

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL REPORTS
YEAR ENDED
September 30, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Gerber Groves Water Control District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, 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 Government Auditing Standards, 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 Gerber Groves Water Control District as of September 30, 2016, 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 i-v be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not 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 Gerber Groves 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 as was derived from and relate 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

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

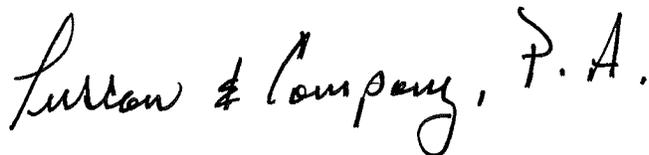
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Exhibit - Management's Response to Independent Auditor's Report to Management is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is required by Government Auditing Standards. 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 17, 2017, on our consideration of Gerber Groves 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 Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 17, 2017, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contract and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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Fort Myers, Florida
March 17, 2017

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION
AND ANALYSIS
(MD&A)**

Gerber Groves Water Control District

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This discussion and analysis of the Gerber Groves Water Control District (the "District") financial statements is designed to introduce the basic financial statements and provide an analytical overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. The basic financial statements are comprised of the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements, and footnotes. We hope this will assist readers in identifying and understanding significant changes in the District's financial position.

District Highlights

- At the close of fiscal year 2016, the District's assets exceeded its liabilities, resulting in net position (net assets) of \$1,260,769. The District's total net position increased \$98,507, or 8 percent, in comparison to the prior year.
- The District had \$408,981 of unrestricted net position (net assets) that can be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations.
- Total revenues increased \$30,378, or 5 percent, in comparison to the prior year. This was substantially due to receipt of joint trust income of \$20,109 in the current year. Per acre maintenance tax remained at \$100 per acre, consistent with the prior year.
- Total expenses increased 17,506, or 3 percent, in comparison to the prior year.

Government-wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities found on pages 4 and 5) are intended to allow a reader to assess a government's operational accountability. Operational accountability is defined as the extent to which the government has met its operating objectives efficiently and effectively, using all resources available for that purpose, and whether it can continue to meet its objectives for the foreseeable future. Government-wide financial statements concentrate on the District as a whole and do not emphasize fund types.

The Statement of Net Position (Page 4) presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. The District's capital assets (property, plant and equipment) are included in this statement and reported net of their accumulated depreciation.

The Statement of Activities (Page 5) presents revenue and expense information showing how the District's net position changed during the fiscal year. Both statements are measured and reported using the economic resource measurement focus (revenues and expenses) and the accrual basis of accounting (revenue recognized when earned and expense recognized when a liability is incurred).

Governmental Fund Financial Statement

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of governmental 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. The District only utilizes one fund, a general fund.

Governmental fund financial statements (found on pages 6 and 8) are prepared on the modified accrual basis using the current financial resources measurement focus. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in the preceding statements and begin on page 10. These notes are essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The government-wide financial statements were designed so that the user could determine if the District is in a better or worse financial condition from the prior year.

The following is a condensed summary of net position for the primary government is as follows:

	Summary of Net Position September 30	
Assets:	2015	2016
Current and other assets	\$ 307,531	\$ 445,163
Capital Assets, Net	<u>890,852</u>	<u>1,261,910</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,198,383</u>	<u>1,707,073</u>
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	32,482	32,543
Non-current Liabilities	<u>3,639</u>	<u>413,761</u>
Total liabilities	<u>36,121</u>	<u>446,304</u>
Net Position:		
Net Investment in capital assets	890,852	851,788
Restricted	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>271,410</u>	<u>408,981</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,162,262</u>	<u>\$ 1,260,769</u>

For the year ended September 30, 2016, current and other assets represent 26 percent of total assets. Current assets are comprised of unrestricted cash and investments balances of \$386,803, receivables/other of \$44,025, prepaid expenses of \$5,618 and deposits of \$8,717. There was no restricted cash. The balances of unrestricted cash represent amounts that were available for spending at the District's discretion.

The net investment in capital assets represent 68 percent of net position and are comprised of land, buildings, improvements, equipment, furniture, and vehicles, net of accumulated depreciation, and the outstanding related debt used to acquire the assets. There was \$410,122 and \$0 outstanding debt related to capital assets at September 30, 2016 or 2015, respectively.

The following schedule reports the revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the District:

Summary of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position		
Years Ended September 30		
	2015	2016
Revenues:		
General Revenues		
Maintenance Taxes	\$ 647,321	\$ 645,899
Intergovernmental	-	20,109
Miscellaneous		
Investment earnings	1,147	35,662
Other	23,874	1,050
Total Revenues	672,342	702,720
Expenses:		
General Government	89,848	91,691
Water Control	496,859	512,522
Total Expenses	586,707	604,213
Increase (decrease) in net position	85,635	98,507
Net Position - Beginning of the Year	1,076,627	1,162,262
Net Position - End of the Year	\$ 1,162,262	\$ 1,260,769

Total revenues increased \$30,378, or 5 percent, in comparison to the prior year. Total expenses increased \$17,506, or 3 percent, in comparison to the prior year.

Budgetary Highlights

Budget versus actual comparisons are reported in the Required Supplementary Information Other Than Management Discussion and Analysis section. The District's total actual expenditures for the year were within budget.

There were three amendments to the original budget during the year to adjust the carryforward amount to the prior year audited balance and to increase budgeted revenue and expenditures by \$442,641 net.

Capital Assets

Non-depreciable capital assets include land and construction in progress. Depreciable assets include buildings, improvements other than buildings, office equipment, machinery & equipment and vehicles.

The following is a schedule of the District's capital assets:

	Capital Assets September 30	
	2015	2016
Capital Assets		
Land	\$ 400,880	\$ 400,880
Construction in progress	-	-
Total Capital Assets not depreciated	<u>400,880</u>	<u>400,880</u>
Buildings	37,450	37,450
Machinery & equipment	<u>1,126,931</u>	<u>1,552,049</u>
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	<u>1,164,381</u>	<u>1,589,499</u>
Accumulated Depreciation		
Buildings	(22,742)	(23,342)
Machinery & equipment	<u>(651,667)</u>	<u>(705,127)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(674,409)</u>	<u>(728,469)</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 890,852</u>	<u>\$ 1,261,910</u>

During the year ended September 30, 2012, the District purchased a 2012 Dodge pickup truck for \$24,000. During the year ended September 30, 2013, the District purchased culverts and built 2 canal structures for \$99,498. During the year ended September 30, 2014, the District purchased no capital assets. During the year ended September 30, 2015, the District expended \$246,818 to replace two (2) irrigation pumps. During the year ended September 30, 2016, the District expended \$425,118 to replace fuel tanks and to start a \$1,500,000 pump station replacement.

Debt Administration

The District, during the year ended September 30, 2016, acquired a \$1,500,000 note payable to fund the cost of the pump station replacement. At September 30, 2016, the District has drawn \$410,122. The District had no outstanding debt at September 30, 2015, 2014, 2013 or 2012 other than routine trade payables and accrued expenses totaling \$32,482, \$58,558, \$76,755 and \$52,326, respectively.

During the year ended September 30, 2015 and 2016, the District did record an accrued compensated absence payable of \$3,639 for vacation time earned but not paid.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget Rates

The following were factors considered when next year's budget (2016-2017) was prepared:

- Maintenance assessments were set at \$100 per acre for fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.
- No significant changes in administration or operating costs are projected.
- Capital purchases of \$1,100,000 are expected to complete the pump station replacement. This capital expenditure will be financed through the \$1,500,000 note payable over 20 years including interest at 3.55%. Interest payments commence March 1, 2017 and principal payments commence March 1, 2019.

Request for information

This financial report is designed to provide the reader an overview of the District. Questions regarding any information provided in this report should be directed to:

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GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2016

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	\$ 228,786
Investments - certificates of deposit	158,017
Due from other governments	1,344
Interest receivable	23
Accounts receivable	42,658
Prepaid insurance	5,618
Deposits	<u>8,717</u>
Total current assets	<u>445,163</u>
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable land	400,880
Depreciable buildings, equipment and machinery (net of \$728,469 accumulated depreciation)	<u>861,030</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>1,261,910</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,707,073</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	26,528
Accrued expenses	6,015
Due to other governments	<u>-</u>
Total current liabilities	32,543
Non-current liabilities:	
Accrued compensated absences	3,639
Note payable	<u>410,122</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>446,304</u></u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	851,788
Unrestricted	<u>408,981</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 1,260,769</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended September 30, 2016**

	<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
EXPENSES	
Governmental Activities	
General Government	
Administration	
Operating expenses	\$ 91,691
Total General Government	<u>91,691</u>
Water Control	
Personnel services	110,963
Operating expenses	344,320
Depreciation	54,060
Loss on disposition of capital assets	-
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>3,179</u>
Total Water Control	<u>512,522</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>604,213</u>
 GENERAL REVENUES	
Maintenance taxes	645,899
Joint trust contributions	20,109
Interest income	1,050
Miscellaneous income	<u>35,662</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	<u>702,720</u>
 INCREASE IN NET POSITION	 98,507
 NET POSITION - Beginning of the year	 <u>1,162,262</u>
 NET POSITION - End of the year	 <u>\$ 1,260,769</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
September 30, 2016**

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 228,786	\$ 228,786
Investments	158,017	158,017
Due from other governments	1,344	1,344
Interest receivable	23	23
Accounts receivable	42,658	42,658
Prepaid insurance	5,618	5,618
Deposits	<u>8,717</u>	<u>8,717</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 445,163</u>	<u>\$ 445,163</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 26,528	\$ 26,528
Accrued expenses	6,015	6,015
Due to other governments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>32,543</u>	<u>32,543</u>
 FUND BALANCE		
Nonspendable	14,335	14,335
Assigned	200,000	200,000
Unassigned	<u>198,285</u>	<u>198,285</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>412,620</u>	<u>412,620</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 445,163</u>	<u>\$ 445,163</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL
FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2016**

	<u>Amount</u>
Total fund balance for governmental fund	\$ 412,620
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:</p>	
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental fund</p>	
<p>Capital assets not being depreciated:</p>	
Land	<u>400,880</u>
	400,880
<p>Capital assets being depreciated:</p>	
Building, equipment and machinery	1,589,499
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(728,469)</u>
	<u>861,030</u>
<p>Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:</p>	
Compensated absences	(3,639)
Note payable	<u>(410,122)</u>
	<u>(413,761)</u>
Total net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 1,260,769</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
Year Ended September 30, 2016**

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES		
Maintenance taxes	\$ 645,899	\$ 645,899
Joint trust contributions	20,109	20,109
Interest income	1,050	1,050
Miscellaneous income	<u>35,662</u>	<u>35,662</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>702,720</u>	<u>702,720</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Current		
General government		
Administration		
Operating expenditures	<u>91,691</u>	<u>91,691</u>
	91,691	91,691
Physical environment		
Field operations		
Personnel services	110,963	110,963
Operating expenditures	<u>344,320</u>	<u>344,320</u>
	455,283	455,283
Capital outlay	<u>425,118</u>	<u>425,118</u>
Debt service		
Principal reduction		
	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>3,179</u>	<u>3,179</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>975,271</u>	<u>975,271</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(272,551)	(272,551)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
Proceeds from note payable	<u>410,122</u>	<u>410,122</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>410,122</u>	<u>410,122</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	137,571	137,571
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	<u>275,049</u>	<u>275,049</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ 412,620</u>	<u>\$ 412,620</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT
OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended September 30, 2016**

	<u>Amount</u>
Net change in fund balance (excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures) - total governmental fund	\$ 137,571
<p>The increase (excess of revenue over expenses) in net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:</p> <p>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.</p>	
Expenditures for capital assets	425,118
Less: current year depreciation	<u>(54,060)</u>
	<u>371,058</u>
<p>The issuance of debt is reported as a financing source in governmental funds and this contributes to the change in fund balance. In the Statement of Net Position, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not effect the Statement of Activities. Similarly, repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the Statement of Net Position.</p>	
Borrowings (proceeds from issuance):	
Less: note payable	(410,122)
Repayments (principal retirement):	
Plus: note payable	<u>-</u>
	<u>(410,122)</u>
<p>Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.</p>	
Increase in compensated absences	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>
Increase in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 98,507</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Nature of Activities

Gerber Groves Water Control District (the "District") is an independent special district created in October 1964, by Circuit Court Order No. 2662, which was amended by the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court in Hendry County on October 7, 1966, under the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 298, for the purpose of preserving and protecting water resources by drainage, irrigation, or water control management for approximately 6,418 acres in Hendry County. The formal date the District was established was January 5, 1965. The District is governed by an elected three (3) member Board of Supervisors serving staggered three (3) year terms. Board members are elected by landowners on a one acre/one vote basis.

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 A - 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 nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions" (GASB 33).

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 A - 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 permits, allowing drainage into the District systems. The District had no such revenues for the year ended September 30, 2016.

Fund Financial Statements

The District adheres to GASB Number 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions". As such, it is the District's intent to hold unassigned fund balance in an amount ranging between three (3) months to six (6) months operating expenditures. Assigned fund balance is held to respond to an emergency condition. Nonspendable fund balance represents amounts not considered liquid, such as prepaid amounts and deposits.

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 or retained earnings, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. 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 funds 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.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Governmental Funds, continued

The District's major funds are presented in separate columns 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" (GASB 34). 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.

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.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting, continued

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 (60) 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.

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 34 requires non-current governmental assets, such as land and buildings, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as notes and line of credit 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 its 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 A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment and machinery, are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

The District follows a capitalization policy, which calls for capitalization of all fixed 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 building, including canals, culverts and excavations are capitalized. The District has segregated the cost of land and the cost of land under and surrounding its canals into the "land" category of capital assets. Since the District continually maintains its canals and drainage systems it owns, the District elected not to depreciate such systems. No debt-related interest expense is capitalized as part of capital assets in accordance with GASB 34.

Maintenance, repairs and minor renovations are not capitalized.

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 expenditures in the government-wide financial statements but rather are capitalized and depreciated.

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

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	30
Equipment and Machinery	5-20

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

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

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

1. During the spring or summer of each year, the Financial Manager and/or 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 approved three amendments to the budget during fiscal year September 30, 2016. The amendments adjusted the prior year carryforward to the amount reflected in the September 30, 2015 audited financial statements and adjusted the budgeted revenue and expenditure amounts to estimated actual results. The effect of these amendments was an increase to budgeted revenues and expenditures by \$442,641.

Compensated Absences

The District's employees accumulate sick and annual leave based on the number of years of continuous service. Upon termination of employment, employees can receive payment of accumulated annual leave, if they meet certain criteria. Accumulated annual leave at September 30, 2016, was recorded in the basic financial statements.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Encumbrances

Encumbrances 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.

Due From Other Governments

No allowance for losses on uncollectible accounts has been recorded since the District considered all amounts to be fully collectible.

Net assets

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 \$200,000. This assigned fund balance will serve as the District's disaster reserve as recommended by the District's engineer.

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.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 17, 2017, which is the date the basic financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

At September 30, 2016, cash was \$ 228,786.

Deposits

The District's deposit policy allows deposits to be held in demand deposit or money market accounts in compliance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 218.415(17). Deposits, at times during the fiscal year, exceeded FDIC insurance limits and were covered by collateral pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act (Chapter 280, F.S.)

At September 30, 2016, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$228,786 in the General Fund and the bank balance was \$230,568. These deposits were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act of the State of Florida. All deposits were held in a qualified public depository at September 30, 2016.

Investments

Florida Statutes and the District's investment policy authorize investments in certificates of deposit (CD). Certificates of deposit balances whose values exceed the amount of federal depository insurance are collateralized pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act of the State of Florida. The District had one CD at September 30, 2016, with a carrying amount of \$158,017 and a bank balance of \$158,017.

Cash and Investment Policy

The District has adopted a cash and investment policy consistent with Florida Statute Chapter 218.415(17).

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2016

NOTE C - CAPITAL ASSETS ACTIVITY

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2016:

	Balance October 1 2015	Increases/ Additions	Decreases/ Retirements	Adjustments/ Reclassifications	Balance September 30 2016
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:					
Land	\$ 400,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,880
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>400,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400,880</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:					
Buildings	37,450	-	-	-	37,450
Equipment & Machinery	<u>1,126,931</u>	<u>425,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,552,049</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>1,164,381</u>	<u>425,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,589,499</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Buildings	(22,742)	(600)	-	-	(23,342)
Equipment & Machinery	<u>(651,667)</u>	<u>(53,460)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(705,127)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(674,409)</u>	<u>(54,060)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(728,469)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>489,972</u>	<u>371,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>861,030</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 890,852</u>	<u>\$ 371,058</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,261,910</u>
				Less: Long Term Debt	<u>(410,122)</u>
				Net Investment in Capital Assets	<u>\$ 851,788</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions during the year ended September 30, 2016:

	<u>Amount</u>
Water Control	\$ 54,060
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 54,060</u>

**GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 September 30, 2016**

NOTE D - NOTE PAYABLE

On February 29, 2016, the District opened a note payable (promissory note series 2016) in the amount of \$1,500,000. The District is using the note payable to finance the replacement of the District's pump station.

The following is a summary of activity of the note payable for the year ended September 30, 2016:

	Balance October 1 2015	Additions Proceeds	Retirements/ Adjustments	Balance September 30 2016	Amounts Due Within One Year
Line of credit	\$ -	\$ 410,122	\$ -	\$ 410,122	\$ -

The following is a summary of the line of credit at September 30, 2016:

\$1,500,000 note payable to a financial institution bearing interest at an annual rate of 3.55%. At the end of the first 24 months, or upon completion of the project, if sooner than 24 months, the total principal amount drawn shall be termed over a twenty year period. Interest shall be payable in arrears on March 1 each year, commencing March 1, 2017. Principal will be payable on March 1 annually commencing March 1, 2019 based on the amount drawn by the District during the first 24 months. The entire unpaid principal and interest accrued shall be due and payable in full on March 1, 2038. The note payable is collateralized by all revenue of the District.

Amount

\$410,122

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2016

NOTE D - NOTE PAYABLE, CONTINUED

The annual debt service requirements for the note payable at September 30, 2016, were as follows:

Years Ending September 30	Note Payable Principal	Interest Payable	Total
2017	\$ -	\$ 7,280	\$ 7,280
2018	-	14,559	14,559
2019	11,963	14,134	26,097
2020	20,508	13,407	33,915
2021	20,508	12,679	33,187
2022-2026	102,540	9,038	111,578
2027-2031	102,540	5,398	107,938
2032-2036	102,540	1,759	104,299
2037-2038	49,523	879	50,402
	<u>\$ 410,122</u>	<u>\$ 79,133</u>	<u>\$ 489,255</u>

Interest expenditures for the year ended September 30, 2016 was \$3,179.

NOTE E - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations for the year ended September 30, 2016:

	Balance October 1 2015	Additions	Retirements/ Adjustments	Balance September 30 2016	Amounts Due Within One Year
Compensated Absences	\$ 3,639	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,639	\$ -
	<u>\$ 3,639</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,639</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The following is a summary of the long-term obligations at September 30, 2016:

	<u>Amount</u>
Noncurrent portion of compensated absences. Employees of the District are entitled to annual leave based on length of service and job classification.	<u>\$ 3,639</u>
	<u>\$ 3,639</u>

NOTE F - MAINTENANCE TAXES

Maintenance taxes are levied after formal adoption of the District's budget and become due and payable on November 1 of each year and are delinquent on April 1 of the following year. Discounts on maintenance taxes are allowed for payments made prior to the April 1 delinquent date. Tax certificates are sold to the public for the full amount of any unpaid taxes and must be sold no later than June 1 of each year. The billing, collection, and related record keeping of all maintenance taxes is performed for the District by the Hendry County Tax Collector. No accrual for the maintenance tax levy becoming due in November 2016 is included in the accompanying financial statements, since such taxes are collected to finance the expenditures of the subsequent period.

Procedures for collecting delinquent taxes, including applicable tax certificate sales and tax deed sales, are provided for by Florida Statutes. The enforceable lien date is approximately two years after taxes become delinquent and occurs only upon request of a holder of a delinquent tax certificate.

Important dates in the maintenance tax cycle are as follows:

Assessment roll certified	July 1
Assessment resolution approved	No later than 93 days following certification of assessment roll
Taxes due and payable (Levy date)	November, with various discount provisions through March 31
Maintenance Taxes payable - maximum discount (4 percent)	30 days after levy date
Beginning of fiscal year for which taxes have been levied	October 1
Due Date	March 31
Taxes become delinquent (lien date)	April 1
Tax certificates sold by the Hendry County Tax Collector	Prior to June 1

Under the provisions of Chapter 298.54 of the Florida Statutes, the Board of Supervisors of the District levied a uniform maintenance tax of \$100 per acre of land within the District to pay the operating costs for the year ended September 30, 2016. These costs include field operations, surveys, engineering, legal and accounting fees and other expenses as judged necessary by the Board.

NOTE G - SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

The District is a member of the Florida League of Cities self-insurers program including general/professional liability, auto, property, and workers' compensation. The program purchases excess and other specific coverages from third party carriers. Members of the program are billed annually for their portion of the program and are not assessable for unanticipated losses incurred by the program. Maximum liability coverage is \$300,000. The District also pays for the required Supervisor bonds. Premiums paid during the year ended September 30, 2016 totaled \$18,686.

NOTE H - RELATED PARTIES

A Board member of the District is the majority shareholder of a corporation that provides canal maintenance to the District at approximated market rates. The corporation is also a significant landowner within the District.

During the year ended September 30, 2016, the District paid the corporation \$64,691 for these services including \$4,358 payable at September 30, 2016.

NOTE I - CONTINGENCIES

The District is involved from time to time in certain routine litigation, the substance of which, either as liabilities or recoveries, would not materially affect the financial position of the District. Although the final outcome of the lawsuits, assertions, and claims, or the exact amount of costs and/or potential recovery, is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the District's legal counsel, the resolution of these matters will not have a materially adverse affect on the financial condition of the District. As a general policy, the District plans to vigorously contest any such matters.

NOTE J - COMMITMENTS

The District, at September 30, 2016, is in the process of rebuilding its main pump station. As such, at September 30, 2016, the District had incurred costs of \$410,122 related to the \$1,500,000 project. It is expected the project will be completed during the year ended September 30, 2017. The project is being financed through the \$1,500,000 note payable acquired during the year ended September 30, 2016.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY
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**GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND
ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - SUMMARY STATEMENT
Year Ended September 30, 2016**

	General Fund			
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance
	Budget	Budget		Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Maintenance taxes	\$ 641,800	\$ 640,447	\$ 645,899	\$ 5,452
Joint trust contributions	-	-	20,109	20,109
Interest	-	-	1,050	1,050
Miscellaneous income	-	56,823	35,662	(21,161)
Prior year budget carryforward	298,000	275,049	-	(275,049)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>939,800</u>	<u>972,319</u>	<u>702,720</u>	<u>(269,599)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government				
Administration				
Operating expenditures	91,400	86,239	91,691	(5,452)
Physical environment				
Field operations				
Personnel services	109,800	110,963	110,963	-
Operating expenditures	367,800	344,322	344,320	2
	477,600	455,285	455,283	2
Capital outlay	72,800	425,118	425,118	-
Debt service:				
Principal reduction	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	3,179	3,179	-
Contingency	298,000	412,620	-	412,620
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>939,800</u>	<u>1,382,441</u>	<u>975,271</u>	<u>407,170</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proceeds from issuance of note payable	-	410,122	410,122	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>-</u>	<u>410,122</u>	<u>410,122</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	137,571	<u>\$ 137,571</u>
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING			<u>275,049</u>	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING			<u>\$ 412,620</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND
ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - DETAILED STATEMENT
Year Ended September 30, 2016

	General Fund			
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance
	Budget	Budget		(Favorable (Unfavorable))
REVENUES				
Maintenance taxes	\$ 641,800	\$ 640,447	\$ 645,899	\$ 5,452
Joint trust contributions	-	-	20,109	20,109
Interest	-	-	1,050	1,050
Miscellaneous income	-	56,823	35,662	(21,161)
Prior year budgeted carryforward	298,000	275,049	-	(275,049)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>939,800</u>	<u>972,319</u>	<u>702,720</u>	<u>(269,599)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government				
Administration				
Operating expenditures				
Accounting and administrative fees	14,400	14,400	14,400	-
Audit	11,000	10,000	10,000	-
Tax collection fees/discounts	25,700	18,565	24,017	(5,452)
License and permits	480	175	175	-
Rentals	1,300	1,296	1,296	-
Telephone services	1,400	1,240	1,240	-
Insurance - general	24,000	18,686	18,686	-
Legal notices	300	249	249	-
Office expense	400	342	342	-
Postage and delivery	420	136	136	-
Legal fees/Professional fees	12,000	21,150	21,150	-
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION				
CARRIED FORWARD	<u>91,400</u>	<u>86,239</u>	<u>91,691</u>	<u>(5,452)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND
ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - DETAILED STATEMENT, CONTINUED
Year Ended September 30, 2016

	General Fund			Variance
	Original	Final	Actual	Favorable
	Budget	Budget		(Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES, CONTINUED				
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION				
BROUGHT FORWARD	91,400	86,239	91,691	(5,452)
Physical environment				
Field operations				
Personnel services				
Salaries and labor	105,000	106,062	106,062	-
Payroll taxes	4,800	4,901	4,901	-
Payroll benefits	-	-	-	-
TOTAL - PERSONNEL SERVICES	109,800	110,963	110,963	-
Operating expenditures				
Engineering service	9,200	7,946	7,946	-
Electric	134,000	127,107	127,107	-
BWCD ISF - cost sharing	18,000	16,838	16,838	-
Canal maintenance	75,000	57,637	57,637	-
Pump maintenance	36,000	29,478	29,478	-
Road maintenance	12,000	48,965	48,964	1
Equipment rental	-	1,000	1,000	-
Equipment maintenance	28,800	20,027	20,027	-
Fuel	50,000	32,787	32,787	-
Operating supplies	4,800	2,537	2,536	1
	367,800	344,322	344,320	2
TOTAL - FIELD OPERATIONS	477,600	455,285	455,283	2
Capital outlay	72,800	425,118	425,118	-
Debt service:				
Principal reduction	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	3,179	3,179	-
Contingency	298,000	412,620	-	412,620
	370,800	840,917	428,297	412,620
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	939,800	1,382,441	975,271	407,170
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proceeds from issuance of note payable	-	410,122	410,122	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	-	410,122	410,122	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES				
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	137,571	\$ 137,571
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING			275,049	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING			\$ 412,620	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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
 Gerber Groves Water Control District
 P.O. Box 790
 LaBelle, Florida 33975-0790

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 of America, the basic financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Gerber Groves Water Control District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016 and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated March 17, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our 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 Gerber Groves Water Control 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance 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 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.

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Fort Myers, Florida
March 17, 2017



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

Board of Supervisors
 Gerber Groves Water Control District
 P.O. Box 790
 LaBelle, Florida 33975-0790

We have examined Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2016. Management is responsible for Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Gerber Groves 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 Gerber Groves 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 Gerber Groves Water Control District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, Gerber Groves Water Control District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2016.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Gerber Groves 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.

Tuscan & Company, P.A.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.
 Fort Myers, Florida
 March 17, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

Board of Supervisors
Gerber Groves Water Control District
P.O. Box 790
LaBelle, Florida 33975-0790

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Gerber Groves Water Control District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016 and have issued our report thereon dated March 17, 2017.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States 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 Government Auditing Standards and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated March 17, 2017, 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. The prior year comments appear to have been resolved.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5.b., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether the annual financial report for the District for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a) Florida Statutes, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.
- Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c. 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.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)5.d., 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.

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 17, 2017, included herein.

PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS THAT CONTINUE TO APPLY:

The prior year comments appear to have been resolved.

CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS:

There are no financially significant current year 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 Supervisors, 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.

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TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.
Fort Myers, Florida
March 17, 2017

EXHIBIT

March 17, 2017

Auditor General
State of Florida
111 West Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 33299-1450

Re: Response to Management Letter – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Dear Sir:

In response to the management letter contained in the independent audit by Tuscan & Company of the Gerber Groves Water Control District we provide the following:

Per prior year, the prior year comments appear to have been resolved.

Per current year, there were no financially significant comments noted.

Sincerely,

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Kyndel R. Murray
Administrative Manager