

**VERANDAH EAST  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

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LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors  
Verandah East Community Development District  
Lee County, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Verandah East Community Development District, Lee County, Florida (the "District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 30, 2010, 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, and contracts, and 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.



March 30, 2010

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Our discussion and analysis of Verandah East Community Development District, Lee County, Florida ("District") provides a narrative overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. Please read it in conjunction with the District's Independent Auditor's Report, basic financial statements, accompanying notes and supplementary information to the basic financial statements.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 resulting in net asset balance of \$1,574,902.
- The change in the District's total net assets in comparison with the prior year was \$43,476, an increase. The key components of the District's net assets and change in net assets are reflected in the table in the government-wide financial analysis section.
- At September 30, 2009, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,065,533, an increase of \$3,749 in comparison with the prior year. Of the total fund balance; \$2,008,616 is reserved for debt service, \$28,733 is reserved for capital projects, and \$28,184 is unreserved, undesignated fund balance which is available for spending at the District's discretion.

### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

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

The statement of net assets presents information on all the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

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

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

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

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

## OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### Governmental Funds

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

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

The District maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, debt service fund and capital projects fund, all of which are considered major funds.

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

### Notes to the Financial Statements

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

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of an entity's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities at the close of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

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

NET ASSETS SEPTEMBER 30,		
	2009	2008
Assets, excluding capital assets	\$ 2,431,613	\$ 2,453,853
Capital assets, net of depreciation	20,815,060	21,094,212
Total assets	23,246,673	23,548,065
Liabilities, excluding long-term liabilities	486,771	506,639
Long-term liabilities	21,185,000	21,510,000
Total liabilities	21,671,771	22,016,639
Net Assets		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	14,765	(24,241)
Restricted for debt service	1,531,953	1,529,254
Unrestricted	28,184	26,413
Total net assets	\$ 1,574,902	\$ 1,531,426

A portion of the District's net assets reflects in investment in capital assets (e.g. land, land improvements, and infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are used to provide services to residents; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The restricted portion of the District's net assets represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. They are funds set aside for debt service under the Bond Indenture. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets may be used to meet the District's other obligations.

The District's net assets increased during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. The majority of the increase represents the extent to which ongoing program revenues exceeded the cost of operations and depreciation expense.

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

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30,		
	2009	2008
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 411,881	\$ 381,107
Operating grants and contributions	1,295,826	1,313,797
Capital grants and contributions	-	2,259,744
General revenues		
Unrestricted investment earnings	560	452
Total revenues	1,708,267	3,955,100
Expenses:		
General government	108,365	110,741
Maintenance and operations	388,765	154,922
Interest	1,167,661	1,184,580
Total expenses	1,664,791	1,450,243
Change in net assets	43,476	2,504,857
Net assets (deficit) - beginning	1,531,426	(973,431)
Net assets - ending	\$ 1,574,902	\$ 1,531,426

As noted above and in the statement of activities, the cost of all governmental activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 was \$1,664,791. The majority of the costs of the District's activities were paid by program revenues. Program revenues, comprised of \$1,285,218 in Developer assessments and \$411,881 in assessments, decreased significantly during the fiscal year. The majority of the decrease is the result of the prior year nonrecurring Developer contribution of approximately \$2,260,000 in infrastructure.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The general fund is the operating fund of the District and includes all activities related to providing management and operating services.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued)

In the table below, we have presented the cost of the largest functions/programs as a percentage of total governmental funds.

	FOR THE FISCAL YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30,			
	2009		2008	
General government	\$ 108,365	6%	\$ 110,741	6%
Maintenance and operations	109,613	7%	85,134	5%
Interest and principal on long-term debt	1,486,540	87%	1,483,010	83%
Capital outlay	-	0%	110,470	6%
Total	<u>\$ 1,704,518</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 1,789,355</u>	<u>100%</u>

As noted above, debt service comprises the majority of expenditures for total governmental activities for both the current and prior fiscal years.

## GENERAL BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS

An operating budget was adopted and maintained by the governing board for the District pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in preparation of the fund financial statements. The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget, is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Actual general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At September 30, 2009, the District had \$21,164,000 invested in land and water management infrastructure. In the government-wide statements, depreciation of \$348,940 has been taken, which resulted in a net book value of \$20,815,060. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

### Capital Debt

At September 30, 2009, the District had \$21,185,000 in Bonds outstanding for its governmental activities, a decrease of approximately 2% from the prior year. No new debt was issued during the year, and the District had no immediate need to issue additional debt. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes of the financial statements.

### Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, land owners, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the financial resources it manages and the stewardship of the facilities it maintains. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Verandah East Community Development District's Finance Department at 6131 Lyons Road, Suite 100, Coconut Creek, Florida, 33073.

**VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 23,797
Due from Developer	14,455
Due from other government	361
Restricted assets:	
Investments	2,037,028
Deferred charges	355,972
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable	12,789,435
Depreciable, net	8,025,625
Total net assets (deficit)	<u>23,246,673</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	10,108
Accrued interest payable	476,663
Non-current liabilities:	
Due within one year	340,000
Due in more than one year	20,845,000
Total liabilities	<u>21,671,771</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	14,765
Restricted for debt service	1,531,953
Unrestricted	28,184
Total net assets	<u>\$ 1,574,902</u>

See notes to the financial statements



**VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and
				Changes in Net Assets
Governmental Activities				
Primary government:				
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 108,365	\$ 45,558	\$ 62,807	\$ -
Maintenance and operations	388,765	-	110,648	(278,117)
Interest on long-term debt	1,167,661	366,323	1,122,371	321,033
Total governmental activities	1,664,791	411,881	1,295,826	42,916
General revenues:				
Unrestricted investment earnings				560
Total general revenues				560
Change in net assets				43,476
Net assets - beginning				1,531,426
Net assets - ending				\$ 1,574,902

See notes to the financial statements

**VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

	Major Funds			Total
	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 23,797	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,797
Investments	-	2,008,295	28,733	2,037,028
Due from other government	40	321	-	361
Due from Developer	14,455	-	-	14,455
Total assets	<u>\$ 38,292</u>	<u>\$ 2,008,616</u>	<u>\$ 28,733</u>	<u>\$ 2,075,641</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 10,108	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,108
Total liabilities	<u>10,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,108</u>
Fund balances:				
Reserved for:				
Debt service	-	2,008,616	-	2,008,616
Capital projects	-	-	28,733	28,733
Unreserved, reported in:				
Unreserved, undesignated	28,184	-	-	28,184
Total fund balances	<u>28,184</u>	<u>2,008,616</u>	<u>28,733</u>	<u>2,065,533</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 38,292</u>	<u>\$ 2,008,616</u>	<u>\$ 28,733</u>	<u>\$ 2,075,641</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 2,065,533

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

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

Cost of capital assets	21,164,000	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(348,940)</u>	20,815,060

Bond issue costs are not financial resources, and, therefore are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. The statement of net assets includes these costs, net of amortization.

Bond issue costs	402,987	
Accumulated amortization	<u>(47,015)</u>	355,972

Liabilities not due and payable from current available resources are not reported as liabilities in the governmental fund statements. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

Accrued interest payable	(476,663)	
Bonds payable	<u>(21,185,000)</u>	<u>(21,661,663)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 1,574,902</u></u>

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**VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Assessments	\$ 45,558	\$ 366,323	\$ -	\$ 411,881
Developer assessments	173,455	1,111,763	-	1,285,218
Interest	426	10,608	134	11,168
Total revenues	<u>219,439</u>	<u>1,488,694</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>1,708,267</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	108,055	310	-	108,365
Maintenance and operations	109,613	-	-	109,613
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	325,000	-	325,000
Interest	-	1,161,540	-	1,161,540
Total expenditures	<u>217,668</u>	<u>1,486,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,704,518</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,771	1,844	134	3,749
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	-	-	6,457	6,457
Transfers out	-	(6,457)	-	(6,457)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,457)</u>	<u>6,457</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	1,771	(4,613)	6,591	3,749
Fund balances - beginning	<u>26,413</u>	<u>2,013,229</u>	<u>22,142</u>	<u>2,061,784</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 28,184</u>	<u>\$ 2,008,616</u>	<u>\$ 28,733</u>	<u>\$ 2,065,533</u>

See notes to the financial statements

**VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 3,749
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Depreciation of capital assets is not recognized in the governmental fund statements but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.	(279,152)
Repayment of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in the governmental fund statement but such repayments reduce liabilities in the statement of net assets and are eliminated in the statement of activities.	325,000
Governmental funds report the effect of issuance of costs, premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.	(13,433)
The change in accrued interest on long-term liabilities between the current and prior fiscal year is recorded in the statement of activities but not in the fund financial statements.	<u>7,312</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 43,476</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements

**VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Reporting Entity**

Verandah East Community Development District ("District") was created on December 6, 2005 by Ordinance 05-27 of the Lee County, Florida, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, otherwise known as Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The Act provides among other things, the power to manage basic services for community development, power to borrow money and issue bonds, and to levy and assess non-ad valorem assessments for the financing and delivery of capital infrastructure.

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

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), which is composed of five members. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercise all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. At September 30, 2009, all of the Board members are affiliated with Verandah Development LLC, (owned by Bonita Bay Properties, Inc.), (the "Developer"). In addition, the Developer owns the majority of the land; therefore, the District is economically dependent on the Developer.

The Board has the responsibility for:

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

The District is related to Verandah West Community Development District and shares the same Developer and three common Board members.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement 14, and Statement 39, an amendment of GASB Statement 14. Under the provisions of those standards, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the District Board of Supervisors is considered to be financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that, if excluded, the financial statements of the District would be considered incomplete or misleading. There are no entities considered to be component units of the District; therefore, the financial statements include only the operations of the District.

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

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

## NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

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

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

### **Assessments**

Assessments are non-ad valorem assessments on all platted lots within the District. Assessments are levied each November 1 on property as of the previous January 1 to pay for the operations and maintenance of the District. The fiscal year for which annual assessments are levied begins on October 1 with discounts available for payments through February 28 and become delinquent on April 1. For debt service assessments, amounts collected as advance payments are used to prepay a portion of the Bonds outstanding. Otherwise, assessments are collected annually to provide funds for the debt service on the portion of the Bonds which are not paid with prepaid assessments.

Assessments and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

### **General Fund**

The general fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

### **Debt Service Fund**

The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term debt.

### **Capital Projects Fund**

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

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

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

## NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets or Equity

#### Restricted Assets

These assets represent cash and investments set aside pursuant to bond covenants.

#### Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

Securities listed in paragraph c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due. In addition, surplus funds may be deposited into certificates of deposit which are insured and any unspent Bond proceeds are required to be held in investments as specified in the Bond Indenture.

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

#### Capital Assets

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

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

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

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Infrastructure – water management	30

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

#### Deferred Revenue

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

#### Deferred Charges

In a prior year, in connection with the issuance of certain debt, the District incurred costs totaling \$402,987. In the government-wide financial statements, that amount has been capitalized and amortized over the estimated life of the Bonds. At September 30, 2009, the District reported accumulated amortization of \$47,015.



## **NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

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

#### Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized ratably over the life of the Bonds using the straight-line method, which does not result in a material difference from the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable premiums or discounts.

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

#### Fund Equity/Net Assets

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

Net assets in the government-wide financial statements are categorized as invested in capital assets, net of related debt, restricted or unrestricted. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt represents net assets related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment, net of any related debt. Restricted net assets represent the assets restricted by the District's Bond covenants.

### **Other Disclosures**

#### Use of Estimates

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

## **NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

### Budgetary Information

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

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

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

### NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

#### Deposits

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

#### Investments

The District's investments were held as follows at September 30, 2009:

	Fair Value	Credit Risk	Maturities
Money Market Mutual Funds - First American			Weighted average of the fund
Government Obligations Fund	\$ 2,037,028	S&P AAAM	portfolio: 45 days
Total Investments	<u>\$ 2,037,028</u>		

*Custodial risk* – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of the investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District has no formal policy for custodial risk. The money market mutual funds are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

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

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

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

However, the Bond Indenture limits the type of investments held using unspent proceeds.

### NOTE 4 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 were as follows:

Fund	Transfer In	Transfer Out
Debt service	\$ -	\$ 6,457
Capital projects	6,457	-
Total	<u>\$ 6,457</u>	<u>\$ 6,457</u>

Transfers are used to move excess reserves from the debt service fund to the capital projects fund for the payment of deferred costs in accordance with the Bond Indenture.

## NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental activities</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 12,789,435	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,789,435
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	12,789,435	-	-	12,789,435
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Infrastructure	8,374,565	-	-	8,374,565
Total capital assets, being depreciated	8,374,565	-	-	8,374,565
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	69,788	279,152	-	348,940
Total accumulated depreciation	69,788	279,152	-	348,940
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	8,304,777	(279,152)	-	8,025,625
Governmental activities capital assets	\$ 21,094,212	\$ (279,152)	\$ -	\$ 20,815,060

In connection with the 2006 project, the District established a deferred cost investment account reported in the capital projects fund. In the event there are excess 2006 reserves, they are to be transferred from the debt service to the capital projects fund and used to repay funds advanced for the project or for the purchase of additional components. However, if funds in the account are not needed for that purpose, they are to be transferred to the debt service fund and used to redeem outstanding related debt. As of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009, there is a balance of \$15,338 in the deferred cost account. The District has not yet determined if a liability exists for deferred costs.

## NOTE 6 – LONG TERM LIABILITIES

On June 23, 2006, the District issued \$21,815,000 of Capital Improvements Revenue Bonds, Series 2006. The Bonds are due May 1, 2037 with a fixed interest rate of 5.40%. The Bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements for the benefit of the District. Interest is to be paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2006. Principal is due serially on May 1, commencing on May 1, 2008.

The Series 2006 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity. In addition, the Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to their selected maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Bond Indenture.

The Bond Indenture established a debt service reserve requirement as well as other restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements. The District was in compliance with the requirements at September 30, 2009.

Changes in long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<u>Governmental activities</u>					
Bonds payable:					
Series 2006	\$ 21,510,000	\$ -	\$ (325,000)	\$ 21,185,000	\$ 340,000
Total	\$ 21,510,000	\$ -	\$ (325,000)	\$ 21,185,000	\$ 340,000

**NOTE 6 – LONG TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)**

At September 30, 2009, the scheduled debt service requirements on the long-term debt were as follows:

Year ending September 30:	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2010	\$ 340,000	1,143,990	\$ 1,483,990
2011	360,000	1,125,630	1,485,630
2012	380,000	1,106,190	1,486,190
2013	400,000	1,085,670	1,485,670
2014	420,000	1,064,070	1,484,070
2015-2019	2,465,000	4,954,500	7,419,500
2020-2024	3,205,000	4,213,620	7,418,620
2025-2029	4,170,000	3,249,180	7,419,180
2030-2034	5,430,000	1,994,760	7,424,760
2035-2037	4,015,000	441,180	4,456,180
Total	<u>\$ 21,185,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,378,790</u>	<u>\$ 41,563,790</u>

**NOTE 7 – DEVELOPER TRANSACTIONS**

The Developer has agreed to fund the general operations of the District. In connection therewith, Developer contribution revenue reflected in the general fund for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 was \$173,455, which includes a receivable of \$14,455. The Developer has also agreed to fund the debt service on the Bonds which is not paid through special or prepaid assessments. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009, the Developer contributed \$1,111,763 to the debt service fund. Subsequent to September 30, 2009, the Developer contributed \$436,354 for debt service payments.

**NOTE 8 – MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

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

**NOTE 9 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District has obtained commercial insurance from independent third parties to mitigate the costs of these risks; coverage may not extend to all situations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage over the past three years.

**VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

	Budgeted Amounts <u>Original &amp; Final</u>	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessments	\$ 47,006	\$ 45,558	\$ (1,448)
Developer contributions	174,001	173,455	(546)
Interest	500	426	(74)
Total revenues	<u>221,507</u>	<u>219,439</u>	<u>(2,068)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	118,242	108,055	10,187
Maintenance and operations	103,265	109,613	(6,348)
Total expenditures	<u>221,507</u>	<u>217,668</u>	<u>3,839</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	1,771	<u>\$ 1,771</u>
Fund balance - beginning		<u>26,413</u>	
Fund balance - ending		<u>\$ 28,184</u>	

See notes to required supplementary information

**VERANDAH EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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

The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures may not exceed budget is in the aggregate. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Actual general fund expenditures did not exceed appropriations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

**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  
Verandah East Community Development District  
Lee County, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Verandah East Community Development District, Lee County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 30, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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, and contracts, and agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended for the information of the management, Board of Supervisors of Verandah East Community Development District, Lee County, Florida and the Auditor General of the State of Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Grum & Associates*

March 30, 2010



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

To the Board of Supervisors  
Verandah East Community Development District  
Lee County, Florida

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Verandah East Community Development District ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated March 30, 2010.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In addition, we have issued our Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters dated March 30, 2010. Disclosures in that report should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

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

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

This report is intended for the information of the management, Board of Supervisors of Verandah East Community Development District, Lee County, Florida and the Auditor General of the State of Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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



March 30, 2010

## **REPORT TO MANAGEMENT**

### **I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

### **II. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

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

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

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

There were no significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

2. A statement as to whether or not the local governmental entity complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds.

The District complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds.

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

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

4. Violations of 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.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

5. For matters that have an inconsequential effect on the financial statements, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors, the following may be reported based on professional judgment:

- a. Violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse.
- b. Control deficiencies that are not significant deficiencies.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, that, in our judgment, are required to be reported, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

### **REPORT TO MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

6. The name or official title and legal authority of the District are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
7. The financial report filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes agrees with the September 30, 2009 financial audit report.
8. The District has not met one or more of the financial emergency conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.
9. We applied financial condition assessment procedures pursuant to Rule 10.556(7), and no deteriorating financial conditions were noted. It is management's responsibility to monitor financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.