

**North St. Lucie River
Water Control District
Financial Statement**

Year Ended September 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
North St. Lucie River Water Control District
Fort Pierce, Florida

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the North St. Lucie River Water Control District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the North St. Lucie River Water Control District as of September 30, 2022 and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison information, Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability – Florida Retirement System and Health Insurance Subsidy Program, and Schedule of Pension Contributions – Florida Retirement System and Health Insurance Subsidy Program, 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 February 1, 2023 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 grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of the effectiveness of the District's 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.



McAlpin, Cavalcanti, & Lewis CPA
Fort Pierce, Florida
February 1, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of **North St. Lucie River Water Control District** (the "District"), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the District's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2022.

- ❑ The District's total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$2,325,325 (total net position) as of September 30, 2022 and \$2,344,518 as of September 30, 2021. Unrestricted net position for Governmental Activities was \$1,124,786 and \$1,054,245 as of September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2021, respectively.
- ❑ Governmental activities revenues were \$1,895,227 and \$1,679,713 for years ended September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2021, respectively. Governmental activities expenses totaled \$1,914,420 and \$1,240,238 for years ended September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2021, respectively, which created an excess of expenses over revenues of \$19,193 for the year ended September 30, 2022 and an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$439,475 for year ended September 30, 2021.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. The government-wide financial statements present an overall picture of the District's financial position and results of operations. The fund financial statements present financial information for the District's major fund. The notes to the financial statements provide additional information concerning the District's finances that are not disclosed in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements use accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. Emphasis is placed on the net position of governmental activities and on the change in net position. Governmental activities are primarily supported by property taxes.

The statement of net position presents information on all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources of the District, with the difference between the total of assets and deferred outflows of resources and the total of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources being reported as net position. Net position is reported in three categories: 1) net investment in capital assets, 2) restricted, and 3) unrestricted. Assets, deferred outflows of

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resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position are reported for all Governmental activities.

The statement of activities presents information on all revenues and expenses of the District and the change in net position. Expenses are reported by major function and program revenues relating to those functions are reported, providing the net cost of all functions provided by the District. The Governmental activities financed by the District include physical environment activities, such as water control and canal maintenance.

Fund financial statements present financial information for the governmental fund. These statements provide financial information for the major fund of the District. Governmental fund financial statements provide information on the current assets, liabilities, and changes in current financial resources (revenues and expenditures), and current available resources.

Fund financial statements include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the governmental fund. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's activities.

The government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements provide different pictures of the District. The government-wide financial statements provide an overall picture of the District's financial standing. These statements are comparable to private sector companies and give a good understanding of the District's overall financial health and how the District paid for the various activities, or functions, provided by the District. All assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District, including improvements other than buildings are reported in the statement of net position. The statement of activities includes depreciation on all long-lived assets of the District. The fund financial statements provide a picture of the major fund of the District. In the case of a governmental fund, outlays for long-lived assets are reported as expenditures. Reconciliations are included that provide a link from the fund financial statements to the government-wide financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements provide additional detail concerning the financial activities and financial balances of the District. Following the Notes is required supplementary information - a budgetary comparison schedule for the general fund and schedules presenting pension plan information.

Financial Analysis of the District

The following schedules provide a summary of the District's net position and the changes in net position. These schedules provide a complete presentation of the government-wide financial activity of the current year compared to the prior year.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Statement of Net Position

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Current assets	\$ 1,323,876	\$ 1,210,157	9.40%
Non-current assets (capital assets)	1,200,539	1,290,273	(6.95%)
Deferred outflows of resources	45,045	36,935	21.96%
Total	<u>2,569,460</u>	<u>2,537,365</u>	<u>1.26%</u>
Current liabilities	94,933	56,417	68.27%
Noncurrent liabilities (net pension liability)	139,648	61,196	128.20%
Deferred inflows of resources	9,554	75,234	(87.30%)
Total	<u>244,135</u>	<u>192,847</u>	<u>26.59%</u>
Net position	<u>\$ 2,325,325</u>	<u>\$ 2,344,518</u>	<u>(0.82%)</u>

The increase in current assets is primarily due to timing, as the the current liabilities have also increased. The increase in liabilities is primarily due to the Florida Retirement System Pension adjustment. See note D of the financials.

Changes in Net Position

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Program Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 171,900	\$ 124,003	38.63%
Operating grants	513,419	-	100.00%
General Revenues			
Non ad valorem taxes	1,195,197	1,140,623	4.78%
Land interest sale	-	383,685	(100.00%)
Administrative fees	12,000	12,000	0.00%
Investment earnings	2,711	1,202	125.62%
Miscellaneous revenue	-	18,200	(100.00%)
Total program and general revenues	<u>1,895,227</u>	<u>1,679,713</u>	<u>12.83%</u>
Program Expenses			
Water control	<u>1,914,420</u>	<u>1,240,238</u>	<u>54.36%</u>
Total program expense	<u>1,914,420</u>	<u>1,240,238</u>	<u>54.36%</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (19,193)</u>	<u>\$ 439,475</u>	<u>(104.37%)</u>

The increase in revenues is primarily due to the operating grants received in 2022, which is offset by the land

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Capital Assets Activity

At September 30, 2022, the District had \$1,200,539 in net book value of capital assets. There were no asset additions or disposals. See Note C for additional information on capital assets.

Long-term Debt

At September 30, 2022, the District did not have any long-term debt.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

An operating budget was adopted and maintained by the governing board for the District, using the same basis of accounting that is used in preparation of the fund financial statements. The September 30, 2022 budget was amended to reflect actual expenditures. Engineering has a significant variance due to timing at year end.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The District does not expect local economic factors to have a material effect upon financial position or results of operations of the District in the fiscal year ending 2023.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the District's financial condition for those with an interest in this area. Requests for further information or questions concerning any information provided may be addressed to the District at its office mailing address, 14666 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce, Florida 34945.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2022

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,297,351
Accounts receivable	4,233
Prepays	22,292
Total current assets	<u>1,323,876</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, nondepreciable	222,603
Capital assets, net of depreciation	977,936
Total noncurrent assets	<u>1,200,539</u>
Total current and noncurrent assets	<u>2,524,415</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>45,045</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>2,569,460</u></u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	163
Due to others	94,770
Total current liabilities	<u>94,933</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net pension liability	<u>139,648</u>
Total current and noncurrent liabilities	<u>234,581</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>9,554</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>244,135</u>
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	1,200,539
Unrestricted	1,124,786
Total net position	<u>2,325,325</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 2,569,460</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
For the year ended September 30, 2022

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Water control	\$ 1,914,420	\$ 171,900	\$ 513,419	\$ (1,229,101)
			General Revenues:	
			Non ad valorem taxes	1,195,197
			Administration fees	12,000
			Investment earnings	2,711
			Miscellaneous revenue	-
			Total general revenues	1,209,908
			Change in net position	(19,193)
			Net Position - Beginning	2,344,518
			Net Position - Ending	\$ 2,325,325

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet
Governmental Fund
September 30, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,297,351
Accounts receivable	4,233
Prepays	<u>22,292</u>
Total assets	<u><u>1,323,876</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	163
Due to others	<u>94,770</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>94,933</u></u>
Fund balance:	
Nonspendable	22,292
Unassigned	<u>1,206,651</u>
Total fund balance	<u><u>1,228,943</u></u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 1,323,876</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
 September 30, 2022

Fund Balance - Total Governmental Fund \$ 1,228,943

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 fund.

Governmental capital assets	\$ 7,135,022	
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,934,483)</u>	1,200,539

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$ 45,045	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(9,554)</u>	35,491

Net pension liability obligations are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

(139,648)

Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 2,325,325

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance
General Fund
For the year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues	
Non ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,195,197
Federal grant	513,419
Permits, service fees and other income	171,900
Administration fees	12,000
Investment earnings	2,711
Total revenues	<u>1,895,227</u>
 Expenditures	
Water control and canal maintenance	1,602,033
Administrative	217,991
Total expenditures	<u>1,820,024</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>75,203</u>
 Fund balance	
Beginning of year	1,153,740
End of year	<u>\$ 1,228,943</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund
 to the Statement of Activities
 For the year ended September 30, 2022

Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds \$ 75,203

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of these assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Less: current year depreciation	\$ <u>(89,734)</u>	(89,734)
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Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the calculated pension expense is more than the employer pension contributions and therefore decreased net position.

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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ <u><u>(19,193)</u></u>	
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2022

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The North St. Lucie River Water Control District (the District) is a special district as defined by the laws of Florida and is located in St. Lucie County, Florida. The District was formed under Florida Statute – Chapter 298.01 and consists of landowners who receive the benefit of water management and are assessed taxes for the maintenance and operation of the areas within District boundaries.

As required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the financial reporting entity consists of (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the District is financially accountable, and (3) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District is such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The District is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and (a) it is able to impose its will on that organization or (b) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the District. Based on these criteria, the District's management examined all organizations that were legally separate in order to determine which organizations, if any, should be included in the District's financial statements. Management determined there are no component units.

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 activities of the District. The effect of interfund activities, if any, has been removed from these statements. The District has only governmental activities and does not engage in any business-type activities. Direct expenditures are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges for services for goods and services provided to participants on a voluntary basis. General revenues represent amounts received from non-ad valorem taxes and local sources. A fund financial statement is presented for the District's General Fund that is considered to be a major fund.

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 expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are 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

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2022

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures related to long-term debt agreements are recorded only when payment is due.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund - Accounts for all financial resources applicable to the general operations of the District.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The annual budget is adopted for the General Fund and approved by the District's Board of Supervisors. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles, using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Budgetary control is established through a non-appropriated budget for the General Fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

All short-term investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to a known amount of cash, and at the day of purchase, have a maturity of no longer than three months.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (e.g., drainage system), are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined as assets with a cost of \$1,000 or more 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 stated at acquisition value on the date received. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

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

<u>Years</u>	<u>Classification</u>
15 - 30	Buildings
3 - 7	Furniture and fixtures
5 - 15	Maintenance equipment
3 - 20	Drainage system

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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September 30, 2022

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Property Taxes

The District's taxpayer assessment revenue is levied through St. Lucie County based on the approved budget submitted to the County by the District on or before June 1 of each tax year. The assessment, included in the County's property tax levy, begins each November 1, becomes a lien on the first day of the levy year, and is due on or before March 31.

Compensated Absences

The District has a personal day policy which states that the personal days allowed each fiscal year are required to be used prior to the end of the fiscal year. Personal days are not accrued at September 30, 2022.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. This will affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, 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.

Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions

In accordance with GASB 54, the District is required to report fund balance amount in five classifications - nonspendable and the spendable categories of restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned, as follows:

Nonspendable - amounts that cannot be spent either because they are not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual requirements. The District had a nonspendable fund balance of \$22,292 at September 30, 2022.

Restricted - amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The District had no restricted fund balance at September 30, 2022.

Committed - amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action by the District's highest level of decision-making authority. The District's Board addresses these commitments through formal board action prior to the District's fiscal year end. The District had no committed fund balance at September 30, 2022.

Assigned - amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Assignments can be made by the Board. The District had no assigned fund balance at September 30, 2022.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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September 30, 2022

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Unassigned - includes residual positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the other above-mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balances may also include negative fund balances for any other governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes. The District had an unassigned fund balance of \$1,206,651.

The District spends restricted amounts first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this. Additionally, the District would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts.

The District does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy, nor has it established any stabilization arrangements within the fund balance.

NOTE B – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Florida Statutes require state and local governmental units to deposit monies with financial institutions classified as "Qualified Public Depositories," a multiple financial institution pool whereby groups of securities pledged by the various financial institutions provide common collateral from their deposits of public funds. This pool is provided as additional insurance to the federal depository insurance and allows for additional assessments against the member institutions, providing full insurance for public deposits. The District had deposits only with qualifying institutions as of September 30, 2022, or with banks in which depository insurance was sufficient to cover the deposit balance. The District's total bank deposits (demand deposit and money market accounts) had a financial institution balance of \$1,132,997 and a carrying amount of \$1,297,351 at September 30, 2022.

The District does not have a written investment policy. Accordingly, per the Florida Statutes, the District can invest surplus funds in the following negotiable direct or indirect obligations which are secured by the United States Government: the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust as created by Florida Statute 218.045, interest bearing time deposits in savings accounts in authorized financial institutions or obligations guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage association of similarly structured and secured associations or corporations.

All cash and money market funds are fully insured through the FDIC and the multiple financial institutions collateral pool established by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2022

NOTE B – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS- continued

Cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2022:

Non-interest-bearing checking	\$	100
Interest bearing money market funds		1,297,251
		<u>\$ 1,297,351</u>

NOTE C - CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets during the fiscal year:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>2022</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 222,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 222,603
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	279,887	-	-	279,887
Furniture and fixtures	6,005	-	-	6,005
Maintenance equipment	68,038	-	-	68,038
Drainage system	6,558,489	-	-	6,558,489
	<u>6,912,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,912,419</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	131,865	9,977	-	141,842
Furniture and fixtures	6,005	-	-	6,005
Maintenance equipment	29,587	7,944	-	37,531
Drainage system	5,677,292	71,813	-	5,749,105
	<u>5,844,749</u>	<u>89,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,934,483</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,067,670</u>	<u>89,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>977,936</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,290,273</u>	<u>\$ 89,734</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,200,539</u>

Depreciation was charged to functions as follows:

Water control		<u>\$ 89,734</u>
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NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2022

NOTE D – PENSION PLANS

Defined Benefit Plans

The District participated in two defined benefit pension plans that are administered by the State of Florida, Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement. The plans provide retirement, disability, or death benefits to retirees or their designated beneficiaries and provides assistance to retirees in paying for their health insurance costs. Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, establishes the authority for benefit provisions. Changes to the law can only occur through an act of the Florida Legislature. The State of Florida issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plans. That report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Retirement, PO Box 9000, Tallahassee, Florida, 32315-9000 or by calling (850) 488-6491.

The Florida Retirement System (FRS) Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer qualified defined benefit pension plan with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) available for eligible employees. The FRS was established and is administered in accordance with Chapter 121, Florida Statutes. Retirees receive a lifetime pension benefit with joint and survivor payment options. FRS membership is compulsory for employees filling regularly established positions in a state agency, county agency, state university, state community college, or district school board, unless restricted from FRS membership under Sections 121.053 and 121.122, Florida Statutes, or allowed to participate in a defined contribution plan in lieu of FRS membership. Participation by cities, municipalities, special districts, charter schools and metropolitan planning organizations is optional.

The Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program is a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan established and administered in accordance with Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of the state-administered retirement systems in paying for their health insurance costs. To be eligible to receive a HIS benefit, a retiree under one of the state's administered retirement systems must provide proof of eligible health insurance coverage, which can include Medicare.

Benefits Provided

FRS members are eligible for retirement after vesting, which occurs at 6 years (8 years after July 1, 2011) of creditable service for regular members. Normal retirement age is attained at the earlier of 30 years of creditable service regardless of age or retirement at age 62 with at least 6 years of creditable service. Early retirement may be taken anytime; however, there is a 5 percent benefit reduction for each year prior to normal retirement age. Members are also eligible for in-line-of duty or regular disability benefits if permanently disabled and unable to work. Benefits are computed on the basis of age, average final compensation, and service credit.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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September 30, 2022

NOTE D – PENSION PLANS – continued

Eligible retirees and beneficiaries receive monthly HIS payments equal to the number of years of service credited at retirement multiplied by \$5. The minimum payment is \$30 and the maximum payment is \$150 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes.

Contributions

The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. Employees are required to contribute 3% of their salary to the FRS. The District’s contribution rates for the year ended September 30, 2022, were as follows:

	<u>FRS</u>	<u>HIS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular Employees	9.16% - 10.25%	1.66%	10.82% - 11.91%

The District’s contributions for the year ended September 30, 2022 were \$11,722 to the FRS and \$2,138 to the HIS, totaling \$13,860.

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense

At September 30, 2022, the District reported a liability for its proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities. The net pension liability for the FRS Pension Plan was measured as of June 30, 2022 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation dated July 1, 2022. The HIS actuarial valuation is prepared biannually and last dated July 1, 2022. The District’s proportions of the net pension liabilities were based on the District’s share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined.

	<u>FRS</u>	<u>HIS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net pension liability at September 30, 2022	\$102,215	\$37,433	\$139,648
Proportion at:			
September 30, 2021	0.00000260464	0.00000338450	
September 30, 2022	0.00000274711	0.00000353418	
Pension expense for the year ended			
September 30, 2022	<u>\$16,323</u>	<u>\$2,431</u>	<u>\$18,754</u>

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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September 30, 2022

NOTE D – PENSION PLANS – continued

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	FRS		HIS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 4,855	\$ -	\$ 1,136	\$ (165)
Changes of assumptions	12,588	-	2,146	(5,791)
Net difference between projected and actual on pension plan investments	6,749	-	54	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	10,554	(2,066)	3,246	(1,532)
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,196	-	521	-
Total	\$ 37,942	\$ (2,066)	\$ 7,103	\$ (7,488)

Deferred outflows of resources related to employer contributions paid subsequent to the measurement date and prior to the employer's fiscal year end will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the reporting period ending September 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension expense will be recognized as follows:

Year ending September 30,	FRS Expense	HIS Expense
2023	\$ 7,903	\$ (217)
2024	2,982	(117)
2025	(2,669)	(53)
2026	23,222	(118)
2027	1,242	(275)
Thereafter	-	(124)
Total	\$ 32,680	\$ (906)

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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September 30, 2022

NOTE D – PENSION PLANS – continued

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for each of the defined benefit plans was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 for FRS and HIS, using the entry age normal actuarial cost method and the following significant actuarial assumptions:

	<u>FRS</u>	<u>HIS</u>
Inflation	2.40%	2.40%
Payroll growth	3.25%	3.25%
Investment rate of return	6.70%	N/A

Mortality assumptions for both plans were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projections Scale BB tables.

Actuarial assumptions for both cost-sharing defined benefit plans are reviewed annually by the Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumptions Conference. The FRS Pension Plan has a valuation performed annually. The HIS Program has a valuation performed biennially that is updated for GASB reporting in the year a valuation is not performed. The most recent actuarial valuation for the HIS Program was July 1, 2022. The most recent experience study for the FRS Pension Plan was completed in 2019 for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018. Because the HIS Program is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, no experience study has been completed for this program. The actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability for the HIS Program were based on certain results of the most recent experience study for the FRS Pension Plan.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred in 2022:

FRS:

- The long-term expected rate of return was decreased from 6.8% to 6.7%

HIS:

- The demographic assumptions for the Special Risk class were updated to reflect plan changes due to HB5007, HB689, and SB838.
- The election assumption for vested terminated members was updated from 20% to 50% to reflect recent experience.
- The municipal rate used to determine the total pension liability increased from 2.16% to 3.54%.

To develop an analytical basis for the selection of the long-term expected rate of return assumption, the FRS Actuarial Assumptions Conference reviewed long-term assumptions developed by both

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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September 30, 2022

NOTE D – PENSION PLANS – continued

the FRS actuary’s capital market assumptions team and by a capital market assumptions team from consultants to the State Board of Administration. The table below summarizes the key assumptions for each of the asset classes in which the plan was invested at that time based on the long-term target asset allocation. The allocation policy’s description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes below.

The long-term expected investment rate of return was not based on historical returns, but instead was based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions, and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. For the FRS Pension Plan, the reduced investment return assumption of 6.7%, which was adopted by the Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumption Conference, conflicts with the consulting actuary’s judgment of a reasonable assumption as defined by Actuarial Standards of Practice No. 27.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Annual Arithmetic Return	Compound Annual (Geometric) Return
Cash	1%	2.6%	2.6%
Fixed income	19.8%	4.4%	4.4%
Global equity	54%	8.8%	7.3%
Real estate	10.3%	7.4%	6.3%
Private equity	11.1%	12%	8.9%
Strategic investments	3.8%	6.2%	5.9%
	<u>100%</u>		
<u>Assumed inflation rate</u>			<u>2.4%</u>

The long-term expected investment rate of return was not based on historical returns, but instead was based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions, and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption.

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for FRS was 6.7%. FRS’ fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2022

NOTE D – PENSION PLANS – continued

Because the HIS Program uses a pay-as-you-go funding structure, a municipal bond rate of 3.54% was used to determine the total pension liability for the program. The Bond Buyer General Obligation Bond 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was used as the applicable municipal bond index.

Sensitivity Analysis

The following tables demonstrate the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The sensitivity analysis shows the impact to the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability if the discount rate was 1% higher or 1% lower than the current discount rate.

	FRS			HIS		
	Current Discount Rate			Current Discount Rate		
	1% Decrease	Rate	1% Increase	1% Decrease	Rate	1% Increase
District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	5.70%	6.70%	7.70%	\$42,826	\$37,433	\$32,970

Pension Plans’ Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plans’ fiduciary net position is available in the State’s separately issued financial reports.

Payables to the Pension Plans

As of September 30, 2022, the District did not have an outstanding payable to the plans for regular employee and employer contributions that were legally required to be paid to the plans but not remitted prior to the end of the year.

NOTE E - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

During the normal course of operation, the District is subject to various claims and lawsuits. It is the practice of the District to vigorously contest claims and lawsuits. In the opinion of the District's management and the District's attorney, these claims will not materially affect the financial statements.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2022

NOTE F - RISK MANAGEMENT

Losses relating to employee health and benefits, property and liability, and workers' compensation are insured by the Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust.

The District has had no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. No settlements have exceeded the District's insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE G – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has performed an analysis of the activities and transactions subsequent to September 30, 2022, to determine the need for any adjustments to and/or disclosures within the date of the audit report which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. Management has performed their analysis through February 1, 2023.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

General Fund

For the year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>		Variance
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues				
Non ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,284,765	\$ 1,194,808	\$ 1,195,197	\$ 389
Grant income	900,000	513,419	513,419	-
Permits and service fees	125,000	171,900	171,900	-
Administration fees	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
Investment income	1,500	2,711	2,711	-
Total revenues	<u>2,323,265</u>	<u>1,894,838</u>	<u>1,895,227</u>	<u>389</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Water control and canal maintenance:				
Engineering	1,160,000	774,054	805,308	(31,254)
Canal maintenance	602,000	577,854	577,853	1
Pumping stations	75,250	103,016	103,016	-
Superintendent salary	69,600	69,600	69,600	-
Employee benefits	26,082	21,835	21,971	(136)
Water analysis and use permit	10,000	6,099	6,099	-
Fuel	7,000	6,060	6,060	-
Taxes - payroll	6,659	5,325	5,325	-
Miscellaneous	10,000	2,873	2,873	-
Shop materials	1,250	2,804	2,804	-
Equipment repairs	3,000	1,124	1,124	-
Total water control and canal maintenance	<u>1,970,841</u>	<u>1,570,644</u>	<u>1,602,033</u>	<u>(31,389)</u>
Administrative:				
Secretarial salary	55,820	55,820	55,820	-
Legal, accounting, and professional	57,000	55,750	55,750	-
Insurance	24,000	26,445	26,445	-
Employee benefits	20,918	17,512	17,621	(109)
Grounds and building maintenance	18,000	14,683	14,683	-
Property appraiser commission	12,850	12,847	12,847	-
Tax collector commission	12,850	12,045	12,045	-
Surveys and maps	2,000	5,315	5,315	-
Telephone and utilities	5,500	5,087	5,087	-
Taxes - payroll	5,341	4,270	4,270	-
Office	4,000	3,633	3,633	-
Dues	2,750	2,750	2,675	75
Travel and meetings	2,000	1,300	1,300	-
Web design	500	500	500	-
Total administrative	<u>223,529</u>	<u>217,957</u>	<u>217,991</u>	<u>(34)</u>
Capital outlay	<u>128,895</u>	<u>106,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,237</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,323,265</u>	<u>1,894,838</u>	<u>1,820,024</u>	<u>74,814</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,203</u>	<u>75,203</u>
Fund balance				
Beginning of year	<u>1,153,740</u>	<u>1,153,740</u>	<u>1,153,740</u>	
End of year	<u>\$ 1,153,740</u>	<u>\$ 1,153,740</u>	<u>1,228,943</u>	

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
Florida Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.000274711%	0.000260464%	0.000225730%	0.000241985%	0.000240387%	0.000235585%	0.000238753%	0.000244574%	0.000245366%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 102,215	\$ 19,675	\$ 97,838	\$ 83,336	\$ 72,406	\$ 69,685	\$ 60,285	\$ 31,590	\$ 14,971
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 106,258	\$ 99,950	\$ 111,736	\$ 115,500	\$ 112,350	\$ 107,000	\$ 105,190	\$ 99,048	\$ 98,000
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	96.20%	19.68%	87.56%	72.15%	64.45%	65.13%	57.31%	31.89%	15.28%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.89%	96.40%	78.85%	82.61%	84.27%	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%	96.09%

Health Insurance Subsidy Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.000353418%	0.000338450%	0.000320090%	0.000342991%	0.000339894%	0.000332710%	0.000339151%	0.000323807%	0.000327320%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 37,433	\$ 41,521	\$ 39,082	\$ 38,377	\$ 35,975	\$ 35,575	\$ 39,527	\$ 33,023	\$ 30,605
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 106,258	\$ 99,950	\$ 111,736	\$ 115,500	\$ 112,350	\$ 107,000	\$ 105,190	\$ 99,048	\$ 98,000
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	35.23%	41.54%	34.98%	33.23%	32.02%	33.25%	37.58%	33.34%	31.23%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	4.81%	3.56%	3.00%	2.63%	2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%	0.99%

* Data prior to 2014 is unavailable

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30

NORTH ST. LUCIE RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Schedule of Pension Contributions
Florida Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 11,722	\$ 9,923	\$ 8,026	\$ 7,684	\$ 7,104	\$ 6,335	\$ 5,932	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,732
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(11,722)</u>	<u>(9,923)</u>	<u>(8,026)</u>	<u>(7,684)</u>	<u>(7,104)</u>	<u>(6,335)</u>	<u>(5,932)</u>	<u>(5,607)</u>	<u>(5,732)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 106,258	\$ 99,950	\$ 111,736	\$ 115,500	\$ 112,350	\$ 107,000	\$ 105,190	\$ 99,048	\$ 98,000
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	11.03%	9.93%	7.18%	6.65%	6.32%	5.92%	5.64%	5.66%	5.85%

Health Insurance Subsidy Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 2,138	\$ 1,989	\$ 1,855	\$ 1,917	\$ 1,889	\$ 1,818	\$ 1,772	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,082
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(2,138)</u>	<u>(1,989)</u>	<u>(1,855)</u>	<u>(1,917)</u>	<u>(1,889)</u>	<u>(1,818)</u>	<u>(1,772)</u>	<u>(1,665)</u>	<u>(1,082)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 106,258	\$ 99,950	\$ 111,736	\$ 115,500	\$ 112,350	\$ 107,000	\$ 105,190	\$ 99,048	\$ 98,000
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	2.01%	1.99%	1.66%	1.66%	1.68%	1.70%	1.68%	1.68%	1.10%

*Data prior to 2014 is unavailable

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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
North St. Lucie River Water Control District
Fort Pierce, Florida

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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the governmental activities and the major fund of the North St. Lucie River Water Control District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 1, 2023.

Report on 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 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 District'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant weaknesses may exist that were not identified. 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.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of 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 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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

McAlpin Cavalcanti & Lewis
McAlpin, Cavalcanti, & Lewis CPA
Fort Pierce, Florida
February 1, 2023

McAlpin Cavalcanti & Lewis

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 218.415 – INVESTMENTS OF PUBLIC FUNDS

The Board of Supervisors
North St. Lucie River Water Control District
Fort Pierce, Florida

We have examined the North St. Lucie River Water Control District's (the "District") compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statute during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

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

In our opinion, the North St. Lucie River Water Control District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Florida Auditor General, the Board of Supervisors of the North St. Lucie River Water Control District, and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

McAlpin Cavalcanti & Lewis

McAlpin, Cavalcanti, & Lewis CPA
Fort Pierce, Florida
February 1, 2023

McAlpin Cavalcanti & Lewis

C P A MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Board of Supervisors
North St. Lucie River Water Control District
Fort Pierce, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the North St. Lucie River Water Control District (the “District”), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated February 1, 2023.

Auditor’s Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States; 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.

The following condition discovered within the scope of the audit is presented for your consideration:

ML 2022-1 Lack of Segregation of Duties

The size of the District's accounting and administrative staff precludes certain internal controls that would be preferred if the office staff were large enough to provide optimum segregation of duties. This situation dictates that the District implement a system to review and reconcile financial transactions on a regular basis and the Board of Supervisors remain involved in the financial affairs of the District to provide oversight and independent review functions.

We bring this condition to your attention in accordance with professional standards, but we recognize that it requires your staff assessment of a cost-effective solution. Alternative solutions might include hiring of additional staff.

Status of Prior Year Comments

See current year comment 2022-1 on the lack of segregation of duties which has been reported in the prior three audit reports. Due to the size of the District the lack of segregation of duties will remain an inherent risk.

Other Matters

Per Auditor General Rule 10.554(1)(i)6, independent special districts are required to present specific information by management. The following information is presented by management and the auditor provides no assurance on this information:

- a) Total number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District’s fiscal year being reported – two (2) employees.

- b) Total number of independent contractors to whom compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year being reported- one (1) independent contractor.
- c) All compensation earned or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency - \$148,927
- d) All compensation earned or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency - \$42,000
- e) The District did not have any construction projects with a total cost of at least \$65,000.
- f) A budget variance report has been presented as required – see page 26.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c) and 218.32(1)(e)5, Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)8, Rules of the Auditor General, North St. Lucie River Water Control District reported:

- a) The rate of non-ad valorem assessments collected on behalf of the District as: \$18.50-25.00 per acre.
- b) The total amount of special assessments collected on behalf of the District: \$1,195,197.
- c) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds: N/A – no outstanding bonds.

The following representations and comments are made in order to comply with these requirements.

Specific Legal Authority

The North St. Lucie River Water Control District was created under the authority of Chapter 57 1789, Laws of Florida, Circuit Court Decree 1917.

Financial Condition

Based on our audit procedures performed, we determined that the District did not meet any of the conditions described in Florida Statue Section 218.503(1).

Financial Condition Assessment Procedures

The auditors performed financial condition assessment procedures per Auditor General Rule 10.556(8). It is management's responsibility to monitor the District's financial position and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. We have enjoyed our association with you and look forward to a continuing relationship.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Florida Auditor General, the Board of Supervisors of the North St. Lucie River Water Control District, and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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 Fort Pierce, Florida
 February 1, 2023



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Re: Response to Management Letter

Dear McAlpin, Cavalcanti, & Lewis CPA's:


The following is the District's response to the conditions listed in the management letter on page 32 of the audited financial statements of North St Lucie River Water Control District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022:

Lack of Segregation of Duties

The office of the District is comprised of one general office person and one superintendent of works. The Board of Supervisors recognizes that the size of the District's accounting and administrative staff precludes optimum segregation of duties and has therefore adopted rules and procedures for the conduct of the District operations. The Board of Supervisors considers these rules and procedures as followed by all employees an integral part of the internal control structure of the District. The District understands the lack of segregation of duties remains an inherent risk.



Signature



Title