) during the 2014/2015 fiscal year:
  - Installed a by-pass culvert and a manually operated sluice gate at the S-1 pump station.
  - Installed motors and telemetry for the two existing sluice gates at the S-3 pump station.
  - Installed a motor and telemetry for the existing sluice gate at the basin inter-connect between Basins S-9/S-10 and Basin S-5 (Silver Lakes inter-connect).
  - Converted two drainage pumps from oil cooled to water cooled pumps at the S-4/S-5 pump station.

- Rebuilt two gear drives at the S-4/S-5 pump station.
- Rebuilt two Caterpillar motors; one at the S-1 pump station and the second at the S-7 pump station.
- Purchased a new gear drive for the S-1 pump station.
- Constructed drainage improvements for SW 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Participated in a cost sharing project with the Town of Southwest Ranches for drainage improvements and a new boat ramp off of Dykes Road.
- Began planning for the expansion of the garage area in the SBDD maintenance yard.
- Prepared bid documents for the upgrades to the control panels at the S-4/S-5 pump station.
- Excavated secondary canals in the S-8 drainage basin.
- Completed the following improvements as part of the District's annual maintenance, repairs, replacement and upgrades work during the 2014/2015 fiscal year:
  - Installed a new concrete roof at the S-3 pump station.
  - Installed new mufflers and a new exhaust system at the S-3 pump station.
  - Installed new drive shafts at the S-2 pump station.
  - Installed revetment erosion protection at three locations (one location each in the Basin S-2, Basin S-3 and Basin S-7).
  - Rebuilt the coolant piping for one engine at the S-7 pump station.
  - Upgraded the District's UHF radio antenna and communications system.
  - Installed a new concrete pad for improved access at the S-3 pump station.
  - Purchased 2 spare clutches for emergency repairs, if needed.
  - Constructed an inter-connecting swale from Landmark Ranch Estates to West Broward Estates (SW 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue Canal).
  - Installed two culvert slip liners (Cured-in-Place Pipe) for both sluice gate culverts at the S-3 pump station.
  - Installed new safety railing at the S-1 fuel tank.
  - Purchased a new air compressor for the maintenance area.
  - Purchased one new outboard motor.
  - Replaced one new spray rig unit for SBDD's aquatic maintenance boats.
  - Purchased a new boat and outboard motor and outfitted the new boat with a new pellet spray unit and front steer system.
  - Installed a new ladder and safety cage at the S-3 pump station for access to the new roof.
  - Purchased a new third lung (air compressor, hoses and masks) with reserve emergency air to replace outdated unit.
  - Installed safety chains along the canal at miscellaneous pump stations.
  - Installed a hydraulic fluid cooler for the grapple truck.
  - Participated in a cost sharing project with the Town of Southwest Ranches for drainage improvements on SW 210<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
  - o Purchased a new cargo van for the maintenance of miscellaneous District facilities.
  - Completed boat ramp improvements at miscellaneous locations throughout the District.
  - Performed miscellaneous tree removal and trimming.
  - Performed miscellaneous culvert inspections, culvert cleaning, and swale improvements.
  - Updated the District's Criteria Manual
- Participated in miscellaneous outreach efforts.

#### **USING THE ANNUAL REPORT**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to South Broward Drainage District's basic financial statements. The District's annual report consists of four sections: 1) Introductory Section, 2) Financial Section, 3) Other Reports Section, and 4) Management Letter Section. The basic financial statements themselves consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

#### Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide statements report information as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector business. One very important question asked about the District's finances is "Is the District as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the District as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the four reported as net position. Over time, an increase or decrease in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating. However, other factors should be considered, such as the physical condition of the District's capital assets (buildings, stormwater pump stations, canals, etc.) to assess the overall well being of the District.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Therefore, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for particular items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10 and 11.

#### Fund financial statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate legal compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District's funds can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds. These two kinds of funds use different accounting approaches.

The District's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a short-term view of the District's operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

The District outlines the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and the basic governmental fund statements in a reconciliation schedule supporting the Fund Financial Statements.

During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, the District maintained two individual governmental funds: one General and one Capital project fund (the Capital Projects S-9/10 fund was closed during the fiscal year). In addition, the District may establish other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting its legal and fiduciary responsibilities. The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the District as a whole. Accordingly, two major funds are reported individually in the governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

#### Notes to the financial statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found beginning on page 16 of this report.

#### **Other information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information. The District also references the employment contract with the District Director who serves at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners.

#### THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of South Broward Drainage District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$21,350,086 at the close of the most recent year. The largest portion of the District's net position (71%) reflects its net investment in capital assets (land, buildings, canals, machinery and equipment). The District uses capital assets to provide services to citizens; accordingly, these assets are not available for future spending.

An additional portion of the District's net position (26%) represents resources that have been committed as to how they may be used. These resources can be used only for their intended designation. The remaining unrestricted net position (\$733,545) may be used to meet ongoing operations.

The District adopted the fiscal year 2014-2015 Budget on September 15, 2014. On August 27, 2015 the Board approved certain line item reclassifications to the original budget. Total general fund expenditures budgeted for the year ended September 30, 2015 were \$3,502,074. Total actual general fund expenditures were \$3,234,169, and the District achieved a favorable budget variance for the year ended September 30, 2015 of \$395,134, as reflected on page 34 of the financial statements.

#### **Contacting the District's financial management**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact the District Director, Kevin Hart, at 6591 Southwest 160 Avenue, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33331.

# **COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

District's Net Position As of September 30,

|                                  | <u>2015</u>          | <u>2014</u>          |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Current and other assets         | \$ 7,028,469         | \$ 7,308,279         |
| Capital assets                   | 15,079,298           | 14,723,096           |
| Total assets                     | <u>\$ 22,107,767</u> | <u>\$ 22,031,375</u> |
| Current and other liabilities    | <u>\$ 757,681</u>    | <u>\$ 676,703</u>    |
| Total liabilities                | <u>\$ 757,681</u>    | <u>\$ 676,703</u>    |
| Net Position:                    |                      |                      |
| Net investment in capital assets | \$ 15,079,298        | \$ 14,723,096        |
| Restricted                       | -                    | 49,482               |
| Unrestricted                     | 6,270,788            | 6,582,094            |
| Total net position               | <u>\$ 21,350,086</u> | <u>\$ 21,354,672</u> |

# District's Changes in Net Position Years Ended September 30,

|                           |           | <u>2015</u> |           | <u>2014</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| General revenues:         |           |             |           |             |
| Maintenance taxes         | \$        | 3,089,420   | \$        | 3,070,056   |
| Permits and other income  |           | 201,171     |           | 113,147     |
| Investment earnings       |           | 20,309      |           | 17,618      |
| Total revenues            |           | 3,310,900   |           | 3,200,821   |
| Expenses:                 |           |             |           |             |
| Operation and maintenance |           | 2,926,589   |           | 2,870,981   |
| Depreciation              |           | 388,897     | _         | 368,853     |
| Total expenses            |           | 3,315,486   | _         | 3,239,834   |
| Decrease in net position  |           | (4,586)     |           | (39,013)    |
| Net position – beginning  |           | 21,354,672  |           | 21,393,685  |
| Net position – ending     | <u>\$</u> | 21,350,086  | <u>\$</u> | 21,354,672  |

# **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS –**

# **GOVERNMENT-WIDE**

# SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT Statement of Net Postion September 30, 2015

#### ASSETS

| Cash and investments – unrestricted<br>Cash and investments – temporarily restricted<br>Receivables, including interest<br>Inventory<br>Other assets<br>Capital assets:<br>Land<br>Other capital assets, net of depreciation | \$          | 587,529<br>6,267,104<br>4,601<br>140,618<br>28,617<br>349,616<br>4,729,682 |
|--|-------------|--|
| Total capital assets   | ]           | 5,079,298  |
| Total assets   | <u> </u>    | 22,107,767   |
| LIABILITIES  |             |  |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses<br>Compensated absences payable<br>Refundable deposits   |             | 152,465<br>121,742<br>483,474  |
| Total liabilities  |             | 757,681  |
| NET POSITION   |             |  |
| Net investment in capital assets<br>Unrestricted   | ]           | 5,079,298<br>6,270,788   |
| Total net position   | <u>\$ 2</u> | <u>21,350,086</u>  |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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# SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT Statement of Activities For the year ended September 30, 2015

| Expenses:<br>Personnel services<br>Materials and services<br>Depreciation expense<br>Collection discounts | \$ 1,220,778<br>1,596,907<br>388,897<br>108,904 |
|---|---|
| Total expenses  | 3,315,486                                       |
| General revenues:<br>Maintenance taxes<br>Permits and other income<br>Investment earnings                 | 3,089,420<br>201,171<br><u>20,309</u>           |
| Total general revenues  | 3,310,900                                       |
| Changes in net position   | (4,586)   |
| Net position, beginning of year   | 21,354,672                                      |
| Net position, end of year   | <u>\$ 21,350,086</u>                            |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds September 30, 2015

| ASSETS   | General             | Capital<br>Projects<br>S – 9/10 | Total<br>Governmental<br><u>Funds</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cash   | \$ 5,125,869        | \$-                             | \$ 5,125,869                          |
| Investments  | 1,728,764           | -                               | 1,728,764                             |
| Receivables:   |                     |                                 |                                       |
| Delinquent taxes and assessments, including interest | 1,788               | -                               | 1,788                                 |
| Other  | 2,813               | -                               | 2,813                                 |
| Inventory<br>Other assets                            | 140,618             | -                               | 140,618                               |
| Other assets   | 28,617              |                                 | 28,617                                |
| Total assets   | <u>\$ 7,028,469</u> | <u>\$</u>                       | <u>\$ 7,028,469</u>                   |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY                          |                     |                                 |                                       |
| Liabilities:   |                     |                                 |                                       |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                | \$ 152,465          | \$-                             | \$ 152,465                            |
| Compensated absences payable                         | 121,742             | -                               | 121,742                               |
| Refundable deposits and deferred income              | 483,474             |                                 | 483,474                               |
| Total liabilities                                    | 757,681             |                                 | 757,681                               |
| Fund balances:                                       |                     |                                 |                                       |
| Restricted   | -                   | -                               | -                                     |
| Committed  | 5,537,243           | . –                             | 5,537,243                             |
| Assigned   | 153,885             | -                               | 153,885                               |
| Unassigned   | 579,660             |                                 | 579,660                               |
| Total fund equity                                    | 6,270,788           |                                 | 6,270,788                             |
| Total liabilities and fund equity                    | <u>\$ 7,028,469</u> | <u>\$</u>                       | <u>\$ 7,028,469</u>                   |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -

# FUND

#### SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT Reconciliation of Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position September 30, 2015

Total governmental fund balances

\$ 6,270,788

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore are not reported in funds:

| Capital assets                | \$ 22,826,676       |                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Less accumulated depreciation | <u>(7,747,378</u> ) | <u>    15,079,298</u> |

Total net position

#### <u>\$ 21,350,086</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements. -13-

# SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -Governmental Funds For the year ended September 30, 2015

|   | General             | Capital<br>Projects<br>S - 9/10 | Total<br>Governmental<br><u>Funds</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Revenues:   |                     |                                 |                                       |
| Maintenance taxes                                 | \$ 3,089,420        | \$-                             | \$ 3,089,420                          |
| Permits and other income                          | 201,171             | -                               | 201,171                               |
| Interest  | 16,817              | 3,492                           | 20,309                                |
| Total revenues                                    | 3,307,408           | 3,492                           | 3,310,900                             |
| Expenditures:                                     |                     |                                 |                                       |
| Capital outlay                                    | 745,099             | -                               | 745,099                               |
| Operating   | 2,620,632           | -                               | 2,620,632                             |
| Administrative                                    | 197,053             | -                               | 197,053                               |
| Discounts   | 108,904             |                                 | 108,904                               |
| Total expenditures                                | 3,671,688           |                                 | 3,671,688                             |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | (364,280)           | 3,492                           | (360,788)                             |
| Transfer in (out) of funds                        | 52,974              | (52,974)                        | -                                     |
| Fund balances at beginning of year                | 6,582,094           | 49,482                          | 6,631,576                             |
| Fund balances at end of year                      | <u>\$ 6,270,788</u> | <u>\$</u>                       | <u>\$_6,270,788</u>                   |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the year ended September 30, 2015

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds

\$ (360,788)

Amounts reported in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

| Expenditures for capital assets | \$<br>745,099 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Less current year depreciation  | <br>(388,897) |

356,202

Changes in net position

<u>\$ (4,586</u>)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements. -15-

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### (1) DESCRIPTION OF THE SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The South Broward Drainage District ("District") exists pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 12049, a Special Act of the Florida Legislature. The District was originally formed in 1927 and includes approximately 46,400 acres in southwest Broward County, Florida. The governing body of the District is the Board of Commissioners ("Board"), comprised of seven elected members.

The District is a special taxing district with powers primarily in the areas of stormwater management and flood control. Such powers include rights to borrow money and issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, assess and impose upon all the lands in the District annual drainage, administrative, operation and maintenance taxes, and impose and foreclose special assessment liens.

#### (2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") as applied to government units. The Government Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the standard-setting body for establishing government accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

#### (a) Reporting Entity

The District follows the standards promulgated by GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, to define the reporting entity. The District's financial statements include operations for which the District exercises oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility is demonstrated by financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The District has not identified any component units and is not a participant in any joint venture; accordingly, operations of no other entities have been included in the financial statements.

The District implemented the requirements of GASB 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions during the year ending September 30, 2011.

The District implemented the requirements of GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position*, during the year ended September 30, 2013. This Statement provides financial reporting guidance for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources.

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#### SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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

This Statement amends the net asset reporting requirements in Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, and other pronouncements by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. The District did not have any deferred outflows or deferred inflows of resources as of September 30, 2015 that were required to be disclosed in the Statement of Net Position.

(b) Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. The government-wide statements focus on the District as a whole, while the fund financial statements focus on major individual funds.

The government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements report information on all activities of the District. Interfund activity has been eliminated from these statements. The Statement of Activities demonstrates the extent to which the expenses of the District are offset by the revenues collected by the District. Revenues collected include the investment income earned during the year. The District's policy is to apply restricted resources before unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted assets are available.

Separate financial statements are provided by governmental funds. Major governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The governmental funds' statements reflect amounts due from/to other funds. These amounts represent transfers that were made during the year between funds that will be repaid in the future period.

(c) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers maintenance taxes to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period. A one-year availability period is used for all other revenues.

Revenues susceptible to accrual are maintenance taxes and interest on investments. Maintenance taxes are recorded as revenues in the fiscal year they are levied, provided they are collected in the current period or within sixty days thereafter. Interest on invested funds is recognized when earned.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures related to compensated absences, claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is earned.

(d) Major Funds

#### Governmental Fund Types

Government funds are used to account for the District's expendable financial resources and related liabilities. The following are the District's governmental fund types:

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

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

(e) Budgetary Procedures and Accounting

An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund on a basis consistent with GAAP, except the budgets include encumbrances as the equivalent of expenditures, and do not include revenues and expenditures related to certain special projects. As of September 30, 2015, there were \$31,961 of outstanding encumbrances; accordingly, for the year ended September 30, 2015, the "actual budgetary basis" is presented on a basis which is not consistent with GAAP.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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

Prior to the end of the fiscal year, the District Director is required to submit to the Board of Commissioners the proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1. The District holds public hearings, as required, on the proposed budget. Prior to the end of each fiscal year, the budget is formally adopted for the ensuing year.

The legal level of control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed the budget, is at the total expenditure level. Appropriations lapse at year end. Should additional expenditures be necessary during the year, the District has the authority to modify the budget by a vote of its Board.

In connection with the forthcoming fiscal year 2015 budget, the District appropriated unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$153,885 for General Fund operations.

#### (f) Encumbrances

For governments that use encumbrance accounting, significant encumbrances should be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements by major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate in conjunction with required disclosures about other significant commitments. Encumbered amounts for specific purposes for which resources already have been restricted, committed or assigned should not result in separate display of the encumbered amounts within those classifications. Encumbered amounts for specific purposes for which amounts for specific purposes for which amounts have not been previously restricted, committed or assigned should not be classified as unassigned but, rather, should be included within committed or assigned fund balance. The District includes encumbrances in the committed fund balance.

(g) Inventory

Inventory consists of chemicals and fuel and is valued at cost (first-in, first-out). The cost of inventory is accounted for under the consumption method. Under the consumption method of inventory accounting, inventories are recorded as expenditures when used and; therefore, reported inventories are not equally offset by a non-spendable fund balance account.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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

#### (h) Compensated Absences

The full-time employees of the District can carryover to the following fiscal year up to one year of their sick leave and vacation benefits. Vacation time is earned based upon length of service, up to a maximum amount of four weeks per year, once the employee has been with the District for fourteen years, with the exception of employees that are covered by employment agreements. At September 30, 2015, the liability for accrued compensated absences, to be paid within one year, was \$121,742, an increase of \$6,152.

(i) Cash and investments

Cash includes cash-on-hand and demand deposits. Interest earned from investments is recorded in each of the respective funds based on the actual amount earned.

In accordance with provisions of GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, the District reports investments at their fair market value, with unrealized gains and losses credited to or charged against investment income.

Non-participating investments, such as non-negotiable Certificates of Deposit with redemption values that do not consider market rates, are reported as amortized costs. The District had investments in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund, which under the guidelines of GASB Statement No. 31, Pool A is a "2a-7 like" pool. Accordingly, investments in Pool A are reported at amortized cost. During the fiscal year these investments have been discontinued.

During the year, the District did not directly invest any resources in derivatives. Investments made through state-administered trust funds may include derivatives. These investments are made on a pooled basis and the individual risk to the District is unknown.

(j) Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure assets (water control structures, canals and lakes), are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are recorded at fair market value as of the date received.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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

Maintenance, repairs and minor renovations are not capitalized. Expenditures that materially increase values or extend useful lives are capitalized. There are no idle or impaired capital assets as of September 30, 2015.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

| Asset                                | Years |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Buildings                            | 40    |
| Equipment                            | 5     |
| Vehicles                             | 5     |
| Water Control Structures             | 15-50 |
| (including stormwater pump stations) |       |

Canals and lakes are considered to be land improvements, therefore, are not depreciated. Depreciation expense is reflected in the financial statements in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34 requirements for capital assets greater than \$5,000. Per Florida State Statute as well as internal control purposes, assets with a historical cost greater than \$750 are tagged and recorded in the fixed asset system.

### (k) Fund Balance

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) released GASB Statement No. 54 - "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions" ("GASB 54") on March 11, 2009, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2010. This Statement is intended to improve the usefulness of the amount reported in fund balance by providing more structured classification. This Statement applies to fund balance reported in the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Permanent Fund. This Statement does not apply to Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds and extremely restricted reserves.

Previously, fund balance was classified as "reserved" or "unreserved." Unreserved fund balance was further allocated into designated and undesignated. GASB 54 now changes how fund balance will be reported. The hierarchy of the GASB 54 classifications is as follows:

• Non-spendable Fund balance includes amounts not in spendable form, such as inventory, or amounts required to be maintained intact legally or contractually. The District uses the consumption method of reporting inventory; therefore, it is not reported as a non-spendable fund balance.

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### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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

• **Restricted Fund Balance** includes amounts constrained for a specific purpose by external parties. The District's Capital Project fund for the S-9/10 basin improvements qualified as a restricted fund and was closed during the fiscal year.

• **Committed Fund Balance** includes amounts constrained for a specific purpose by a government using its highest level of decision making authority. The District's Capital Improvements, Emergency, and Separation funds, along with the outstanding encumbrances, are included in the committed fund balance (\$5,537,243). The Emergency Fund was established to provide for those situations when the District might have unbudgeted expenditures as a result of a severe emergency, such as a major hurricane.

• Assigned Fund Balance includes general fund amounts constrained for a specific purpose by the District's board (\$153,885). This amount represents the appropriation of fund balance in the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget.

• **Unassigned Fund Balance** is the residual classification for the general fund.

The District's Board approves all transactions that occur with respect to the restricted and committed fund balances. These were formally adopted by the Board on May 26, 2011, when the Board formally adopted the reporting requirements outlined by GASB 54.

In circumstances where an expenditure is to be made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, the order in which resources will be expended is as follows: restricted fund balance, followed by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and lastly, unassigned fund balance.

There was no restatement required to the opening fund balances as a result of the GASB 54 implementation. The recently approved *Financial Policies and Guidelines* of the District establishes minimum amounts for certain fund balances.

(l) Use of estimates

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

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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

(m) Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements, Not yet Implemented**

The District has not yet determined the impact of the following GASB pronouncements, which have been issued but are not yet effective and have not been implemented.

In June 2012, GASB issued Statement No. 68 Accounting and Financial Reporting for *Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27.* The scope of this Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for pensions that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers through pension plans that are administered through trusts that meet certain characteristics. This statement establishes standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources, and expenses/expenditures. For defined benefit pensions, this Statement identifies the methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. The provisions of this Statement are effective for financial statement periods beginning after June 15, 2014. The District implemented this statement in its fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014, and there are no effects on the financial statements.

In January 2013, GASB issued Statement No. 69 *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*. This Statement requires disclosures to be made about government combinations and disposals of government operations to enable financial statement users to evaluate the nature and financial effects of those transactions. The provisions of this Statement are effective for government combinations and disposals of government operations occurring in financial reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2013, and should be applied on a prospective basis. The District implemented this statement in its fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014, and there are no effects on the financial statements.

In April 2013, GASB issued Statement No. 70 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees. The objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments that extend and receive nonexchange financial guarantees. The provisions of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2013. Earlier application is encouraged. Except for disclosures related to cumulative amounts paid or received in relation to a nonexchange financial guarantee, the provisions of this Statement are required to be applied retroactively.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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

Disclosures related to cumulative amounts paid or received in relation to a nonexchange financial guarantee may be applied prospectively. The District does not have any transactions that are required to be reported under this GASB.

In November 2013, GASB issued Statement No. 71 Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date, an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68. The objective of this Statement is to address an issue regarding application of the transition provisions of Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. The issue relates to amounts associated with contributions, if any, made by a state or local government employer or nonemployer contributing entity to a defined benefit pension plan after the measurement date of the government's beginning net pension liability.

Statement 68 requires a state or total government employer (or nonemployer contributing entity in a special funding situation) to recognize a net pension liability measured as of a date (the measurement date) no earlier than the end of its prior fiscal year. If a state or local government employer or nonemployer contributing entity makes a contribution to a defined benefit pension plan between the measurement date of the reported net pension liability and the end of the government's reporting period. Statement 68 requires that the government recognize its contribution as a deferred outflow of resources. In addition, Statement 68 requires recognition of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources for changes in the net pension liability of a state or local government employer or nonemployer contributing entity that arise from other types of events. At transition to Statement 68, if it is not practical for an employer or nonemployer contributing entity to determine the amounts of all deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, paragraph 137 of Statement 68 required that beginning balances for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, paragraph 137 of Statement 68 required that beginning balances for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, paragraph 137 of Statement 68 required that beginning balances for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, paragraph 137 of Statement 68 required that beginning balances for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, paragraph 137 of Statement 68 required that beginning balances for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources not be reported.

Consequently, if it is not practical to determine the amounts of all deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, contributions made after the measurement date of the beginning net pension liability could not have been reported as deferred outflows of resources at transition. This could have resulted in a significant understatement of an employer or nonemployer contributing entity's beginning net position and expense in the initial period of implementation. This statement does not have any effect on the District's financial statements.

### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

## (3) CASH AND INVESTMENTS

#### **Statement of Policy**

The purpose of the District's investment policy is to set forth the investment objectives and parameters for the management of public funds of the District. The policy is designed to ensure the prudent management of public funds, the availability of operating and capital funds when needed, and an investment return competitive with comparable funds and financial market indices.

The District's policy is written in accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, which applies to funds under the control of local governments and special districts. The policy and any subsequent revisions are adopted by the District's Governing Board and apply to funds in excess of those required to meet current expenditures. The most recent revisions to the investment policy were approved by the Board of Commissioners in March 2009.

The District's investment policy authorizes investments in the following:

- 1. The Florida Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund.
- 2. United States government securities unconditionally guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States government.
- 3. United States government agencies backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government.
- 4. United States government sponsored agencies.
- 5. Interest bearing time deposit or savings accounts of Florida Banks and Savings and Loan Associations approved under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes as qualified public depositories.
- 6. Commercial paper rated "Prime 1" by Moody's,"Al" by Standard and Poor's or "F-1" by Fitch.
- 7. Corporate notes rated at a minimum "Aa" by Moody's, "AA" by Standard and Poor's or "AA" by Fitch.
- 8. Repurchase agreements that are fully collateralized are permissible investments provided that the following conditions are met:
  - a. The District has executed a Master Repurchase Agreement similar to the PSA's "Master Repurchase Agreement" with either a primary dealer as defined by the Federal Reserve or a bank or savings and loan domiciled in this State and certified as a qualified depository as defined in Florida Statutes Section 280.02.
  - b. The agreement has a defined termination date and is secured by obligations described in this investment policy.
  - c. Requires that the securities being purchased by the District to be pledged to the District, held in the District's name and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or with a third party selected and approved by the District.
- 9. Other security or other interests in any open-end or closed-end management-type investment company or investment trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 provided the portfolio meets the District's policy.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

### (3) CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

As of September 30, 2015, the District had placed approximately 25.22% in Certificate of Deposits and 74.78% in interest bearing Money Market Accounts.

The Local Government Investment Pool is an investment pool available for investing temporarily idle cash by Florida governments and is managed by the State Board of Administration (the SBA). On November 29, 2007, the SBA implemented a temporary freeze on the assets in the LGIP due to an unprecedented amount of withdrawals from the LGIP coupled with the absence of market liquidity for certain securities within the Pool. On December 4, 2007, based on recommendations from an outside financial advisor, the SBA restructured the LGIP into two (2) separate pools. Pool A ("Florida PRIME") consisted of all money market appropriate assets, which was approximately 86% of LGIP assets. Pool B consisted of assets that defaulted on a payment, paid more slowly than expected, and/or had any significant credit and liquidity risk, which was approximately 14% of LGIP assets. At that time, all current pool participants had their existing balances proportionately allocated into Pool A and Pool B.

The SBA systematically allows access to funds in Pool A. Participants in Pool B receive periodic distributions to the extent that Pool B receives proceeds from: 1) maturities of securities, coupon interest collections or collateral interest and principal pay downs, or 2) the sale of securities, collateral liquidation or other restructure or workout activities. At such time, the Investment Manager transfers cash or securities to Pool A for the benefit of Pool B shareholders. Such transfers are consistent with the pro rata allocation of Pool B shareholders of record as of the initial segregation of assets in the LGIP. Effective March 2008, the SBA contracted with Federated Investors, Inc. to provide investment advisory services to the investment pool. The SBA has since put into place processes that allow for improved reporting full transparency, conservative investment practices, improved portfolio guidelines and stricter internal controls. According to the SBA, Pool A meets the criteria to be considered as "2a-7 like", as defined by GASB Statement No. 31. Accordingly, it has been reported at the same value as the pool shares allocated to the District. Pool A maintains an AAAm rating by Standard and Poor's Ratings Services.

During the year ended September 30, 2015 the District closed all of their investments with the Local Government Investment Pool.

## **Interest Rate and Credit Risk**

The District's investment portfolio shall be actively managed in an effort to attain the highest available market rate of return while still operating within this Investment Policy. Securities may be traded for other similar securities to improve interest income, maturity or credit risk. A loss may be incurred for accounting purposes provided any of the following occurs with respect to the replacement security:(1) The interest income has been increased; (2) The time to maturity has been reduced; or (3) The credit quality has been improved.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

## (3) CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Permitted investments of bond proceeds are usually set forth in the bond documents. Investment strategies or vehicles commonly utilized for the investment of bond proceeds may differ from those of other District funds.

All of the District's investments in agency securities for fiscal year 2015 were rated at least AA+ by Standard and Poor's and Fitch ratings, and at least A1 by Moody's Investor Services.

#### **Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits**

All of the District's cash deposits are held in accounts at depository institutions which are recognized as State of Florida Qualified Public Depositories in accordance with state statutes and the District's investment policy.

The most significant cash deposit of the District at September 30, 2015 is the balance of approximately \$3,246,000 in the general fund emergency accounts.

### **Custodial Credit Risk - Investments**

The District's investment policy requires that all securities be held with a third-party custodian in a separate account which is designated as an asset of the District. The custodian acts as the safekeeper of the District's investment securities. No withdrawal of securities, in whole or in part, is made from safekeeping without written authorization of designated District staff.

#### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

The District's policy authorizes investment allocation limits on security types, issuers, and maturity limitations. However, the District Director has the option to modify investment percentages from time-to-time based on market conditions, risk and diversification investment strategies after review and discussion with the District Treasurer and members of the investment committee.

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

## (3) CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

#### Percentage Allocation by Issuer as of September 30, 2015

| Issuer                    | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| SunTrust Bank             | 74.78%              |
| Regent Bank CD            | 3.56%               |
| Bank United CD            | 3.61%               |
| TD Bank CD                | 3.61%               |
| Stonegate Bank CD         | 3.61%               |
| Centennial Bank CD        | 3.61%               |
| Florida Community Bank CD | 3.61%               |
| Landmark Bank CD          | 3.61%               |

Cash and investments as of September 30, 2015 are comprised of the following:

| Cash deposits:             |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Money market accounts      | \$ 4,538,340        |
| Demand deposits            | 586,729             |
| Petty cash                 | 800                 |
| Total cash deposits        | <u>\$ 5,125,869</u> |
| Investments:               |                     |
| Certificates of deposit    | 1,728,764           |
| Total investments          | <u>\$ 1,728,764</u> |
| Total cash and investments | <u>\$ 6,854,633</u> |

## (4) MAINTENANCE TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Maintenance taxes and special assessments attach as an enforceable lien on the owners' properties as of January 1. The taxes are levied on November 1 and are payable, without penalty, from November 1 to the following March 31. Broward County bills and collects these taxes and assessments and remits these proceeds to the District.

### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

#### (5) **OTHER ASSETS**

Other assets as of September 30, 2015 consisted of the following:

| Prepaid expenses | <u>\$</u> | 28,617 |
|------------------|-----------|--------|
|                  |           |        |

<u>\$ 28,617</u>

#### (6) CAPITAL ASSETS

The following summarizes changes in the capital assets:

|  | Balance<br>9/30/14   | Additions         | Deletions   | Balance<br>9/30/15   |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:  |                      |                   |             |                      |
| Land                                   | \$ 349,616           | \$ -              | \$ -        | \$ 349,616           |
| Canal Improvements and Lakes           | 9,993,860            | 62,975            |             | 10,056,835           |
| Total Capital Assets Not               |                      |                   |             |                      |
| Being Depreciated                      | 10,343,476           | 62,975            | -           | 10,406,451           |
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated:      |                      |                   |             |                      |
| Water Control Structures/Culverts      | 9,816,625            | 664,322           | -           | 10,480,947           |
| Buildings - District Headquarters      | 802,551              | -                 |             | 802,551              |
| Vehicles                               | 694,997              | -                 | - '         | 694,997              |
| Equipment                              | 423,928              | 17,802            |             | 441,730              |
| Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated | 11,738,101           | 682,124           |             | 12,420,225           |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation          |                      |                   |             |                      |
| Water Control Structures               | 5,844,549            | 281,635           | -           | 6,126,184            |
| Buildings                              | 503,681              | 20,064            | -           | 523,745              |
| Vehicles                               | 622,579              | 71,099            | -           | 693,678              |
| Equipment                              | 387,672              | 16,099            |             | 403,771              |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation         | 7,358,481            | 388,897           | <b>-</b>    | 7,747,378            |
| Capital Assets, Net                    | <u>\$ 14,723,096</u> | <u>\$ 356,202</u> | <u>\$</u> - | <u>\$ 15,079,298</u> |

### (7) **RETIREMENT PLAN**

#### **Plan Description**

The District participates in the Florida Retirement System ("FRS"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer Public Employee Retirement System (PERS), which covers all District employees. The FRS offers a defined benefit plan and an investment plan, and each employee has an option to elect the plan in which they wish to participate. The FRS is totally administered by the State of Florida, Department of

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### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

## (7) **RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)**

Management Services - Division of Retirement and they provide an annual report which is available to the public every year. Each year FRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Retirement, PO Box 9000, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-9000.

### **Funding Policy**

Effective July 1, 2011, both employer and employees are required to make contributions towards the FRS. The District's current actuarially determined required contribution rate, as established by State statute, is 7.26% for covered regular payroll, and 21.43% for senior management payroll (District Director). All employees of the District contribute 3% of their salary to the program. The combined pension contributions approximated \$132,064 (\$99,992 from the District and \$32,072 from employees) for the year ended September 30, 2015, which amounts to 12.0% of current-year covered payrolls. The District's total and current-year covered payroll was approximately \$1,099,485.

## (8) **PERMITS AND OTHER INCOME**

Other income for the year ended September 30, 2015 consisted of the following:

| Miscellaneous                                     | \$        | 40,294  |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Cost sharing revenue - Pembroke Pines CIP project |           | 24,000  |
| Permit fees                                       |           | 96,672  |
| Recertification program                           |           | 40,205  |
|   | <u>\$</u> | 201,171 |

## (9) COMMITMENTS

The District entered into a contract with the new District Director effective May 17, 2010. The Board shall employ the director as the Chief Administrator/Director of the District for a term of four (4) years commencing June 1, 2010 and terminating on May 31, 2014. The Contract automatically renewed for a term of four (4) years in accordance with the provisions contained therein. The contract provides for an annual base salary with annual increases linked to the cost of living index, however not less than 3%. The contract also provides for benefits, including but not limited to life insurance, vacation time and sick leave.

#### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

## (9) **COMMITMENT** (Continued)

The District also entered into contracts with the Assistant District Director and the Project Manager effective April 22, 2010. These contracts are for a term of four years commencing on the effective date of April 22, 2010 and terminating on September 30, 2014. These contracts automatically renewed for a term of four (4) years in accordance with the provisions contained therein. The contracts provide for an annual base salary with annual increases linked to the cost of living index, however not less than 3%. The contracts also provides for benefits, including but not limited to life insurance, vacation time and sick leave.

#### (10) **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

## (11) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through January 11, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued to the District.

# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION OTHER THAN M D & A (unaudited)

## SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund (Budgetary Basis) For the year ended September 30, 2015

| Revenues:                               | Final<br>Budget** | Actual -<br>Budgetary<br>Basis | Variance –<br>Favorable<br><u>(Unfavorable)</u> |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Maintenance taxes                       | \$ 3,088,179      | \$ 3,089,420                   | \$ 1,242  |
| Permit fees and other income            | 80,000            | 201,171                        | 121,170   |
| Interest                                | 12,000            | 16,817                         | 4,817   |
| morest                                  |                   |                                | 1,017   |
|   | 3,180,179         | 3,307,408                      | 127,229   |
| Expenditures:                           |                   |                                |   |
| Administrative salaries                 | 322,313           | 324,315                        | (2,002)   |
| Board of Commissioners' salaries        | 37,800            | 37,800                         | . –   |
| Field operations' salaries              | 484,008           | 484,069                        | (61)  |
| Inspectors' salaries                    | 241,417           | 240,457                        | 960   |
| Payroll taxes                           | 83,044            | 83,494                         | (450)   |
| Pension costs                           | 98,771            | 99,992                         | (1,221)   |
| Other salaries and costs                | 65,000            | 50,644                         | 14,356  |
| Accounting fees                         | 24,500            | 24,500                         | · · · -   |
| Engineering/consulting/special projects | 25,000            | 20,998                         | 4,002   |
| Legal fees                              | 70,000            | 37,199                         | 32,801  |
| Legal fees – special projects           | 25,000            | · •                            | 25,000  |
| Other professional fees                 | 1,000             | 75                             | 925   |
| Commercial property package             | 41,475            | 34,385                         | 7,090   |
| General liability                       | 44,835            | 35,441                         | 9,394   |
| Group health and life insurance         | 395,160           | 388,593                        | 6,567   |
| Workers compensation                    | 29,150            | 18,693                         | 10,457  |
| Advertising                             | 8,500             | 3,819                          | 4,681   |
| Computer supplies and upgrades          | 15,000            | 12,069                         | 2,931   |
| Dues and subscriptions                  | 6,600             | 5,340                          | 1,260   |
| Electric costs                          | 13,000            | 11,787                         | 1,213   |
| Gas (LP) auxiliary power                | 5,000             | 720                            | 4,280   |
| Janitorial services                     | 2,000             | 1,714                          | 286   |
| Licenses and fees                       | 900               | 475                            | 425   |

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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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## SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund (Budgetary Basis) - Continued For the year ended September 30, 2015

|  | Final<br>Sudget** | Bu | ctual -<br>dgetary<br>Basis | Fa | ariance -<br>worable<br>favorable) |
|--|-------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|------------------------------------|
| Maintenance contracts                      | \$<br>6,400       | \$ | 5,804                       | \$ | 596                                |
| Miscellaneous/uniforms                     | 2,500             |    | 2,234                       |    | 266                                |
| Office supplies and postage                | 4,500             |    | 3,712                       |    | 788                                |
| Payroll service                            | 3,600             |    | 3,392                       |    | 208                                |
| Printing and stationary                    | 1,800             |    | 572                         |    | 1,228                              |
| Public records, storage and filing         | 7,000             |    | 7,823                       |    | (823)                              |
| Telephone and miscellaneous communications | 15,000            |    | 13,367                      |    | 1,633                              |
| Water and sewer costs                      | 2,000             |    | 1,841                       |    | 159                                |
| Buildings and grounds maintenance          | 35,000            |    | 34,971                      |    | 29                                 |
| Equipment rental                           | 5,000             |    | 812                         |    | 4,188                              |
| Equipment and vehicles maintenance         | 30,000            |    | 23,560                      |    | 6,440                              |
| Fuel, oil and lubricants -                 |                   |    |                             |    |                                    |
| Pump stations                              | 65,000            |    | 49,295                      |    | 15,705                             |
| Vehicles and equipment                     | 45,000            |    | 35,392                      |    | 9,608                              |
| Hazardous materials                        | 5,000             |    | 1,871                       |    | 3,129                              |
| Janitorial supplies                        | 1,000             |    | 522                         |    | 478                                |
| Hurricane preparedness supplies            | 1,500             |    | 737                         |    | 763                                |
| Landscaping and mowing                     | 35,000            |    | 34,264                      |    | 736                                |
| Photography and VCR equipment              | 350               |    | 171                         |    | 179                                |
| Pump station and flood gates maintenance   | 70,000            |    | 59,221                      |    | 10,779                             |
| Safety and SCUBA equipment                 | 2,500             |    | 2,955                       |    | (455)                              |
| Sanitation and exterminating services      | 7,600             |    | 6,873                       |    | 727                                |
| Small tools and shop supplies              | 9,000             |    | 7,868                       |    | 1,132                              |
| Water recorder/elevation gauge/telemetry   | 8,000             |    | 6,327                       |    | 1,673                              |
| Canal and swale renovations                | 30,000            |    | 25,845                      |    | 4,155                              |
| Culvert cleaning                           | 50,000            |    | 41,174                      |    | 8,826                              |
| Culvert and flapper gate repairs           | 40,000            |    | 40,000                      |    | -                                  |
| Endwall repairs and replacements           | 5,000             |    | -                           |    | 5,000                              |
| Erosion control                            | 56,563            |    | 56,563                      |    | . –                                |
| Gates, fences and ramp upgrades            | 5,000             |    | 5,175                       |    | (175)                              |
| Outfall structures                         | 2,000             |    | -                           |    | 2,000                              |
| Trash rack, piling and tank upgrades       | 10,000            |    | 3,671                       |    | 6,329                              |
| Tree removal                               | 30,000            |    | 28,712                      |    | 1,288                              |

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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

## SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund (Budgetary Basis) - Continued For the year ended September 30, 2015

|   | Final<br>Budget**  | Actual -<br>Budgetary<br>Basis | Variance -<br>Favorable<br><u>(Unfavorable)</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Herbicides  | \$ 359,837         | \$ 305,829                     | \$ 54,008                                       |
| Triploid carp   | 30,000             | 30,000                         | -   |
| Water testing   | 8,000              | 2,463                          | 5,537   |
| Seminars, meetings and conferences                    | 10,000             | 4,128                          | 5,872   |
| Bank charges  | -                  | 585                            | (585)   |
| Equipment and vehicles purchases                      | 40,000             | 35,918                         | 4,082   |
| Pump station and Basin 3 drainage                     |                    |                                |   |
| Improvements  | 240,513            | 240,561                        | (48)  |
| Cost sharing expenses - Pembroke Pines                |                    |                                |   |
| CIP project   | -                  | 24,000                         | (24,000)  |
| Contingency   | 10,000             | 1,000                          | 9,000   |
| Billing and collection costs                          | 61,764             | 59,479                         | 2,285   |
| Discounts and commissions                             | 111,174            | 108,903                        | 2,271   |
| Total expenditures<br>Excess (deficiency) of revenues | 3,502,074          | 3,234,169                      | 267,905   |
| over expenditures                                     | <u>\$ (321,895</u> | )*73,239                       | <u>\$ 395,134</u>                               |
| Transfer in from Capital Projects S-9/10 fund         |                    | 52,974                         |   |
| Fund balance at beginning of year                     |                    | 6,582,094                      |   |
| Adjustment ***  |                    | (437,519                       | ))  |
| Fund balance at end of year                           |                    | <u>\$_6,270,788</u>            | <u>}</u>  |

\* Appropriation of Fund Balance

\*\* The District amended certain line items of the original budget on August 28, 2015. The changes were immaterial and only the final amended budget has been presented for purposes of this statement.

\*\*\* In order to reconcile the excess of revenues over expenditures for budgetary purposes to GAAP, the adjusted difference between the 2015 and 2014 reserve for encumbrances and reserve fund adjustments, which amount to a total of (\$437,519), would be included as the reconciling item. (See Note 2)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# **OTHER REPORTS SECTION**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS* For the year ended September 30, 2015

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

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, South Broward Drainage District:

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of South Broward Drainage District ("the District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 11, 2016.

## **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, South Broward Drainage District Page two

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

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

January 11, 2016

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL For the year ended September 30, 2015

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

January 11, 2016

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, South Broward Drainage District:

We have audited the financial statements of the South Broward Drainage District, located in Southwest Ranches, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated January 11, 2016.

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; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, if any, which are dated January 11, 2016, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which governs the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditor's reports or schedule:

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- Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no corrective actions, or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial report that need to be discussed in the current management letter.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The South Broward Drainage District was originally established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 12049, a Special Act of the Florida Legislature in 1927. Since the initial charter was created several revisions have been made by the Florida Legislature, the latest having been completed in 2013. There are no component units of the South Broward Drainage District to be disclosed as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the local governmental entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the South Broward Drainage District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5.b., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether the annual financial report for the South Broward Drainage District for the year ended September 30, 2014, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the year ended September 30, 2014. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.

To the Board of Commissioners South Broward Drainage District Page three

- Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c, and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the South Broward Drainage District's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same as of September 30, 2015, and through the date of our audit report, December 30, 2015.
- Pursuant to Section 215.985(11), Florida Statutes and Section 10.554(1)(i)6.a, the District provided monthly financial statements to its governing board and has made such financial statements available for public access on the District's website.
- Pursuant to Section 218.32(1)g Florida Statutes and Section 10.554(1)(i)6.b, the District has provided a link on their website directly to allow the viewing of the District's annual financial report.
- Pursuant to Section 373.536(5)(d) and (6)(d) Florida Statutes and Section 10.554(1)(i)6.c, the District has provided a link on their website directly to allow the viewing of the District's tentative and final adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this management letter is a public record and its distribution is not limited. Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to indicate that this letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners of South Broward Drainage District, management, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

## **REPORT TO MANAGEMENT**

## PART I - CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No comments were noted for the year ended September 30, 2015.

## PART II - STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable as there were no comments or recommendations in the prior year.

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION OR REBUTTAL TO MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS For the year ended September 30, 2015 There is no response required for the current year.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POLICIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10.556(10), RULES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICEOF THE AUDITOR GENERAL For the year ended September 30, 2015

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POLICIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10.556(10), RULES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, South Broward Drainage District:

We have examined South Broward Drainage District's compliance with the requirements referenced in Section 218.415, Florida Statutes and Chapter 10.556(10), *Rules of the State of Florida Office of the Auditor General* during the year ended September 30, 2015. Management is responsible for South Broward Drainage District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on South Broward Drainage District's compliance based on our examination.

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

In our opinion, South Broward Drainage District's complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2015.

January 11, 2016

## \*\*\*\*MEMORANDUM\*\*\*\*

DATE: February 18, 2016

TO: South Broward Drainage District Commissioners

FROM: Kevin M. Hart, P.E. District Director

Subject: Request to Purchase New Vehicle

Comments:

SBDD staff has researched pricing for the purchase of a new vehicle to replace one of the District's existing vehicles.

This is a request to purchase a new 2016 Ford F-250 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck. The lowest price available for the purchase of a new 2016 Ford F-250 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck is through the Florida Sheriff's Association Contract in the amount of \$23,214.00. The Florida Sheriff's Association Contract was awarded through a publically advertised, competitive bid process and therefore, the purchase of a vehicle through this contract does not require SBDD to publically advertise for bids.

SBDD has researched other pricing options for a comparable 2016 Ford F-250 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck, and determined that the pricing through the Florida Sheriff's Association Contract is the most economical option. Informal pricing obtained from other local car/truck dealers exceeded \$40,000 in price.

I am requesting approval for the District to purchase a 2016 Ford F-250 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck from Duval Ford Fleet Sales under the Florida Sheriff's Association Contract in the amount of \$23,214.00. The vehicle will be outfitted with additional options including a trailer towing package; spare tire and rim; back-up alarm; 8,000 lb. winch with remote; limited slip differential on 4-wheel drive; and electric brake controller. The total amount of the optional items is \$3,377.00. The total cost for the new vehicle, including all optional items is \$26,591.00.

Financial impacts to this Agenda Item: The purchase of the new vehicle will be funded through the General Operating Account as part of the District's 2015-2016 budget.

This is to request approval for the purchase of a 2016 Ford F-250 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck in the total amount of \$26,591.00. Funding for this project will come from the SBDD General Operating Account as part of the 2015-2016 Budget.

KH Attachments

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# FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION & FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

## 3/4 TON PICKUP TRUCK - 4X4 SPECIFICATION #52

## 2016 Ford F-250 SD (F2B)

The Ford F-250 SD (F2B) purchased through this contract comes with all the standard equipment as specified by the manufacturer for this model and FSA's base vehicle specification(s) requirements which are included and made a part of this contract's vehicle base price as awarded by specification by zone.

| ZONE:       | * Western   | ★ Northern  | ★Central    | Southern    |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| BASE PRICE: | \$22,387.00 | \$22,387.00 | \$22,486.00 | \$23,214.00 |

While the Florida Sheriffs Association and Florida Association of Counties have attempted to identify and include those equipment items most often requested by participating agencies for full size vehicles, we realize equipment needs and preferences are going to vary from agency to agency. In an effort to incorporate flexibility into our program, we have created specific add/delete options which allow the purchaser to tailor the vehicle to their particular wants or needs.

The following equipment delete and add options and their related cost are provided here to assist you in approximating the total cost of the type vehicle(s) you wish to order through this program. Simply deduct the cost of any of the following equipment items you wish deleted from the base unit cost and/or add the cost of any equipment items you wish added to the base unit cost to determine the approximate cost of the type vehicle(s) you wish to order.

NOTE: An official listing of all add/delete options and their prices should be obtained from the appropriate dealer in your zone when preparing your order. Additional add/delete options other than those listed here may be available through the dealers, however, those listed here must be honored by the dealers in your zone at the stated prices.