

**TAMPA PALMS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

**TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors  
Tampa Palms Community Development District  
Hillsborough County, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Tampa Palms Community Development District, Hillsborough County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal 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 and the major fund of the District as of September 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

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

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 11, 2016, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

We have also issued our report dated March 11, 2016, on our consideration of the District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, as required by Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. The purpose of that report is to provide an opinion based on our examination conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



March 11, 2016

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of Tampa Palms Community Development District, Hillsborough County, Florida ("District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the District's Independent Auditor's Report, basic financial statements, accompanying notes and supplementary information to the basic financial statements.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year resulting in a net position balance of \$10,539,977.
- In comparison with the prior year, the District's total net position increased by \$64,497. The key components of the District's net position and change in net position are reflected in the table in the government-wide financial analysis section.
- At September 30, 2015, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,664,150, an increase of \$215,920 in comparison with the prior year. A portion of fund balance is non-spendable for deposits, assigned to streetlighting, and the remainder is unassigned fund balance which is available for spending at the District's discretion.

### OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as the introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the residual amount being reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

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

#### Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has one fund category, governmental funds.

## OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains one governmental fund for external reporting. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund which is a major fund.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of an entity's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities at the close of the fiscal year.

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

	NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2015	2014
Assets, excluding capital assets	\$ 3,790,438	\$ 3,616,580
Capital assets, net of depreciation	6,875,827	7,027,250
Total assets	10,666,265	10,643,830
Liabilities, excluding long-term liabilities	126,288	168,350
Total liabilities	126,288	168,350
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	6,875,827	7,027,250
Unrestricted	3,664,150	3,448,230
Total net position	\$ 10,539,977	\$ 10,475,480

A portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, land improvements, and infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are used to provide services to residents; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay any related debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. The District does not have any debt related to capital assets.

The remaining balance of unrestricted net position may be used to meet the District's other obligations.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

The District's net position increased during the fiscal year. The majority of the increase represents the extent to which ongoing program revenues exceeded the cost of operations and depreciation expense.

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

	CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2015	2014
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 2,314,142	\$ 2,315,723
General revenues		
Unrestricted investment earnings	24,524	29,070
Miscellaneous	9,392	1,500
Total revenues	<u>2,348,058</u>	<u>2,346,293</u>
Expenses:		
General government	112,940	105,123
Maintenance and operations	2,165,536	2,322,660
Street lighting	5,085	12,583
Total expenses	<u>2,283,561</u>	<u>2,440,366</u>
Change in net position	<u>64,497</u>	<u>(94,073)</u>
Net position, beginning	10,475,480	10,569,553
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 10,539,977</u>	<u>\$ 10,475,480</u>

As noted above and in the statement of activities, the cost of all governmental activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 was \$2,283,561. The costs of the District's activities were primarily funded by program revenues. Program revenues were comprised primarily of assessments for both the current and prior fiscal years. In total, expenses decreased from the prior year mainly as a result of the Visioning Tampa Palms and Signature Tampa Palms projects are drawing to a close.

## GENERAL BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS

An operating budget was adopted and maintained by the governing board for the District pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in preparation of the fund financial statements. The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 was amended to increase use of fund balance by \$85,000 and increase appropriations by \$85,000.

The variance between budgeted and actual general fund revenues for the current fiscal year is a result of less homeowners taking advantage of the early payment discount resulting in lower revenues received. The actual general fund expenditures for the 2015 fiscal year were lower than budgeted amounts due primarily to anticipated costs related to the various renewal and replacement projects which were not incurred in the current fiscal year.

## CAPITAL ASSETS

At September 30, 2015, the District had \$11,966,284 invested in land and land improvements, infrastructure, and equipment. In the government-wide financial statements, accumulated depreciation of \$5,090,457 has been taken, which resulted in a net book value of \$6,875,827. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

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

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

## CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, land owners, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the financial resources it manages and the stewardship of the facilities it maintains. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Tampa Palms Community Development District's Finance Department at 1060 Maitland Center Commons, Suite 340, Maitland, Florida 32751.



**TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,741,345
Investments	14,855
Due from other government	20,476
Deposits	13,762
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable	3,890,220
Depreciable, net	2,985,607
Total assets	10,666,265
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	126,288
Total liabilities	126,288
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	6,875,827
Unrestricted	3,664,150
Total net position	\$ 10,539,977

See notes to the financial statements

**TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	Expenses	Program Revenues	Charges for Services	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position <hr/> Governmental Activities
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 112,940	\$ 112,940		\$ -
Maintenance and operations	2,165,536		2,199,604	34,068
Street lighting	5,085		1,598	(3,487)
Total governmental activities	2,283,561		2,314,142	30,581
General revenues:				
				24,524
				9,392
Total general revenues				33,916
Change in net position				64,497
Net position - beginning				10,475,480
Net position - ending				\$ 10,539,977

See notes to the financial statements

**TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

	Major Fund General	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,741,345	\$ 3,741,345
Investments	14,855	14,855
Due from other government	20,476	20,476
Deposits	13,762	13,762
Total assets	\$ 3,790,438	\$ 3,790,438
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 126,288	\$ 126,288
Total liabilities	126,288	126,288
Fund balances:		
Nonspendable:		
Deposits	13,762	13,762
Assigned to:		
Streetlighting	5,105	5,105
Unassigned	3,645,283	3,645,283
Total fund balances	3,664,150	3,664,150
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 3,790,438	\$ 3,790,438

See notes to the financial statements

**TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

Fund balance - governmental funds \$ 3,664,150

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. The statement of net position includes those capital assets, net of any accumulated depreciation, in the net position of the government as a whole.

Cost of capital assets	11,966,284	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,090,457)</u>	6,875,827
Net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 10,539,977</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements

**TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

	Major Fund General	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Non ad valorem assessments	\$ 2,312,544	\$ 2,312,544
Street lighting revenue	1,598	1,598
Interest	24,524	24,524
Miscellaneous	9,392	9,392
Total revenues	2,348,058	2,348,058
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Current:		
General government	112,940	112,940
Maintenance and operations	1,865,173	1,865,173
Street lighting	5,085	5,085
Capital outlay	148,940	148,940
Total expenditures	2,132,138	2,132,138
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	215,920	215,920
Fund balances - beginning	3,448,230	3,448,230
Fund balances - ending	\$ 3,664,150	\$ 3,664,150

See notes to the financial statements

**TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	215,920
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, however, the cost of those capital assets is eliminated in the statement of activities and capitalized in the statement of net position.		148,940
Depreciation on capital assets is not recognized in governmental funds but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.		<u>(300,363)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>64,497</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements

**TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

Tampa Palms Community Development District ("District") was created in 1982 by the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission. The District exists under the "Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980", otherwise known as Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

The District was created for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and maintaining certain portions of the community-wide infrastructure. The District consists of 5,400 acres of land and is located entirely within Hillsborough County, Florida. The area encompassed by the District was annexed by the City of Tampa in 1985.

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

The Board has the final responsibility for:

1. Assessing and levying property taxes and assessments.
2. Approving budgets.
3. Exercising control over facilities and properties.
4. Controlling the use of funds generated by the District.
5. Approving the hiring and firing of key personnel.
6. Financing improvements.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statements. Under the provisions of those standards, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the District is considered to be financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that, if excluded, the financial statements of the District would be considered incomplete or misleading. There are no entities considered to be component units of the District; therefore, the financial statements include only the operations of the District.

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include: 1) charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment, like operating-type special assessments for maintenance and debt service are treated as charges for services; and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

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

### **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

### **Assessments**

Assessments are non-ad valorem assessments on benefited lands within the District. Assessments are levied to pay for the operations and maintenance of the District. The fiscal year for which annual assessments are levied begins on October 1 with discounts available for payments through February 28 and become delinquent on April 1. The District's annual assessments for operations are billed and collected by the County Tax Assessor/Collector. The amounts remitted to the District are net of applicable discounts or fees and include interest on monies held from the day of collection to the day of distribution.

Assessments and interest associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

### **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.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first for qualifying expenditures, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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

#### **Restricted Assets**

These assets represent cash and investments set aside pursuant to third party agreements.

#### **Deposits and Investments**

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

The District has elected to proceed under the Alternative Investment Guidelines as set forth in Section 218.415 (17) Florida Statutes. The District may invest any surplus public funds in the following:

- a) The Local Government Surplus Trust Funds, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act;
- b) Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency;
- c) Interest bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories;
- d) Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

Securities listed in paragraphs c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due. In addition, surplus funds may be deposited into certificates of deposit which are insured.



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

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

#### Deposits and Investments

The District records all interest revenue related to investment activities in the respective funds and reports investments at fair value.

#### Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks and similar items) are reported in the government activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Infrastructure – structures and other	20 – 60
Infrastructure – parking and roadways	35
Infrastructure – walls, gates, monuments	5 – 20
Infrastructure – drainage and irrigation	10 – 30
Equipment	5 -10

In the governmental fund financial statements, amounts incurred for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as fund expenditures. Depreciation expense is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

#### Unearned Revenue

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

#### Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the Bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable premiums or discounts. Bond issuance costs are expensed when incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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

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

#### Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

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

#### Fund Equity/Net Position

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report non spendable and restricted fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Assignments of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

The District can establish limitations on the use of fund balance as follows:

Committed fund balance – Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Supervisors. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the Board of Supervisors taking the same formal action (resolution) that imposed the constraint originally. Resources accumulated pursuant to stabilization arrangements sometimes are reported in this category.

Assigned fund balance – Includes spendable fund balance amounts established by the Board of Supervisors that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover differences in estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Assignments are generally temporary and normally the same formal action need not be taken to remove the assignment.

The District first uses committed fund balance, followed by assigned fund balance and then unassigned fund balance when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Net position is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position in the government-wide financial statements are categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents net position related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment. Restricted net position represents the assets restricted by the District's Bond covenants or other contractual restrictions. Unrestricted net position consists of the net position not meeting the definition of either of the other two components.

### **Other Disclosures**

#### Use of Estimates

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

### NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved Annual Budget. Annual Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

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

- a) Each year, the District Manager submits to the District Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1.
- b) Public hearings are conducted to obtain public comments.
- c) Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted by the District Board.
- d) All budget changes must be approved by the District Board.
- e) The budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- f) Unused appropriation for annually budgeted funds lapse at the end of the year.

### NOTE 4 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

#### Cash

The District's cash balances were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by a collateral pool pledged to the State Treasurer. Florida Statutes Chapter 280, "Florida Security for Public Deposits Act", requires all qualified depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another participating banking institution eligible collateral equal to various percentages of the average daily balance for each month of all public deposits in excess of any applicable deposit insurance held. The percentage of eligible collateral (generally, U.S. Governmental and agency securities, state or local government debt, or corporate bonds) to public deposits is dependent upon the depository's financial history and its compliance with Chapter 280. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses.

#### Investments

The District's investments were held as follows at September 30, 2015:

	Fair Value	Credit Risk	Maturities
Investment in Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida PRIME)	\$ 14,855	S&P AAAM	Weighted average of the fund portfolio: 39 days
Total Investments	<u>\$ 14,855</u>		

*Credit risk* – For investments, credit risk is generally the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Investment ratings by investment type are included in the preceding summary of investments.

*Concentration risk* – The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

*Interest rate risk* – The District does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

## NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental activities</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land and land improvements	\$ 3,890,220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,890,220
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	3,890,220	-	-	3,890,220
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Infrastructure:				
Structures	714,603	-	-	714,603
Parking and roadways	40,000	-	-	40,000
Walls and monuments	4,352,036	-	-	4,352,036
Irrigation and drainage system	1,087,808	93,665	-	1,181,473
Other	1,046,723	19,950	-	1,066,673
Equipment	685,954	35,325	-	721,279
Total capital assets, being depreciated	7,927,124	148,940	-	8,076,064
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure:				
Structures	(353,315)	(25,750)	-	(379,065)
Parking and roadways	(25,942)	(929)	-	(26,871)
Walls and monuments	(2,979,884)	(143,630)	-	(3,123,514)
Irrigation and drainage system	(815,134)	(21,720)	-	(836,854)
Other	(217,332)	(34,994)	-	(252,326)
Equipment	(398,487)	(73,340)	-	(471,827)
Total accumulated depreciation	(4,790,094)	(300,363)	-	(5,090,457)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	3,137,030	(151,423)	-	2,985,607
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 7,027,250	\$ (151,423)	\$ -	\$ 6,875,827

Depreciation expense was charged to the maintenance and operation program/function.

The District has implemented a plan for various repairs and improvements. Of the costs incurred, the majority is for maintenance, refurbishment and repairs; and a portion will be for replacement or enhancement of certain capital assets.

## NOTE 6 – STREET LIGHTING AGREEMENTS

The District has an agreement with Tampa Electric Company (“TECO”) regarding street and area lighting facilities within the District. TECO has agreed to lease to the District and install at its expense, street and area lighting facilities. The District has agreed to pay for the street and area lighting facilities, plus any maintenance and all fuel and kilowatt hour adjustments and, if applicable any franchise fees and taxes related to the operation of the street and area lighting facilities. The payments are to be made in monthly installments over a twenty year period. The District incurred approximately \$5,100 in expenditures during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 related to the street lighting agreement.

The District also entered into an agreement with the City of Tampa (“City”) whereby the City has agreed to pay for their share of the total monthly payments related to the street and area lighting facilities. The agreement is for a twenty year period. As required in the agreement with the City, the District has segregated funds for the purpose of funding the agreement. Since the District has demonstrated adequate financial ability to meet its obligations, the City has not exercised its option to require the District to increase the balance of segregated funds. As of September 30, 2015, there is no balance required to be held by the District to fund the agreement since the street lights are transitioning to the City. The District has recorded revenue from the City related to the agreement of approximately \$1,600, which includes a receivable of \$663 as of September 30, 2015.

**NOTE 7 – COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

The District has an agreement with the Homeowners Association (“HOA”) whereby District employees will be used to provide administrative services for the HOA. Pursuant to the agreement, for services rendered during the current fiscal year, the HOA incurred charges of \$16,898 and owes the District \$8,480 at September 30, 2015.

**NOTE 8 – MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

The District has contracted with a management company to perform services, which include financial and accounting services. Certain employees of the management company also serve as officers of the District. Under the agreement, the District compensates the management company for management, accounting, financial reporting, computer and other administrative costs.

**NOTE 9 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District has obtained commercial insurance from independent third parties to mitigate the costs of these risks; coverage may not extend to all situations. There have been no claims from these risks that exceeded commercial insurance coverage over the past three years.

**TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Non ad valorem assessments	\$ 2,374,740	\$ 2,374,740	\$ 2,312,544	\$ (62,196)
Streetlighting revenue	1,604	1,604	1,598	(6)
Interest	10,000	10,000	24,524	14,524
Miscellaneous	-	-	9,392	9,392
Total revenues	<u>2,386,344</u>	<u>2,386,344</u>	<u>2,348,058</u>	<u>(38,286)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	187,160	187,160	112,940	74,220
Maintenance and operations	1,802,240	1,887,240	1,865,173	22,067
Streetlighting	4,604	4,604	5,085	(481)
Capital outlay	395,340	395,340	148,940	246,400
Total expenditures	<u>2,389,344</u>	<u>2,474,344</u>	<u>2,132,138</u>	<u>342,206</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(3,000)	(88,000)	215,920	303,920
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Use of fund balance	3,000	88,000	-	(88,000)
Total other financing sources	<u>3,000</u>	<u>88,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(88,000)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	215,920	<u>\$ 215,920</u>
Fund balance - beginning			<u>3,448,230</u>	
Fund balance - ending			<u>\$ 3,664,150</u>	

See notes to required supplementary information

**TAMPA PALMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved annual budget for the general fund. The District's budgeting process is based on estimates of cash receipts and cash expenditures which are approved by the Board. The budget approximates a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (generally accepted accounting principles).

The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 was amended to increase use of fund balance by \$85,000 and increase appropriations by \$85,000.

The variance between budgeted and actual general fund revenues for the current fiscal year is a result of less homeowners taking advantage of the early payment discount resulting in lower revenues received. The actual general fund expenditures for the 2015 fiscal year were lower than budgeted amounts due primarily to anticipated costs related to the various renewal and replacement projects which were not incurred in the current fiscal year.



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Tampa Palms Community Development District  
Hillsborough County, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Tampa Palms Community Development District, Hillsborough County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal 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 opinion thereon dated March 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 that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.



## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*B. & Associates*

March 11, 2016



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES, REQUIRED BY  
RULE 10.556(10) OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

To the Board of Supervisors  
Tampa Palms Community Development District  
Hillsborough County, Florida

We have examined Tampa Palms Community Development District, Hillsborough County, Florida's ("District") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

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

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, management, and the Board of Supervisors of Tampa Palms Community Development District, Hillsborough County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Grau & Associates*

March 11, 2016



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Tampa Palms Community Development District  
Hillsborough County, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Tampa Palms Community Development District, Hillsborough County, Florida, ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated March 11, 2016.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

**Other Reports and Schedule**

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters based on an audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, Section 601, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated March 11, 2016, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

**Purpose of this Letter**

The purpose of this letter is to comment on those matters required by Chapter 10.550 of the Rules of the Auditor General for the State of Florida. Accordingly, in connection with our audit of the financial statements of the District, as described in the first paragraph, we report the following:

- I. Current year findings and recommendations.**
- II. Status of prior year findings and recommendations.**
- III. Compliance with the Provisions of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.**

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

We wish to thank Tampa Palms Community Development District, Hillsborough County, Florida and the personnel associated with it, for the opportunity to be of service to them in this endeavor as well as future engagements and the courtesies extended to us.

*Grau & Associates*

March 11, 2016

## REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

### I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

### II. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

### III. COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Unless otherwise required to be reported in the auditor's report on compliance and internal controls, the management letter shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. A statement as to whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

There were no significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

2. Any recommendations to improve the local governmental entity's financial management.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015.

3. Noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015.

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

5. The financial report filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes agrees with the September 30, 2015 financial audit report.

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

7. We applied financial condition assessment procedures and no deteriorating financial conditions were noted as of September 30, 2015. It is management's responsibility to monitor financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.