

**Bella Vida Community
Development District**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors
Bella Vida Community Development District
City of Cape Coral, Florida

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Bella Vida Community Development District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Bella Vida Community Development District as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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To the Board of Supervisors
Bella Vida Community Development District

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

To the Board of Supervisors
Bella Vida Community Development District

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated April 22, 2024 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.

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 effectiveness of the District's 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 Bella Vida Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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April 22, 2024

**Bella Vida Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

Management's discussion and analysis of Bella Vida Community Development District's (the "District") financial performance provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. The analysis provides summary financial information for the District and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's basic financial statements comprise three components; 1) *Government-wide financial statements*, 2) *Fund financial statements*, and 3) *Notes to financial statements*. The *Government-wide financial statements* present an overall picture of the District's financial position and results of operations. The *Fund financial statements* present financial information for the District's major funds. The *Notes to financial statements* provide additional information concerning the District's finances. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

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

The **statement of net position** presents information on all assets and liabilities of the District, with the difference between assets and liabilities reported as net position. Net position is reported in three categories; 1) net investment in capital assets, 2) restricted, and 3) unrestricted. Assets, liabilities, and net position are reported for all Governmental activities.

The **statement of activities** presents information on all revenues and expenses of the District and the change in net position. Expenses are reported by major function and program revenues relating to those functions are reported, providing the net cost of all functions provided by the District. To assist in understanding the District's operations, expenses have been reported as governmental activities. Governmental activities financed by the District include general government, physical environment and debt service.

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

**Bella Vida Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fund financial statements include a **balance sheet** and a **statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances** for all governmental funds. A **statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – budget and actual** is provided for the District's General Fund. *Fund financial statements* provide more detailed information about the District's activities. Individual funds are established by the District to track revenues that are restricted to certain uses or to comply with legal requirements.

The *government-wide financial statements* and the *fund financial statements* provide different pictures of the District. The *government-wide financial statements* provide an overall picture of the District's financial standing. These statements are comparable to private-sector companies and give a good understanding of the District's overall financial health and how the District paid for the various activities, or functions, provided by the District. All assets of the District, including infrastructure are reported in the **statement of net position**. All liabilities, including principal outstanding on bonds are included. The **statement of activities** includes depreciation on all long lived assets of the District, but transactions between the different functions of the District have been eliminated in order to avoid "doubling up" the revenues and expenses. The *fund financial statements* provide a picture of the major funds of the District. In the case of governmental activities, outlays for long lived assets are reported as expenditures and long-term liabilities, such as general obligation bonds, are not included in the fund financial statements. To provide a link from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*, a reconciliation is provided from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*.

Notes to financial statements provide additional detail concerning the financial activities and financial balances of the District. Additional information about the accounting practices of the District, investments of the District, capital assets and long-term debt are some of the items included in the *notes to financial statements*.

Financial Highlights

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2023.

- ◆ The District's total liabilities exceeded total assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$(640,610) (net position). Unrestricted net position for Governmental Activities was \$227,009. Net investment in capital assets was \$(934,168) and restricted net position was \$66,549.

- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$460,326 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$436,685.

**Bella Vida Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District

The following schedule provides a summary of the assets, liabilities and net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Current assets	\$ 234,013	\$ 216,100
Restricted assets	86,272	81,063
Capital assets, net	<u>1,297,245</u>	<u>1,440,762</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,617,530</u>	<u>1,737,925</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>22,587</u>	<u>24,250</u>
Current liabilities	166,727	167,426
Non-current liabilities	<u>2,114,000</u>	<u>2,259,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,280,727</u>	<u>2,426,426</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	(934,168)	(930,888)
Restricted	66,549	65,793
Unrestricted	<u>227,009</u>	<u>200,944</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (640,610)</u>	<u>\$ (664,151)</u>

The increase in current assets is related to revenues exceeding expenditures at the fund level in the current year.

The decrease in capital assets is primarily the result of depreciation in the current year.

The decrease in non-current liabilities is the result of the current year principal payments.

**Bella Vida Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District (Continued)

The following schedule provides a summary of the changes in net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 453,914	\$ 445,456
General Revenues		
Investment earnings	6,412	446
Total Revenues	<u>460,326</u>	<u>445,902</u>
Expenses		
General government	80,777	88,338
Physical environment	305,171	301,241
Interest and other charges	<u>50,737</u>	<u>53,633</u>
Total Expenses	<u>436,685</u>	<u>443,212</u>
Change in Net Position	23,641	2,690
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(664,251)</u>	<u>(666,941)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$ (640,610)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (664,251)</u></u>

**Bella Vida Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets Activity

The following schedule provides a summary of the District's capital assets as of September 30, 2023 and 2022.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Infrastructure	\$ 3,622,765	\$ 3,622,765
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,325,520)</u>	<u>(2,182,003)</u>
Total Capital Assets (Net)	<u>\$ 1,297,245</u>	<u>\$ 1,440,762</u>

The activity for the year consisted of \$143,517 in depreciation.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Actual expenditures were less than the total budget for the year ended September 30, 2023 because of less stormwater control, landscaping and engineer expenditures than were anticipated.

There were no amendments to the budget.

Debt Management

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

- In January 2021, the District issued \$2,639,000 Series 2021 Special Assessment Refunding Bonds. These bonds were issued to refund and redeem the outstanding Series 2006 Special Assessment Bonds. The balance outstanding at September 30, 2023 was \$2,254,000.

**Bella Vida Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Bella Vida Community Development District does not expect any economic factors to have any significant effect on the financial positions or results of operation of the District in fiscal year 2024.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Bella Vida Community Development District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Bella Vida Community Development District, Accounting Department, 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614.

Bella Vida Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 227,511
Investments	11
Prepaid expenses	6,491
Total Current Assets	234,013
Non-Current Assets	
Restricted assets	
Investments	86,272
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	
Infrastructure	3,622,765
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,325,520)
Total Non-Current Assets	1,383,517
Total Assets	1,617,530
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred amount on refunding, net	22,587
 LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,704
Due to others	300
Accrued interest	19,723
Bonds payable - current portion	140,000
Total Current Liabilities	166,727
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable	2,114,000
Total Liabilities	2,280,727
 NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	(934,168)
Restricted for debt service	66,549
Unrestricted	227,009
Total Net Position	\$ (640,610)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Bella Vida Community Development District
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues Charges for Services</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities			
General government	\$ (80,777)	\$ 88,803	\$ 8,026
Physical environment	(305,171)	177,717	(127,454)
Interest and other charges	(50,737)	187,394	136,657
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (436,685)</u>	<u>\$ 453,914</u>	<u>17,229</u>
General revenues:			
			<u>6,412</u>
			23,641
			<u>(664,251)</u>
			<u>\$ (640,610)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Bella Vida Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2023

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 227,511	\$ -	\$ 227,511
Investments	11	-	11
Prepaid expenses	6,491	-	6,491
Restricted assets			
Investments, at fair value	-	86,272	86,272
Total Assets	\$ 234,013	\$ 86,272	\$ 320,285
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,704	\$ -	\$ 6,704
Due to others	300	-	300
Total Liabilities	7,004	-	7,004
 FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable - prepaid expenses	6,491	-	6,491
Restricted			
Debt service	-	86,272	86,272
Unassigned	220,518	-	220,518
Total Fund Balances	227,009	86,272	313,281
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 234,013	\$ 86,272	\$ 320,285

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Bella Vida Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2023

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$	313,281
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets being depreciated, infrastructure, \$3,622,765, net of accumulated depreciation, \$(2,325,520), used in governmental activities are not financial resources and; therefore, are not reported at the fund level.		1,297,245
Deferred amount on refunding, net, is not a current financial resource, and therefore is not reported at the fund level.		22,587
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.		(2,254,000)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use, and therefore, is not reported at the fund level.		<u>(19,723)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>(640,610)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Bella Vida Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	General	Debt Service	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Special assessments	\$ 266,520	\$ 187,394	\$ 453,914
Investment earnings	1,976	4,436	6,412
Total Revenues	<u>268,496</u>	<u>191,830</u>	<u>460,326</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General government	80,777	-	80,777
Physical environment	161,654	-	161,654
Debt service			
Principal	-	142,000	142,000
Interest	-	50,316	50,316
Total Expenditures	<u>242,431</u>	<u>192,316</u>	<u>434,747</u>
Net change in fund balances	26,065	(486)	25,579
Fund Balances - Beginning of year	<u>200,944</u>	<u>86,758</u>	<u>287,702</u>
Fund Balances - End of year	<u><u>\$ 227,009</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 86,272</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 313,281</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Bella Vida Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	25,579
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount of depreciation in the current period.		(143,517)
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Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.		142,000
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The deferred amount on refunding is amortized at the government-wide level as interest over the life of the associated bonds payable. This is the current year amount amortized.		(1,663)
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In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the net amount between the prior year and the current year accruals.		1,242
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u>23,641</u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Bella Vida Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 265,627	\$ 265,627	\$ 266,520	\$ 893
Investment earnings	-	-	1,976	1,976
Total Revenues	<u>265,627</u>	<u>265,627</u>	<u>268,496</u>	<u>2,869</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	97,359	97,359	80,777	16,582
Physical environment	168,268	168,268	161,654	6,614
Total Expenditures	<u>265,627</u>	<u>265,627</u>	<u>242,431</u>	<u>23,196</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	-	26,065	26,065
Fund Balances - Beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,944</u>	<u>200,944</u>
Fund Balances - End of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 227,009</u>	<u>\$ 227,009</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Bella Vida Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Bella Vida Community Development District (the "District") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District's more significant accounting policies are described below.

1. Reporting Entity

The District was established on April 24, 2006 by Ordinance 48-06 of the City of Cape Coral, Florida. The District was established pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), as a Community Development District. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the infrastructure necessary for community development within its jurisdiction. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors are elected on an at-large basis by the qualified electors of the District. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The Board has the responsibility for allocating and levying assessments, approving budgets, exercising control over facilities and properties, controlling the use of funds generated by the District, approving the hiring and firing of key personnel, and financing improvements.

The reporting entity for the District includes all functions of government in which the District's Board exercises oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility includes, but is not limited to, financial interdependency, designation of management, significant ability to influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the Bella Vida Community Development District, (the primary government) as a stand-alone government.

Based upon the application of the above-mentioned criteria as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the District has identified no component units.

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

Bella Vida Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

a. Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Government-wide financial statements report all non-fiduciary information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include the governmental activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

Governmental activities are supported by special assessments and interest. Program revenues are netted with program expenses in the statement of activities to present the net cost of each program.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets, rather than reported as an expenditure. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as an other financing source.

Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability, rather than as an expenditure.

b. Fund Financial Statements

The underlying accounting system of the District is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be 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 or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund financial statements for the primary government's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually.

Bella Vida Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds

The District has implemented the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54 – Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. The Statement requires the fund balance for governmental funds to be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The District has various policies governing the fund balance classifications.

Nonspendable Fund Balance – This classification consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by the state constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Assigned Fund Balance – This classification consists of the Board of Supervisors' intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The assigned fund balances can also be assigned by the District's management company.

Unassigned Fund Balance – This classification is the residual classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned fund balance is considered to be utilized first when expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Fund Balance Spending Hierarchy – For all governmental funds except special revenue funds, when restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances are combined in a fund, qualified expenditures are paid first from restricted or committed fund balance, as appropriate, then assigned and finally unassigned fund balances.

Bella Vida Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

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. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Interest associated with the current fiscal period is considered to be an accrual item and so has been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period.

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be a measure of “available spendable resources”. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types excludes amounts represented by non-current liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

Amounts expended to acquire capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the year that resources were expended, rather than as fund assets. The proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as an other financing source rather than as a fund liability.

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

3. Basis of Presentation

a. Governmental Major Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is the District’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Bella Vida Community Development District
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

a. Governmental Major Funds (Continued)

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund accounts for debt service requirements to retire certain special assessment revenue refunding bonds which were used to refinance existing debt. The bond series is secured by a pledge of debt service special assessment revenues in any fiscal year related to the improvements. A lien is placed on all benefited land in relationship to the debt outstanding.

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

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

4. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

a. Cash and Investments

Florida Statutes require state and local governmental units to deposit monies with financial institutions classified as "Qualified Public Depositories," a multiple financial institution pool whereby groups of securities pledged by the various financial institutions provide common collateral from their deposits of public funds. This pool is provided as additional insurance to the federal depository insurance and allows for additional assessments against the member institutions, providing full insurance for public deposits.

The District is authorized to invest in those financial instruments as established by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The authorized investments consist of:

1. Direct obligations of the United States Treasury;
2. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperative Act of 1969;
3. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in authorized qualified public depositories;
4. Securities and Exchange Commission, registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

b. Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as “due to/from other funds”. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported as “internal balances”.

c. Net Position

Net position is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position in the government-wide financial statements are categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted, or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents net position related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment. Restricted net position represents the assets restricted by the District’s bond covenants and other contractual restrictions. Unrestricted net position consists of the net position not meeting the definition of either of the other two components.

d. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which includes infrastructure, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column.

The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. The valuation basis for all assets is historical cost.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by utilizing the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows:

Infrastructure	15-25 years
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Bella Vida Community Development District
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

e. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources is the consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reported period. Deferred amount on refunding is amortized and recognized as a component of interest expense over the life of the bond.

f. Budgets

Budgets are prepared and adopted after public hearings for the governmental funds, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District utilizes the same basis of accounting for budgets as it does for revenues and expenditures in its various funds. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level. All budgeted appropriations lapse at year end. Formal budgets are adopted for the general and debt service funds. As a result, deficits in the budget variance columns of the accompanying financial statements may occur.

NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

All deposits are held in qualified public depositories and are included on the accompanying balance sheet as cash and investments.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk, however, they follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2023, the District's bank balance was \$234,027 and the carrying value was \$227,511. Exposure to custodial credit risk was as follows. The District maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by Federal Depositors Insurance or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

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NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments

As of September 30, 2023, the District had the following investments and maturities:

Investment	Maturity	Fair Value
First American Treasury Obligation	15 days*	\$ 86,272
Florida PRIME	35 days*	11
Total		\$ 86,283

*Maturity is a weighted average maturity.

The District categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. The District uses a market approach in measuring fair value that uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or similar assets, liabilities, or groups of assets and liabilities.

Assets or liabilities are classified into one of three levels. Level 1 is the most realizable and is based on quoted price for identical assets, or liabilities, in an active market. Level 2 uses significant other observable inputs when obtained quoted prices for identical or similar assets, or liabilities, in markets that are not active. Level 3 is the least reliable and uses significant unobservable inputs that uses the best information available under the circumstances which includes the District's own data in measuring unobservable inputs.

Based on the criteria in the preceding paragraph, the investment in First American Treasury Obligations is a Level 1 asset.

The District's investment policy allows management to invest funds in investments permitted under Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The investment in Florida PRIME is measured at amortized cost. Florida PRIME has established policies and guidelines regarding participant transactions and the authority to limit or restrict withdrawals or impose a penalty for an early withdrawal. As of September 30, 2023, there were no redemption fees, maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirements that would limit daily access to 100 percent of the account value.

Interest Rate Risk

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

Bella Vida Community Development District
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NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk

The District's investments are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of September 30, 2023, the District's investments in First American Treasury Obligation and Florida PRIME were rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund. The investment in the First American Treasury Obligations is approximately 100% of the District's total investments. The District's investments in Florida PRIME is less than 1% of the District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2023 were typical of these items during the fiscal year then ended. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary.

NOTE C – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES

Assessments are non-ad valorem assessments imposed on assessable lands located within the District. Assessments may be levied on property to pay for the operation and maintenance of the District, as well as to pay for debt service on the District's Bonds. The fiscal year for which the annual operation and maintenance assessments may be levied begins October 1, and when such annual assessments are collected on the tax roll, discounts are available for payments through February 28, and assessments 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 considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. The portion of assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period.

NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>October 1,</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>September 30,</u> <u>2023</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	<u>\$ 3,622,765</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,622,765</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	<u>(2,182,003)</u>	<u>(143,517)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,325,520)</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	<u><u>\$ 1,440,762</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (143,517)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,297,245</u></u>

Depreciation of \$143,517 was charged to physical environment.

**Bella Vida Community Development District
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NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of activity for long-term debt of the District for the year ended September 30, 2023:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2022	\$ 2,396,000
Principal payments	<u>(142,000)</u>
Long-term debt at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 2,254,000</u>

Special Assessment Refunding Bonds

Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

\$2,639,000 Special Assessment Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 due in annual principal installments, beginning May 1, 2021. Interest is due semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, beginning May 1, 2021, at a rate of 2.100% with a maturity date of May 1, 2037. Current portion is \$140,000.

\$ 2,254,000

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2023 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 140,000	\$ 47,334	\$ 187,334
2025	143,000	44,394	187,394
2026	146,000	41,391	187,391
2027	149,000	38,325	187,325
2028	152,000	35,196	187,196
2029-2033	811,000	126,693	937,693
2034-2037	713,000	37,821	750,821
Totals	<u>\$ 2,254,000</u>	<u>\$ 371,154</u>	<u>\$ 2,625,154</u>

Summary of Significant Bonds Resolution Terms and Covenants

The Trust Indenture established certain restrictions and requirements relating to 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.

NOTE G – 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; natural disasters; and environmental remediation. The District has obtained commercial insurance from independent third parties to mitigate the costs of these risks; coverage may not extend to all situations. There were no claims or settled claims filed within the last three years.



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

To the Board of Supervisors
Bella Vida Community Development District
City of Cape Coral, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, of Bella Vida Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 22, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Bella Vida Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Bella Vida Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Bella Vida Community Development 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 material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

To the Board of Supervisors
Bella Vida Community Development District

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Bella Vida Community Development 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors
Bella Vida Community Development District
City of Cape Coral, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Bella Vida Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated April 22, 2024.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and our Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA Professionals Standards, AT-C Section 315 regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in that report, which is dated April 22, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been made to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding financial audit report.

To the Board of Supervisors
Bella Vida Community Development District

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Bella Vida Community Development District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Bella Vida Community Development District did not meet one of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial conditions assessment procedures as of September 30, 2023 for the Bella Vida Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Bella Vida Community Development District's financial condition; our financial condition assessment was based in part on the representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Specific Information

The information provided below was provided by management and has not been audited; therefore, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c) and Section 218.32(1)(e), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the Bella Vida Community Development District reported:

- 1) The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year: 0
- 2) The total number of independent contractors, defined as individuals or entities that receive 1099s, to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 0
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$0
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$24,391
- 5) Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, 2022, together with the total expenditures for such project: N/A.
- 6) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the District amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes: There were no amendments to the FY 2023 budget.

To the Board of Supervisors
Bella Vida Community Development District

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c) and Section 218.32(1)(e), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)8, Rules of the Auditor General, the Bella Vida Community Development District reported:

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District: General Fund \$453.50 - \$1,395.40 and the Debt Service Fund \$322.18 - \$991.32.
- 2) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: Total special assessments collected was \$453,914.
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds: Series 2021, \$2,254,000, matures May 1, 2037.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Supervisors, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT/COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

To the Board of Supervisors
Bella Vida Community Development District
City of Cape Coral, Florida

We have examined Bella Vida Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for Bella Vida Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Bella Vida Community Development 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 Bella Vida Community Development 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 Bella Vida Community Development District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, Bella Vida Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2023.

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