#### COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

### BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL REPORTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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

Board of Supervisors Collins Slough Water Control District 1555 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Collins Slough Water Control District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, 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 an opinion 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 the <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. 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 District'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 District'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.

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

#### Opinion

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 Collins Slough Water Control District as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") on pages 4 - 8 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 - management discussion and analysis (MD&A) 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 required supplementary information - management discussion and analysis (MD&A) because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Collins Slough Water Control District's basic financial statements. The required supplementary information other than the MD&A - budgetary comparison information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The required supplementary information other than the MD&A - budgetary comparison information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the

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basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the required supplementary information other than MD&A - budgetary comparison information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### **Other Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Exhibit 1 - Management's Response to Independent Auditor's Report to Management and Exhibit 2 - Florida Rules of the Auditor General - Rule 10.554(1)(i)6-8 Compliance are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is required by <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

#### Other Reporting Required by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes

In accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, we have also issued a report dated March 18, 2022 on our consideration of Collins Slough Water Control District's compliance with provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and to provide an opinion on compliance with the aforementioned Statute. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Sections 218.39 and 218.415, Florida Statutes in considering Collins Slough Water Control District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated March 18, 2022 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 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Purson & Company, D.A.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A. Fort Myers, Florida March 18, 2022

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)

#### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Collins Slough Water Control District's (the "District") discussion and analysis is designed to offer readers of the District's financial statements a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. Readers are encouraged to read the Management's Discussion and Analysis in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which begin on page 9.

#### **Financial Highlights**

- \* The annual non ad valorem assessment rate for fiscal year 2020 is based on land usage per acre and was assessed as follows \$6.12/acre for pasture land, \$13.28/acre for citrus land and \$17.30/acre for sugar cane land resulting in a \$1,148 or .5% increase in tax revenues when compared to the prior fiscal year due to timing of when the taxes were paid. Because our tax rate calculation is based on the type of land use, the Districts' landowners no longer pay a canal usage fee. However, a canal usage fee is being charged to an adjoining water district, that directly benefits from the District's water control. Based upon estimated usage the amount billed and subsequently collected from that water district was \$57,442 for fiscal year 2020.
- \* The annual non ad valorem assessment rate for fiscal year 2021 is based on land usage per acre and was assessed as follows \$3.06/acre for pasture land, \$6.64/acre for citrus land and \$8.65/acre for sugar cane land resulting in a \$116,787 or 50% decrease in tax revenues when compared to the prior fiscal year due to a increase in the land use rates. Because our tax rate calculation is based on the type of land use, the Districts' landowners no longer pay a canal usage fee. However, a canal usage fee is being charged to an adjoining water district, that directly benefits from the District's water control. Based upon estimated usage the amount billed and subsequently collected from that water district was \$57,442 for fiscal year 2021.
- \* Total expenses increased by \$50,428 or 23% during fiscal year 2020 as compared to fiscal year 2019. The increase in total expenditures was primarily attributable to the increase of \$54,375 or 607% in repairs and maintenance due to cleaning of C-4 canal.
- \* Total expenses decreased by \$71,810 or 26% during fiscal year 2021 as compared to fiscal year 2020. The decrease in total expenditures was primarily attributable to a reduction in electricity due to less required pumping and less canal maintenance and cleaning.
- \* The water control expenses which includes canal spraying, utilities and maintenance fees increased by \$63,695 during fiscal year 2020 due to increased maintenance and cleaning C-4 canal. Administrative expenses which includes legal, accounting, insurance, and consulting fees decreased \$13,267 or 19% during fiscal year 2020 due to decreased legal and engineering costs related to the Alico project and a culvert issue.
- \* The water control expenses which includes canal spraying, utilities and maintenance fees decreased by \$70,083 or 33% during fiscal year 2021. Administrative expenses which includes legal, accounting, insurance, and consulting fees decreased \$1,727 or 3% during fiscal year 2021 due to decreased legal and engineering costs related to the Alico project and a culvert issue.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an 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.

**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 of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets 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 District's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event given 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 (e.g. uncollected taxes).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by non ad valorem assessments (maintenance taxes) and canal use fees program. The governmental activity of the District is water control.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this report.

**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.

*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 the 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 a general fund, its only fund, which is considered to be a major fund. Information for the general fund is presented separately for this fund in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund. To demonstrate compliance with the adopted budget, budgetary comparison statements have been provided for all funds as *required supplementary information other than MD&A*. Required supplementary information other than MD&A can be found on pages 27 and 28 of this report.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 11 and 13 of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 15 through 26 of this report.

#### **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$841,101 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

\$283,390 or 34% of the District's net position is net investment in capital assets consisting of pumps and culverts used in water management. The District uses these capital assets to carry out its statutory responsibilities; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending.

The remaining balance of *unrestricted net position* totaling \$557,711 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to landowners and creditors.

Following is a summary of the District's net position as found on page 9 of this report:

		September 3	0			
	Governmental Activities					
	2021			2020		2019
Current and other assets	\$	588,972	\$	555,044	\$	466,897
Capital Assets		283,390		334,690		388,443
Total Assets	\$	872,362	\$	889,734	\$	855,340
Current and other liabilities	\$	31,261	\$	22,662	\$	9,038
Total Liabilities		31,261		22,662		9,038
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets		283,390		334,690		388,443
Unrestricted		557,711		532,382		457,859
Total net position		841,101		867,072		846,302
Total Liabilities and net position	\$	872,362	\$	889,734	\$	855,340

#### **Collins Slough Water Control District's Net Position**

At the end of each fiscal year 2021, 2020, and 2019, the District is able to report positive net position.

**Governmental activities.** The District's net position increased by \$20,770 in fiscal year 2020 and decreased by \$25,971 in fiscal year 2021.

The following is a summary of the information presented in the statement of activities found on page 10 of this report:

For	the y	ear ended Sep	tembe	r 30		
		G	overnn	nental Activiti	es	
	2021			2020		2019
Revenues:						
General revenues:						
Non-ad valorem assessments	\$	115,015	\$	231,802	\$	230,654
Other		59,208		60,972		66,125
Total Revenues		174,223		292,774		296,779
Expenses:						
General government administration		55,442		57,169		70,436
Water control		144,752		214,835		151,140
Total Expenses		200,194		272,004		221,576
Increase (decrease) in net position		(25,971)		20,770		75,203
Net position - beginning		867,072		846,302		771,099
Net position - ending	\$	841,101	\$	867,072	\$	846,302
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#### Collins Slough Water Control District's Changes in Net Position For the year ended September 30

#### **Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds**

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. The District has only one fund - the general fund, a governmental fund.

At September 30, 2020, the District's governmental fund, consisting entirely of the general fund, reported an ending fund balance of \$532,382 an increase of \$74,523 as compared to the prior fiscal year. \$32,493 of the ending fund balance is classified as nonspendable and represents prepaid amounts as well as deposits. \$250,000 is assigned as the District's emergency disaster reserves. \$249,889 of the District's fund balance is classified as unassigned and is available for spending at the District's discretion.

At September 30, 2021, the District's governmental fund, consisting entirely of the general fund, reported an ending fund balance of \$557,711 an increase of \$25,329 as compared to the prior fiscal year. \$29,500 of the ending fund balance is classified as nonspendable and represents deposits. \$250,000 is assigned as the District's emergency disaster reserves. \$278,211 of the District's fund balance is classified as unassigned and is available for spending at the District's discretion.

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The District's general fund budget was amended during the 2020 fiscal year to increase carryforward amounts to the audited balance. There were no significant variances in the amounts recognized as administrative expenses compared with the amounts budgeted for fiscal year 2020 except legal fees due to less work related to the Alico project. There were no significant variances in the amounts recognized for field operations.

The District's general fund budget was amended during the fiscal year to increase carryforward amounts to the audited balance. There were no significant variances in the amounts recognized as administrative expenses or capital outlay compared with the amounts budgeted for fiscal year 2021. There were significant variances in the amounts recognized for field operations due to not having to pump as much or clean the canals as much as anticipated.

#### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

Capital assets. The District's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, as of September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was \$283,390, \$334,690 and \$388,443, respectively. Capital asset purchases were \$0, \$0 and \$29,475 in fiscal years 2021, 2020, and 2019.

Colli	ins Slough Wate	er Control Dis et of depreciati September 30	on)	Capital Asset	S	
		C	lovernn	nental Activiti	es	
		2021	2020		2019	
Pumps	\$	267,298	\$	314,079	\$	360,862
Culverts		16,092		20,611		27,581
Total Assets	\$	283,390	\$	334,690	\$	388,443

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 3 on page 24 of this report.

#### Long Term Debt

The District had no long term debt outstanding at September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### **Economic Factors**

The District will continue to closely monitor legal and regulatory activities related to water issues. Costs and expenses may increase if such activities increase. Additionally, the District may incur additional costs to comply with legislation if passed. Continued interest in water quality and best management practices are expected to continue to impact the District's operations.

#### **Future Budgetary Highlights**

For fiscal year 2022, the District maintained its assessment at \$119,717 compared with fiscal year 2021 of \$119,717, as follows:

	2	2022		2021
Land Use	Rat	Rate/Acre		e/Acre
Sugar Cane	\$	8.65	\$	8.65
Citrus		6.64		6.64
Pasture		3.06		3.06

#### **Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designated to provide the readers 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 manages. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Collins Slough Water Control District at 1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd, Suite 1200 West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

# COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	\$ 559,472	
Accounts receivable	-	
Due from other governments	-	
Prepaid expenses	-	
Deposits	29,500	
Total current assets	588,972	
Non-current assets:		
Capital assets:		
Depreciable water control structures and equipment		
(net of \$1,336,766 accumulated depreciation)	283,390	
Total non-current assets	283,390	
TOTAL ASSETS	872,362	
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	7,923	
Due to other governments	23,338	
Total current liabilities	31,261	
Commitments and contingencies		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	31,261	
	51,201	
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	283,390	
Unrestricted	557,711	
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 841,101	

# **COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES** For the year ended September 30, 2021

	Total Governmental Activities	
EXPENSES		
Governmental activities		
General government		
Administration		
Operating expenses	\$ 55,442	
Total general government	55,442	
Physical environment - water control		
Operating expenses	93,452	
Depreciation	51,300	
Total water control	144,752	
TOTAL EXPENSES - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	200,194	
PROGRAM REVENUES		
Canal use fees	57,442	
NET PROGRAM EXPENSES	142,752	
GENERAL REVENUES		
Maintenance taxes - non ad valorem	115,015	
Interest income	1,323	
Other income	443	
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	116,781	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	(25,971)	
<b>NET POSITION - Beginning of the year</b>	867,072	
<b>NET POSITION - End of the year</b>	\$ 841,101	

# COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS September 30, 2021

	General Fund		Total Governmental Funds	
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	559,472	\$	559,472
Accounts receivable	•	-	Ţ	-
Due from other governments		-		-
Prepaid expenses		-		-
Deposits		29,500		29,500
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	588,972	\$	588,972
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$	7,923	\$	7,923
Due to other governments		23,338		23,338
TOTAL LIABILITIES		31,261		31,261
FUND BALANCE				
Nonspendable		29,500		29,500
Assigned		250,000		250,000
Unassigned		278,211		278,211
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		557,711		557,711
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND				
FUND BALANCE	\$	588,972	\$	588,972

# COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION September 30, 2021

		Α	mount
Total fund balance for governmental funds		\$	557,711
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 in the governmental funds.			
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land			-
Capital assets being depreciated: Water control structures and equipment Less accumulated depreciation	1,620,156 (1,336,766)		283,390
Total net position of governmental activities		\$	841,101

# COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the year ended September 30, 2021

DEVENUEC	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b> Maintenance taxes - non ad valorem	\$ 115,015	\$ 115,015
Canal use fees	57,442	57,442
Interest income	1,323	1,323
Other income	443	443
TOTAL REVENUES	174,223	174,223
EXPENDITURES		
Current		
General government		
Administration		
Operating expenditures	55,442	55,442
	55,442	55,442
Physical environment - water control Field operations		
Operating expenditures	93,452	93,452
	93,452	93,452
Capital outlay		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	148,894	148,894
EXCESS OF REVENUES		
OVER EXPENDITURES	25,329	25,329
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	532,382	532,382
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 557,711	\$ 557,711

# COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the year ended September 30, 2021

	A	mount
Net change in fund balance (excess of revenues over expenditures) - total governmental funds	\$	25,329
The increase (decrease) in net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Plus: expenditures for capital assets-Less: current year depreciation(51,300)		(51,300)
Increase (decrease) in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	(25,971)

# NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Organization**

Collins Slough Water Control District (the "District") is an independent special district created by Laws of Florida, Chapter 86-393, on July 14, 1986, under the provisions of Florida Statute 298, and amended, reenacted and codified as Laws of Florida, Chapter 2000-454, effective July 5, 2000. The District was formed for the purpose of preserving and protecting water resources by drainage, irrigation, or water management for approximately 15,653 taxable acres in Hendry County. The District is governed by a three (3) member Board of Supervisors elected by the Landowners within the District. The District has four (4) Landowners, two of which comprise 84% of the land in the District.

#### Summary of significant accounting policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these basic financial statements.

The basic financial statements of the District are comprised of the following:

-Government-wide financial statements

-Fund financial statements

-Notes to the financial statements

#### **Reporting entity**

The District adheres to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 14, "Financial Reporting Entity", as amended by GASB Statement Number 39 "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units" and GASB Statement Number 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity Omnibus-An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34." These Statements require the basic financial statements of the District (the primary government) to include its component units, if any. A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Based on the criteria established in GASB Statement Number 14, as amended, there are no components required to be included. Therefore, there are no component units included and/or required to be included in the District's basic financial statements.

# NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

#### **Government-wide 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 activities of the District and do not emphasize fund types. These governmental activities comprise the primary government. General governmental and intergovernmental revenues support the governmental activities.

The purpose of the government-wide financial statements is to allow the user to be able to determine if the District is in a better or worse financial position than the prior year. The effect of all interfund activity between governmental funds has been removed from the government-wide financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement Number 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions."

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the government-wide financial statements rather than reported as expenditures. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements rather than as other financing sources. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability in the government-wide financial statements rather than as expenditures.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are 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 or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital improvements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

# NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

#### Government-wide financial statements, continued

Program revenues are considered to be revenues generated by services performed and/or by fees charged such as allowing drainage (canal use fees) into the District systems.

#### Fund financial statements

The District has implemented GASB Number 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions".

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund financial statements for the District's governmental fund are presented after the government-wide financial statements. The governmental fund financial statements display information about major funds individually and non-major funds, in aggregate, for governmental funds.

#### **Governmental funds**

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

The District's major fund is presented in a separate column on the governmental fund financial statements. The definition of a major fund is one that meets certain criteria set forth in GASB Statement Number 34, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments." The funds that do not meet the criteria of a major fund are considered non-major funds and are combined into a single column on the governmental fund financial statements.

# NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

#### Governmental funds, continued

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### Measurement focus and basis of accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures, or expenses, are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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. Maintenance taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

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 and soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers tax revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Revenues susceptible to accrual are assessments, taxes, interest on investments, and intergovernmental revenues. Assessments and taxes are recorded as revenues in the fiscal year in which they are levied, provided they are collected in the current period or within sixty days thereafter. Interest on invested funds is recognized when earned. Intergovernmental revenues that are reimbursements for specific purposes or projects are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met.

# NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

#### Measurement focus and basis of accounting, continued

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) principal and interest on long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due, and (2) expenditures are generally not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenditures.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds.

#### Non-current government assets/liabilities

GASB Statement Number 34 requires non-current governmental assets, such as land and buildings, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as notes and bonds payable, to be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

#### Major funds - governmental

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund and the District's only fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District.

#### **Budgetary information**

The District has elected to report budgetary comparison of major funds as required supplementary information (RSI).

# NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

#### Capital assets

Capital assets, which include water control structures and equipment, are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

The District follows a capitalization policy which calls for capitalization of all capital assets that have a cost or donated value of \$1,000 or more and have a useful life in excess of one year.

All purchased capital assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. Public domain (infrastructure) capital assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including culverts and excavations, are capitalized. The District does not own any canals. The canals are owned by the respective landowners and are used and maintained by the District; however, the District does build and maintain certain water control structures.

Although the District continually maintains the drainage structures it owns, the District elected to depreciate such systems. No debt-related interest expense is capitalized as part of capital assets in accordance with GASB Statement Number 34.

Maintenance, repairs and minor renovations are not capitalized. The acquisition of land and construction projects utilizing resources received from Federal and State agencies are capitalized when the related expenditure is incurred.

Expenditures that materially increase values, change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement, the cost is eliminated from the respective accounts.

Expenditures for capital assets are recorded in the fund statements as current expenditures. However, such expenditures are not reflected as expenses in the government-wide statements but rather are capitalized and depreciated.

# NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

#### Capital assets, continued

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

Asset	Years
Water control structures and equipment	10-25

#### **Budgets and budgetary accounting**

The District has adopted an annual budget for the General Fund.

The Board of Supervisors assigned fund balance of \$250,000 to fund unanticipated emergency disaster operating expenses.

The District follows these procedures in establishing budgetary data for the General Fund.

- 1. During the summer of each year, the Treasurer submits to the Board of Supervisors a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on the upcoming October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer/landowner comments.
- 3. The budget is adopted by approval of the Board of Supervisors.
- 4. Budget amounts, as shown in these basic financial statements, are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board of Supervisors.
- 5. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 6. The level of control for appropriations is exercised at the fund level.
- 7. Appropriations lapse at year-end.
- 8. The Board of Supervisors did amend the budget during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 to adjust estimated fund balance to the audited balance.

# NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

#### Budget and budgetary accounting, continued

The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution providing that any excess over originally budgeted items, as well as any budgeted contingencies, may be transferred between line items to offset insufficiently budgeted items as long as the overall budget was not in excess of the total appropriation.

#### **Encumbrances**

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the District because, at present, it is not necessary in order to assure effective budgetary control or to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

#### Net position

In the government-wide financial statements, no net assets have been identified as restricted. Restricted net assets are those net assets that have constraints as to their use externally imposed by creditors, through debt covenants, by grantors, or by law.

#### Fund balances

The governmental fund financial statements the District maintains include nonspendable, assigned and unassigned fund balances. Nonspendable fund balances are those that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Criteria include items that are not expected to be converted into cash, such as prepaid expenses and deposits.

The District's assigned fund balances are a result of the District's Board approval. The District's intent is to maintain a minimum assigned fund balance level of \$250,000. This assigned fund balance will serve as the District's disaster reserve as recommended by the District's engineer.

It is also the intent of the District to maintain fund balances not less than three (3) months of budgeted operating expenditures.

# NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

#### **Management estimates**

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

#### Subsequent events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 18, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

### NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At September 30, 2021, cash and cash equivalents were \$559,472.

#### **Deposits**

The District's deposit policy allows deposits to be held in demand deposit or money market accounts per Florida Statute 218.415(17). District policy requires all depositories used by the District to be banks or savings institutions designed as qualified depositories by the State Treasurer and all accounts held by the District to be designated as "public funds."

At September 30, 2021, the carrying amount and bank balances of the District's deposits were \$559,472 and \$561,923, respectively, in the General Fund. These deposits were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act (Florida Statute 280) of the State of Florida. All deposits were held in a qualified public depository at September 30, 2021.

# NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS ACTIVITY

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2021:

	Balance				Balance
	October 1,	Increases/	Decreases/	Adjustments/	September 30,
	2020	Additions	Retirements	Reclassifications	2021
Capital Assets Not					
Being Depreciated:					
Land	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Capital Assets Not					
Being Depreciated	<u> </u>				<u> </u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:					
Water control structures & equip	1,620,156				1,620,156
Total Capital Assets					
Being Depreciated	1,620,156				1,620,156
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Water control structures & equip	(1,285,466)	(51,300)			(1,336,766)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(1,285,466)	(51,300)			(1,336,766)
Total Capital Assets Being					
Depreciated, Net	334,690	(51,300)			283,390
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 334,690	<u>\$ (51,300)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 283,390</u>
				Outstanding Debt	
			Net Investmen	t in Capital Assets	\$ 283,390

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions during the year ended September 30, 2021:

	A	Amount	
Physical environment - water control	\$	51,300	
Total Depreciation Expense	\$	51,300	

#### NOTE 4 - MAINTENANCE AND INSTALLMENT TAXES

Maintenance and installment taxes are generally levied on November 1 of each year, after formal adoption of the District's budget, and become due and payable upon receipt of the Tax Notice. Discounts are allowed for payment of maintenance taxes prior to March 1 of the following year. On April 1, any unpaid taxes become delinquent. If the taxes remain unpaid, tax certificates are then offered for sale to the general public. The billing, collection, and related recordkeeping of all maintenance and installment taxes is performed for the District by the Hendry County Tax Collector. Taxes are recognized as revenue when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables.

Key dates in the maintenance and installment tax cycle (latest date, where appropriate) are as follows:

Prior to June 1	*	Maintenance assessment annual tax levy resolution submitted to the Hendry County Property Appraiser.
November 1	*	Taxes are due and payable (levy date) with various discount provisions through March 31.
April 1	*	Taxes become delinquent.
Prior to June 1	*	Tax certificates sold by Hendry County.

Under the provisions of Chapter 298.54 of the Florida Statutes, the Board of Supervisors of the District levied a maintenance tax of \$6.64 per acre of land of citrus production and \$8.65 per acre of land used for sugar cane production and \$3.06 per acre of land of pasture within the District to pay the operating costs for the year ended September 30, 2021. These costs include field operations, surveys, engineering, legal and accounting fees and other expenses as judged necessary by the Board.

#### NOTE 5 - SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

The District is a member of the Florida League of Cities self-insurance program for general/professional liability and property insurance. The program purchases excess and other specific coverage from third party carriers. Members of the program are annually assessed and billed quarterly for their portion of the program and are not assessable for unanticipated losses incurred by the program. Maximum liability coverage is \$1,000,000. The premium paid during the year ended September 30, 2021 totaled \$11,671 including the cost of the Treasurer's bond.

#### NOTE 6 - COVID 19

In early March 2020, the World Health Organization classified the coronavirus outbreak "COVID-19" as a global pandemic, and it, unfortunately, continues to spread. Business continuity, including supply chains and consumer demand across a broad range of industries and countries, have been severely impacted, as governments and their citizens take significant and unprecedented measures to mitigate the consequences of the pandemic. On April 1, 2020, Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis ordered all Floridians to stay home, to lock down the State against the Coronavirus. Certain governmental activity was cancelled and/or severely limited.

The District has adapted its operations to accommodate the current environment. However, the full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of this report. This pandemic has adversely affected global economic activity and greatly contributed to instability in financial markets. Management is actively monitoring the local situation on its financial condition, liquidity, operations, donors, industry, and workforce. Given the daily evolution of COVID-19 and the global and local responses to curb its spread, the District is not able to estimate the future effects of COVID-19 on its results of operation, financial condition, or liquidity for fiscal year 2021-22. REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION OTHER THAN MD&A

# COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - SUMMARY STATEMENT For the year ended September 30, 2021

	General Fund				
REVENUES	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Maintenance taxes (net)	\$ 117,323	\$ 117,323	\$ 115,015	\$ (2,308)	
Canal use fees	57,442	57,442	57,442	-	
Interest	1,200	1,200	1,323	123	
Other	901	901	443	(458)	
Prior year budgeted carryforward	546,367	532,382		(532,382)	
TOTAL REVENUES	723,233	709,248	174,223	(535,025)	
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
General government					
Administration					
Operating expenditures	59,219	58,022	55,442	2,580	
	59,219	58,022	55,442	2,580	
Physical environment					
Field operations					
Operating expenditures	165,000	165,000	93,452	71,548	
	165,000	165,000	93,452	71,548	
Capital outlay	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	
Contingency	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	
Reserves - assigned	250,000	250,000	-	250,000	
Reserves - unassigned	189,014	176,226		176,226	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	723,233	709,248	148,894	560,354	
EXCESS OF REVENUES					
OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	25,329	\$ 25,329	
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING			532,382		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING			\$ 557,711		

# COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - DETAILED STATEMENT For the year ended September 30, 2021

	General Fund						
	Original Budget		Final 3udget		Actual	I	Variance Favorable nfavorable)
REVENUES							
Maintenance taxes (gross) Less: Discounts	\$ 119,717 (2,394)	\$	119,717 (2,394)	\$	125,800 (10,785)	\$	6,083 (8,391)
Maintenance taxes (net)	117,323		117,323		115,015		(2,308)
Canal use fees	57,442		57,442		57,442		-
Interest	1,200		1,200		1,323		123
Other	901		901		443		(458)
Prior year budgeted carryforward	546,367		532,382		-		(532,382)
TOTAL REVENUES	723,233		709,248		174,223		(535,025)
EXPENDITURES							
Current							
General government - administration							
Operating expenditures							
Fees-legal notices/banking/other	250		250		43		207
Accounting	10,000		10,000		8,800		1,200
Tax collection fees	2,394		1,197		1,150		47
Engineering	4,000		4,000		7,295		(3,295)
Insurance - general	12,000		12,000		11,671		329
Membership fees	175		175		175		-
Consulting fees	9,000		9,000		8,480		520
Legal fees	20,000		20,000		15,753		4,247
Miscellaneous	1,400		1,400		2,075		(675)
TOTAL - ADMIN EXPENSES	59,219		58,022		55,442		2,580
Physical environment							
Field operations							
Operating expenditures							
Canal spraying	-		-		-		-
Maintenance and utilities	165,000		165,000		93,452		71,548
TOTAL - FIELD OPERATIONS	165,000		165,000		93,452		71,548
Capital outlay	50,000		50,000		-		50,000
Contingency	10,000		10,000		-		10,000
Reserve - assigned	250,000		250,000		-		250,000
Reserve - unassigned	189,014		176,226		-		176,226
TOTAL	499,014		486,226		-		486,226
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	723,233		709,248		148,894		560,354
EXCESS OF REVENUES							
OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u>	\$	-		25,329	\$	25,329
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING					532,382		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING				\$	557,711		

# **ADDITIONAL REPORTS**

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

Board of Supervisors Collins Slough Water Control District 1555 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the basic financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Collins Slough Water Control District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2022.

#### **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) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a

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material misstatement of the basic 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, as defined previously. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Collins Slough Water Control District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

### **Purpose of This Report**

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

Turion & Company, P.A.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A Fort Myers, Florida March 18, 2022

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES

Board of Supervisors Collins Slough Water Control District 1555 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

We have examined Collins Slough Water Control District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2021. Management is responsible for Collins Slough Water Control District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Collins Slough Water Control 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 Collins Slough Water Control 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 Collins Slough Water Control District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, Collins Slough Water Control District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2021.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Collins Slough Water Control District and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A Fort Myers, Florida March 18, 2022

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MANAGEMENT**

Board of Supervisors Collins Slough Water Control District 1555 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Collins Slough Water Control District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021 and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2022.

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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters based on an audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated March 18, 2022, should be considered in conjunction with this report to management.

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

- Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no financially significant comments noted in the prior year.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. No such recommendations were noted to improve financial management.

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

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- Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The District discloses this information in the notes to the financial statements.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the local government entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.
- Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, we have applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the District's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District did not meet any of the criteria of a deteriorating financial condition described in Auditor General Rule Section 10.554(1)(i)(5).a.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)5.b.2, Rules of the Auditor General, if a deteriorating financial condition(s) is noted then a statement is so required along with the conditions causing the auditor to make such a conclusion. No such conditions were noted.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement indicating a failure, if any, of a component unit Special District to provide financial information necessary to a proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of this entity (F.S. Section 218.39(3)(b)). There are no known component special districts required to report within these financial statements.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, requires disclosure of certain unaudited data. See Exhibit 2.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, requires an independent special district that imposes ad valorem taxes to disclose certain related unaudited data. See Exhibit 2.

- Section 10.554(l)8, Rules of the Auditor General, requires an independent special district that imposes a non-ad valorem special assessment to disclose certain unaudited data. See Exhibit 2.
- Section 10.556(10)(a), Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the scope of our audit to determine the entity's compliance with the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes as reported in our Independent Accountant's Report on Compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes dated March 18, 2022, included herein.

### **PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS:**

There were no financially significant prior year comments noted.

### **CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS:**

There were no financially significant comments noted.

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

Turion & Company, P.A.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A. Fort Myers, Florida March 18, 2022

**EXHIBIT 1** 

June 17, 2022

Tuscan & Company 12621 World Plaza Lane, Bldg #55 Fort Myers, FL 33907

In compliance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, the following response is submitted to your Report to Management, dated March 18, 2022.

We accept the basic financial statements and have noted that there are no current year comments for Collins Slough Water Control District.

Sincerely,

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Jayne Hildreth District Accountant

Collins Slough Water Control District One Clearlake Centre, 205 South Australian, Suite 600 West Palm Beach, FL 33401

**EXHIBIT 2** 

#### **EXHIBIT 2**

#### UNAUDITED COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIRED BY:

#### Auditor General Rule 10.554(1)(i)6

For a dependent special district or an independent special district, or a local government entity that includes the information of a dependent special district as provided in Section 218.39(3)(a), Florida Statutes, the following specific information provided by management (with explanatory verbiage that the auditor provides no assurance on the information):

- a. The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the district's fiscal year being reported (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)2.a., Florida Statutes
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the district's fiscal year being reported (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)2.b., Florida Statutes).
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)2.c., Florida Statutes). (Total wage compensation for the fiscal year being audited) 0
- d. All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)2.d., Florida Statutes). (Amounts paid that would be reported on a Form 1099 for FYE)
- e. Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the district that was scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)2.e., Florida Statutes). N/A
- f. A budget variance report based on the budget adopted under section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)3., Florida Statutes). If there were amendments then include budget variance (original budget vs. actual at FYE). See attached Exhibit 2 page 3.

#### Auditor General Rule 10.554(1)(i)7

For an independent special district that imposes ad valorem taxes, the following specific information provided by management (with explanatory verbiage that the auditor provides no assurance on the information): (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)4., Florida Statutes).

- a. The millage rate or rates imposed by the district. N/A
- b. The current year gross amount of ad valorem taxes collected by or on behalf of the district.  $N\!/\!A$
- c. The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the district and terms of such bonds.  $N\!/\!A$

#### Auditor General Rule 10.554(1)(i)8

For an independent special district that imposes non-ad valorem special assessments, the following specific information provided by management (with explanatory verbiage that the auditor provides no assurance on the information): (see information required in Section 218.32(1)(e)5., Florida Statutes).

- a. The rate or rated of such assessment imposed by the district. Citrus: \$6.64/acre
   Sugar Cane: \$8.65/acre
   Pasture: \$3.06/acre
- b. The total amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the district. \$115,015
- c. The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the district and the terms of such bonds.  $$\rm N/A$$

# COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT ORIGINAL BUDGET vs. ACTUAL COMPARISON REPORT - UNAUDITED -GENERAL FUND For the year ended September 30, 2021

	General Fund			
REVENUES	Original Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Maintenance taxes (net)	\$ 117,3	23 \$ 115,015	\$ (2,308)	
Canal use fees	57,4	42 57,442	-	
Interest	1,2	00 1,323	123	
Other	9	01 443	(458)	
Prior year budgeted carryforward	546,3	67 -	(546,367)	
TOTAL REVENUES	723,2	33 174,223	(549,010)	
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government				
Administration				
Operating expenditures	59,2	19 55,442	3,777	
	59,2	19 55,442	3,777	
Physical environment				
Field operations				
Operating expenditures	165,0	00 93,452	71,548	
	165,0	00 93,452	71,548	
Capital outlay	50,0	- 00	50,000	
Contingency	10,0	- 00	10,000	
Reserves - assigned	250,0	- 00	250,000	
Reserves - unassigned	189,0		189,014	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	723,2	33 148,894	574,339	
EXCESS OF REVENUES				
OVER EXPENDITURES	\$	- 25,329	\$ 25,329	
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		532,382		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING		\$ 557,711		