

**VERANO #1  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**VERANO #1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors  
Verano #1 Community Development District  
St. Lucie County, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Verano #1 Community Development District, St. Lucie County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, 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 each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2016, 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 June 27, 2017, 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 June 27, 2017, 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.



June 27, 2017

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of Verano #1 Community Development District, St. Lucie County, Florida ("District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. 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 liabilities of the District exceeded its assets at the close of the most recent fiscal year resulting in a net position balance of (\$944,796).
- The change in the District's total net position in comparison with the prior fiscal year was (\$392,722), a decrease. 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, 2016, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,133,068, a decrease of (\$3,532,564) in comparison with the prior fiscal year. The total fund balance is restricted for debt service and capital projects and the remainder is unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
- During fiscal year 2016, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, GASB Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*, and GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. Please see New Accounting Standards Adopted in Note 2 of the financial statements for additional information.

### 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) and maintenance functions.

## OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 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.

### 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 balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains three governmental funds 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, debt service fund and capital projects fund which are considered major funds.

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, liabilities exceeded assets at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

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

	NET POSITION	
	SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2016	2015
Current and other assets	\$ 1,133,068	\$ 4,665,632
Capital assets, net of depreciation	6,036,266	2,843,312
Total assets	7,169,334	7,508,944
Current liabilities	154,610	103,933
Long-term liabilities	7,959,520	7,957,085
Total liabilities	8,114,130	8,061,018
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	(1,923,254)	(5,113,773)
Restricted	976,786	4,561,540
Unrestricted	1,672	159
Total net position	\$ (944,796)	\$ (552,074)

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

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 this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The restricted portion of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position may be used to meet the District's other obligations.

The District's net position decreased during the most recent fiscal year. The majority of the decrease is a result of an increase in interest expense on the Series 2015 Bonds.

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,		
	2016	2015
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 18,175	\$ 2,958
Operating grants and contributions	823	8
Capital grants and contributions	2,777	48
Total revenues	21,775	3,014
Expenses:		
General government	16,662	2,900
Interest	397,835	106,368
Bond issuance costs	-	445,921
Total expenses	414,497	555,189
Change in net position	(392,722)	(552,175)
Net position - beginning	(552,074)	101
Net position - ending	\$ (944,796)	\$ (552,074)

As noted above and in the statement of activities, the cost of all governmental activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 was \$414,497. The costs of the District's activities were partially paid by program revenues. As in the prior fiscal year, program revenues are comprised primarily of assessments. The remainder of the current fiscal year revenue includes interest revenue. The majority of the decrease in expenses is due to nonrecurring bond issue costs associated with the bond issuance in the prior year.

## 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 budgeted amounts, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Actual general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At September 30, 2016, the District had \$6,036,266 invested in infrastructure under construction. No depreciation has been taken since depreciable assets are considered under construction. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

### Capital Debt

At September 30, 2016, the District had \$8,035,000 in Bonds outstanding. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

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

For the subsequent fiscal year, the District anticipates that the cost of general operations will increase.

## 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 Verano #1 Community Development District's Finance Department at 5385 N. Nob Hill Road, Sunrise, Florida, 33351.



**VERANO #1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 1,672
Restricted assets:	
Investments	1,131,396
Capital assets	
Nondepreciable	6,036,266
Total assets	7,169,334
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accrued interest payable	154,610
Non-current liabilities:	
Due in more than one year	7,959,520
Total liabilities	8,114,130
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	(1,923,254)
Restricted for debt service	335,253
Restricted for capital projects	641,533
Unrestricted	1,672
Total net position	\$ (944,796)

See notes to the financial statements

**VERANO #1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Primary government:					
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 16,662	\$ 18,175	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,513
Maintenance and operations	-	-	-	2,777	2,777
Interest on long-term debt	397,835	-	823	-	(397,012)
Total governmental activities	414,497	18,175	823	2,777	(392,722)
					(392,722)
					(552,074)
					\$ (944,796)

See notes to the financial statements

**VERANO #1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 1,672	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,672
Investments	-	489,863	641,533	1,131,396
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,672</u>	<u>\$ 489,863</u>	<u>\$ 641,533</u>	<u>\$ 1,133,068</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
Liabilities:				
Total liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances:				
Restricted for:				
Debt service	-	489,863	-	489,863
Capital projects	-	-	641,533	641,533
Unassigned				
General fund	1,672	-	-	1,672
Total fund balances	<u>1,672</u>	<u>489,863</u>	<u>641,533</u>	<u>1,133,068</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,672</u>	<u>\$ 489,863</u>	<u>\$ 641,533</u>	<u>\$ 1,133,068</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**VERANO #1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Fund balance - governmental funds		\$ 1,133,068
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</p>		
<p>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.</p>		
Cost of capital assets		6,036,266
<p>Liabilities not due and payable from current available resources are not reported as liabilities in the governmental fund statements. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the government-wide financial statements.</p>		
Accrued interest payable	(154,610)	
Bonds payable	(8,035,000)	
Unamortized discount	75,480	(8,114,130)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ (944,796)

See notes to the financial statements

**VERANO #1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service	Capital Project	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Assessments	\$ 18,175	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,175
Interest	-	823	2,777	3,600
Total revenues	<u>18,175</u>	<u>823</u>	<u>2,777</u>	<u>21,775</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	16,662	-	-	16,662
Debt service:				
Interest	-	344,723	-	344,723
Capital outlay	-	-	3,192,954	3,192,954
Total expenditures	<u>16,662</u>	<u>344,723</u>	<u>3,192,954</u>	<u>3,554,339</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,513	(343,900)	(3,190,177)	(3,532,564)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Interfund transfers	-	14,953	(14,953)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>14,953</u>	<u>(14,953)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	1,513	(328,947)	(3,205,130)	(3,532,564)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>159</u>	<u>818,810</u>	<u>3,846,663</u>	<u>4,665,632</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,672</u>	<u>\$ 489,863</u>	<u>\$ 641,533</u>	<u>\$ 1,133,068</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**VERANO #1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE 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, 2016**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (3,532,564)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, the cost of capital assets is eliminated in the statement of activities and capitalized in the statement of net position.	3,192,954
Amortization of Bond discounts/premiums is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements, but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.	(2,435)
The change in accrued interest on long-term liabilities between the current and prior fiscal years is recorded in the statement of activities, but not in the governmental fund financial statements.	<u>(50,677)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (392,722)</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements

**VERANO #1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

Verano #1 Community Development District ("the District") (formerly Montage Reserve #1 Community Development District prior to a name change on February 27, 2006) was created on April 25, 2005 pursuant to Ordinance No. 05-18 enacted by the City Commission of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, under the "Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980", otherwise known as Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The Act provides among other things, the power to manage basic services for community development, power to borrow money and issue Bonds, and to levy and assess non-ad valorem assessments for the financing and delivery of capital infrastructure.

The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a portion of the infrastructure necessary for community development within the District.

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is composed of five members. The Supervisors are elected by the owners of the property within the District. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercise all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. Verano Development LLC ("Developer"), which is indirectly owned by Kolter Communities LLC ("Kolter"), owns a majority of the land within the District. At September 30, 2016, all of the Board members are affiliated with Kolter.

The Board has the final responsibility for:

1. Assessing and levying 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. For the most part, 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. (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 benefitted property within the District. Operating and Maintenance Assessments are based upon adopted budget and levied annually at a public hearing of the District. Debt Service Assessments are levied when Bonds are issued and assessed and collected on an annual basis. The District may collect assessments directly or utilize the uniform method of collection (Chapter 197.3632, Florida Statutes). Direct collected assessments are due as determined by annual assessment resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Assessments collected under the uniform method are mailed by County Tax Collector on November 1 and due on or before March 31 of each year. Property owners may prepay a portion or all of the Debt Service Assessments on their property subject to various provisions in the Bond documents.

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 portion of assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

### **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.

### **Debt Service Fund**

The debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on debt.

### **Capital Projects Fund**

This fund accounts for the financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major infrastructure within the District.

As a general rule, the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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.



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

### **New Accounting Standards Adopted**

During fiscal year 2016, the District adopted three new accounting standards as follows:

#### *GASB 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application*

The Statement improves financial reporting by clarifying the definition of fair value for financial reporting purposes, establishing general principles for measuring fair value, providing additional fair value application guidance, and enhancing disclosures about fair value measurements. These improvements are based in part on the concepts and definitions established in Concepts Statement No. 6, *Measurement of Elements of Financial Statements*, and other relevant literature.

#### *GASB 76 - The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*

The Statement identifies—in the context of the current governmental financial reporting environment—the sources of accounting principles used to prepare financial statements of state and local governmental entities in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the framework for selecting those principles.

#### *GASB 79 - Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*

This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for qualifying external investment pools that elect to measure for financial reporting purposes all of their investments at amortized cost. This Statement also establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments that participate in a qualifying external investment pool that measures for financial reporting purposes all of its investments at amortized cost.

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

#### Restricted Assets

These assets represent cash and investments set aside pursuant to Bond covenants or other contractual restrictions.

#### Deposits and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits (interest and non-interest bearing).

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 paragraph c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

The District records all interest revenue related to investment activities in the respective funds. Investments are measured at amortized cost or reported at fair value as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

#### Prepaid Items

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.

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

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

#### 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 two years. 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.

No depreciation has been taken as all depreciable capital assets are considered under construction. In the governmental fund financial statements, amounts incurred for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as fund expenditures. No depreciation has been taken in the current fiscal year.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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

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

#### **Fund Equity/Net Position (Continued)**

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 all governmental funds. 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 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 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

### **Deposits**

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 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.

## NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

### Investments

The District's investments were held as follows at September 30, 2016:

	Amortized cost	Credit Risk	Maturities
First American Government Obligations Fund Class Z	\$ 1,131,396	S&P AAAM	Weighted average of the fund portfolio: 37 days
	\$ 1,131,396		

*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.

However, the Bond Indentures limit the type of investments held using unspent proceeds.

*Fair Value Measurement* – When applicable, the District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established in accordance with GASB Statements. The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques.

These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, in order of highest priority, as follows:

- *Level 1:* Investments whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical investments in active markets that the District has the ability to access;
- *Level 2:* Investments whose inputs - other than quoted market prices - are observable either directly or indirectly; and,
- *Level 3:* Investments whose inputs are unobservable.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Money market investments that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less and are held by governments other than external investment pools should be measured at amortized cost. Accordingly, the District's investments have been reported at amortized cost above.

## NOTE 5 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 were as follows:

Fund	Transfer in	Transfer out
Debt service	\$ 14,953	\$ -
Capital projects	-	14,953
Total	\$ 14,953	\$ 14,953

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund where collection occurs to the fund where funds have been reallocated for use. In the case of the District, transfers from the capital projects fund to the debt service fund were made in accordance with the Bond Indenture.

## NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental activities</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Infrastructure under construction	\$ 2,843,312	\$ 3,192,954	\$ -	\$ 6,036,266
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	2,843,312	3,192,954	-	6,036,266
Governmental activities capital assets	\$ 2,843,312	\$ 3,192,954	\$ -	\$ 6,036,266

The total cost of the project has been estimated at \$9,490,000 and includes a stormwater management system, water/sewer facilities, and other improvements. Certain improvements will be conveyed to other entities for ownership and maintenance responsibilities upon completion. During the current year, the District acquired improvements valued at \$3,192,954 from the Developer pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement.

## NOTE 7 – LONG TERM LIABILITIES

On June 30, 2015, the District issued \$8,035,000 of Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2015 consisting of \$1,325,000 Term Bonds Series 2015 due on November 1, 2025 with a fixed interest rate of 4.75%, \$2,335,000 Term Bonds Series 2015 due on November 1, 2035 with a fixed interest rate of 5.125%, and \$4,375,000 Term Bonds Series 2015 due in November 1, 2046 with a fixed interest rate of 5.25%. The Bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements for the benefit of the District. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1. Principal on the Bonds is to be paid serially commencing November 1, 2017 through November 1, 2046.

The Series 2015 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity. The Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to their selected maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Bond Indenture.

The Bond Indenture established a debt service reserve requirement as well as other restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements. The District is in compliance with those requirements of the Bond Indenture at September 30, 2016.

Changes in long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<u>Governmental activities</u>					
Bonds payable:					
Series 2015	\$ 8,035,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,035,000	\$ -
Discount	(77,915)	-	(2,435)	(75,480)	-
Total	\$ 7,957,085	\$ -	\$ (2,435)	\$ 7,959,520	\$ -

## NOTE 7 – LONG TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

At September 30, 2016, the scheduled debt service requirements on the long-term debt were as follows:

Year ending September 30:	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ -	\$ 412,294	\$ 412,294
2018	120,000	409,444	529,444
2019	125,000	403,625	528,625
2020	135,000	397,450	532,450
2021	140,000	390,919	530,919
2022-2026	805,000	1,845,938	2,650,938
2027-2031	1,025,000	1,620,578	2,645,578
2032-2036	1,310,000	1,323,200	2,633,200
2037-2041	1,690,000	935,813	2,625,813
2042-2046	2,180,000	430,500	2,610,500
2047	505,000	13,256	518,256
Total	<u>\$ 8,035,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,183,017</u>	<u>\$ 16,218,017</u>

## NOTE 8 – DEVELOPER TRANSACTIONS

The Developer owns a majority of the land within the District; therefore, assessment revenues in the general fund include the assessments levied on those lots owned by the Developer.

## NOTE 9 – CONCENTRATION

A significant portion of the District's activity is dependent upon the continued involvement of the Developer, the loss of which could have a material adverse effect on the District's operations.

## NOTE 10 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Verano Community Development Districts are a combination of six separate community development districts. To facilitate the financing, construction, acquisition, operation, and maintenance of community-wide infrastructure and District-specific infrastructure for the mixed use development of regional impact currently encompassing all of the lands located within the District and to better assure compliance with the development order pertaining to Verano as it relates to such infrastructure, the Districts have entered into a District Interlocal Agreement. Verano Districts # 1 - 5 have delegated to the Center District (i.e., Verano Center Community Development District), among other things, the power and authority to act on behalf of all the Districts to finance, acquire, construct, operate, and maintain community infrastructure benefiting only the property within a single District, such as Community Infrastructure and District Infrastructure collectively referred to as Public Infrastructure. The interlocal agreement has been amended between Verano Center and the Districts and now allows for any of the Districts to become the issuer to finance the public infrastructure. Verano Center would act as the administrative entity on behalf of all of the Districts but would no longer issue any debt.

During a prior fiscal year, the Districts determined that it is in the best interest of the Districts to delegate certain powers, privileges, responsibilities and authority, specifically with respect to the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of public infrastructure and financing thereof, to the Center District. Additionally, due to the delegation of responsibility to the Center District and the fact that the majority Landowner has the ability to influence the decisions made by the Center District, the majority Landowner has determined that it is fair and equitable to ensure that the Districts have adequate representation on the Center Board and has agreed to dilute its interest with respect to the elections of the Center District Board by granting the Districts the opportunity to vote a portion of its votes in elections for the Center District Board under certain terms and conditions.

## **NOTE 11 – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS**

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

The Districts have also entered into an Inter-local Agreement to Provide Maintenance of Stormwater Management for Verano Community Development Districts with the City of Port St. Lucie (“City”). Maintenance of the storm water system shall include, but is not limited to: maintenance of swales, conveyance channels, and waterways to ensure proper functioning; maintenance of berms and drainage way to ensure structural integrity; and the operation and maintenance of storm water control structures. The City agrees to pay the Center District a sum equal to 75% of the stormwater utility fees collected by the City from within the District area (as defined in the agreement). This agreement shall run in perpetuity; however, each party has the right to terminate the agreement, with or without cause, by written notice sent six months prior to such termination.

## **NOTE 12 – 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 were no settled claims during the past three years.

## **NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

### **Acquisition of Improvements**

Subsequent to fiscal year end, the District acquired improvements from the Developer valued at approximately \$635,000.

### **Issuance of Series 2017 Refunding Bonds**

Subsequent to fiscal year end, the District issued \$8,160,000 and \$555,000 of the Senior Special Assessment Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 A-1 and Subordinate Special Assessment Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 A-2, respectively, in order to refund the outstanding Series 2006 Bonds of Verano Center Community Development District.

**VERANO #1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

	Budgeted Amounts Original and Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessments	\$ 18,175	\$ 18,175	\$ -
Total revenues	18,175	18,175	-
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	18,175	16,662	1,513
Total expenditures	18,175	16,662	1,513
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	1,513	1,513
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
Carryforward surplus	162	-	(162)
Total other financing sources	162	-	(162)
Net change in fund balances	\$ 162	1,513	\$ 1,351
Fund balance - beginning		159	
Fund balance - ending		\$ 1,672	

See notes to required supplementary information



**VERANO #1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
ST. LUCIE 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 that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Actual general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.



**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  
Verano #1 Community Development District  
St. Lucie County, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Verano #1 Community Development District, St. Lucie County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our opinion thereon dated June 27, 2017.

**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.

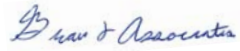
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian J. Associates". The signature is written in a cursive style.

June 27, 2017



**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  
Verano #1 Community Development District  
St. Lucie County, Florida

We have examined Verano #1 Community Development District, St. Lucie 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, 2016. Management is responsible for District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on 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 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 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, 2016.

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 Verano #1 Community Development District, St. Lucie County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Grau & Associates*

June 27, 2017



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Verano #1 Community Development District  
St. Lucie County, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Verano #1 Community Development District, St. Lucie County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2017.

**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 Auditor'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 June 27, 2017, 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 Verano #1 Community Development District, St. Lucie County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to thank Verano #1 Community Development District, St Lucie 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.

June 27, 2017

## 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, 2015.

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, 2016.

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, 2016.

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, 2016 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. 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.