

**Gracewater Sarasota
Community Development District**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors
Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
Sarasota, Florida

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Gracewater Sarasota 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 Gracewater Sarasota 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.

To the Board of Supervisors
Gracewater Sarasota 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
Gracewater Sarasota 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 September 16, 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 Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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September 16, 2024

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

Management's discussion and analysis of Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District's (the "District") financial performance provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities. 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.

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 and developer contributions.

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 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.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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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 capital assets 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*, reconciliations are 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 liabilities exceeded assets by \$(95,287) (net position). Restricted net position was \$97,281 and unrestricted net position was \$(192,568).
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$1,601,147, while governmental activities expenses totaled \$655,442.

**Gracewater Sarasota 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	\$ 306,528	\$ 27,521
Restricted assets	3,793,195	6,439,568
Capital assets	12,963,559	11,160,884
Total Assets	17,063,282	17,627,973
Current liabilities	781,431	1,931,868
Non-current liabilities	16,377,138	16,737,097
Total Liabilities	17,158,569	18,668,965
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	-	(801,871)
Restricted	97,281	-
Unrestricted	(192,568)	(239,121)
Total Net Position	\$ (95,287)	\$ (1,040,992)

The increase in current assets is related to the increase in assessments receivable in the current year.

The decrease in restricted assets is related to the debt service and capital projects activity in the current year.

The increase in capital assets is related to the capital projects activity in the current year.

The decrease in current liabilities is related to the decreases in contracts and retainage payable in the current year.

The decrease in non-current liabilities is related to the principal payments on long-term debt in the current year.

**Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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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	
	2023	2022
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 933,301	\$ -
Operating contributions	68,203	76,852
Miscellaneous revenues	410,310	-
Investment income	189,333	23,065
Total Revenues	<u>1,601,147</u>	<u>99,917</u>
Expenses		
General government	74,193	71,233
Interest and other charges	581,249	1,069,700
Total Expenses	<u>655,442</u>	<u>1,140,933</u>
Change in Net Position	945,705	(1,041,016)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(1,040,992)</u>	<u>24</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ (95,287)</u>	<u>\$ (1,040,992)</u>

The increase in charges for services is related to the debt service special assessments in the current year.

The increase in miscellaneous revenues is related to the reimbursement by the State for an environmental clean-up.

The decrease in interest and other charges is related to the issuance of long-term debt in the prior year.

**Gracewater Sarasota 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.

Description	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Construction in progress	\$ 12,963,559	\$ 11,160,884

Current year activity consisted of additions to construction in progress of \$1,802,675.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Actual expenditures were less than the final budget because legal expenditures were less than anticipated.

There were no amendments to the September 30, 2023 budget.

Debt Management

In October 2021, the District issued \$16,780,000 Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021. The Bonds were issued to finance the cost of acquisition, installation, and equipping of a portion of the 2021 Project. As of September 30, 2023, the balance outstanding was \$16,440,000.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The District does not expect any economic factors to have a significant effect on the financial position or results of operations of the District in fiscal year 2024.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Gracewater Sarasota 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 Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District's Finance Department at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 10,186
Assessments receivable	295,998
Due from developer	344
Total Current Assets	306,528
Non-Current Assets	
Restricted Assets	
Investments	3,793,195
Capital assets, not being depreciated	
Construction in progress	12,963,559
Total Non-Current Assets	16,756,754
Total Assets	17,063,282
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,877
Contracts/retainage payable	176,201
Due to developer	6,000
Accrued interest	244,353
Bonds payable	350,000
Total Current Liabilities	781,431
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable, net	16,377,138
Total Liabilities	17,158,569
Net Position	
Restricted for debt service	97,281
Unrestricted net position	(192,568)
Total Net Position	\$ (95,287)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2023

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,186	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,186
Assessments receivable	-	295,998	-	295,998
Due from developer	344	-	-	344
Restricted assets				
Investments	-	978,943	2,814,252	3,793,195
Total Assets	<u>\$ 10,530</u>	<u>\$ 1,274,941</u>	<u>\$ 2,814,252</u>	<u>\$ 4,099,723</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,877	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,877
Contracts/retainage payable	-	-	176,201	176,201
Due to developer	6,000	-	-	6,000
Total Liabilities	<u>10,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,201</u>	<u>187,078</u>
Fund Balances				
Restricted:				
Debt service	-	1,274,941	-	1,274,941
Capital projects	-	-	2,638,051	2,638,051
Unassigned	(347)	-	-	(347)
Total Fund Balance	<u>(347)</u>	<u>1,274,941</u>	<u>2,638,051</u>	<u>3,912,645</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 10,530</u>	<u>\$ 1,274,941</u>	<u>\$ 2,814,252</u>	<u>\$ 4,099,723</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 3,912,645
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	12,963,559
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, \$(16,440,000), net of bond premium, \$(287,138), are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	(16,727,138)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use and therefore, is not reported at the fund level.	<u>(244,353)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (95,287)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ -	\$ 933,301	\$ -	\$ 933,301
Developer contributions	79,637	-	-	79,637
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	410,310	410,310
Investment income	-	41,692	147,641	189,333
Total Revenues	<u>79,637</u>	<u>974,993</u>	<u>557,951</u>	<u>1,612,581</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	74,193	-	-	74,193
Capital outlay	-	-	1,802,675	1,802,675
Debt service				
Principal	-	340,000	-	340,000
Interest	-	594,608	-	594,608
Total Expenditures	<u>74,193</u>	<u>934,608</u>	<u>1,802,675</u>	<u>2,811,476</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	5,444	40,385	(1,244,724)	(1,198,895)
Fund Balances - October 1, 2022	<u>(5,791)</u>	<u>1,234,556</u>	<u>3,882,775</u>	<u>5,111,540</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2023	<u>\$ (347)</u>	<u>\$ 1,274,941</u>	<u>\$ 2,638,051</u>	<u>\$ 3,912,645</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Gracewater Sarasota 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	\$	(1,198,895)
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:</p>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays. However, in the Statement of Activities the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount of capital outlay in the current year.		1,802,675
Bond principal payments are reported as an expenditure at the fund level, but are reported as a decrease to a liability at the government-wide level.		340,000
Amortization of bond premium does not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds. This is the amount of amortization in the current period.		9,959
In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds; whereas in the governmental funds, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest in the current period.		3,400
Revenues that are not available to meet current uses, are not reflected as revenues at the fund level, however, revenues are recognized when earned at the government-wide level. This is the current year change in unavailable revenues.		<u>(11,434)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>945,705</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Gracewater Sarasota 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				
Developer contributions	\$ 95,365	\$ 95,365	\$ 79,637	\$ (15,728)
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	95,365	95,365	74,193	21,172
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	5,444	5,444
Fund Balances - October 1, 2022	-	-	(5,791)	(5,791)
Fund Balances - September 30, 2023	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (347)</u>	<u>\$ (347)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of 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 6, 2021, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), and by Ordinance 2020-048 of the County of Sarasota, 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 authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding, planning, establishing, acquiring, constructing district roads, landscaping, and other basic infrastructure projects within or outside the boundaries of the Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District. The District is governed by a five member Board of Supervisors. All the Supervisors are employed by the Developer. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

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

Based upon the application of the above-mentioned criteria as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board, The Financial Reporting Entity, 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

Gracewater Sarasota 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 all 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 developer contributions. 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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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 classifies fund balance according to 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 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 an 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.

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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 90 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 are 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.

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund accounts for the debt service requirements of the long-term debt issued to finance the construction of District infrastructure improvements.

Gracewater Sarasota 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)

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Funds account for construction of infrastructure improvements within the boundaries of the District.

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as land and improvements, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as general obligation bonds and due to developer be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

4. Assets, 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

Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

a. Cash and Investments (Continued)

Cash equivalents include time deposits and all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less and held in a qualified public depository as defined by Section 280.02, Florida Statutes.

b. 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. A formal budget is adopted for the general fund. As a result, deficits in the budget columns of the accompanying financial statements may occur.

c. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which includes construction in progress, are reported in the 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.

d. Unamortized Bond Premium

Bond premiums are presented on the government-wide financial statements. The costs are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. For financial reporting, the unamortized bond premium is netted with the applicable long-term debt.

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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. The District did not have investment balances.

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 \$5,375 and the carrying value was \$10,186. 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.

Investments

As of September 30, 2023, the District has the following investment and maturity:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
First American Government Obligation	18 days *	<u>\$ 3,793,195</u>

* Maturity is a weighted average maturity.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy recently 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 reliable and is based on quoted price for identical assets, or liabilities, in an active market. Level 2 uses significant other observable inputs when obtaining 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 use 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 listed above is a Level 1 asset.

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NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

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 Government Obligation Fund 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 investments in First American Government Obligation Fund represent 100% 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 period then ended. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary.

NOTE C – CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance October 1, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2023
<u>Governmental activities:</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress	\$ 11,160,884	\$ 1,802,675	\$ -	\$ 12,963,559

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NOTE D – LONG-TERM DEBT

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

Long-term debt at October 1, 2022	\$ 16,780,000
Principal payments	<u>340,000</u>
Long-term debt at September 30, 2023	\$ 16,440,000
Bond premium, net	<u>287,138</u>
Bonds Payable, Net at September 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 16,727,138</u></u>

Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds

\$16,780,000 Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 due in annual principal installments, beginning May 1, 2023. Interest is due semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, beginning November 1, 2022, at rates ranging from 2.40% to 4.00% with a maturity date of May 1, 2052. Current portion \$350,000.

\$ 16,440,000

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

Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 350,000	\$ 586,448	\$ 936,448
2025	355,000	578,048	933,048
2026	365,000	569,528	934,528
2027	375,000	560,768	935,768
2028	385,000	549,705	934,705
2029-2033	2,120,000	2,568,607	4,688,607
2034-2038	2,495,000	2,200,036	4,695,036
2039-2043	2,955,000	1,748,510	4,703,510
2044-2048	3,600,000	1,131,400	4,731,400
2049-2052	3,440,000	351,000	3,791,000
Totals	<u><u>\$ 16,440,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,844,050</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 27,284,050</u></u>

Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
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September 30, 2023

NOTE D – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Significant Bond Provisions

The Series 2021 Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District, in whole or in part, on any day on or after May 1, 2031 at the redemption price of 100% of principal amount of the respective Bonds redeemed together with accrued interest at the redemption date. The Series 2021 Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the respective Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the respective Trust Indenture.

The Trust Indentures established certain amounts be maintained in a reserve account. In addition, the Trust Indentures have certain 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.

Depository Funds

The bond resolution establishes certain funds and determines the order in which revenues are to be deposited into these funds. A description of the significant funds, including their purposes, are as follows:

1. Series 2021 Reserve Fund – The 2021 Reserve Account was funded from the proceeds of the Series 2021 Bonds in amounts equal to the maximum annual debt service requirement for all outstanding Series 2021 Bonds until certain conditions for reduction of reserve account requirement as stated in the Trust Indenture are met, at which time and thereafter, the Series 2021 Reserve Account Requirement shall be amounts equal to fifty percent of the maximum annual debt service requirement for all outstanding Series 2021 Bonds. Monies held in the reserve accounts will be used only for the purposes established in the Trust Indenture.

	Reserve Balance	Reserve Requirement
Series 2021 Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds	\$ 933,300	\$ 933,300

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NOTE E – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All five members of the Board of Supervisors are affiliated with the Developer or a related entity. The District received \$79,637 in contributions from the Developer for the year ended September 30, 2023. Additionally, the District has \$344 due from the developer and a developer advance of \$6,000.

Additionally, four of the members of the Board are members of two separate immediate families.

NOTE F – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Developer owns a significant portion of land within the District. The District's activity is dependent upon the continued involvement of the Developer, the loss of which could have a material adverse effect on the District's operations.

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; and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance. The District has not filed any claims under this commercial coverage.



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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
Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
Sarasota, 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 Gracewater Sarasota 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 September 16, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Gracewater Sarasota 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 Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Gracewater Sarasota 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
Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Gracewater Sarasota 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
Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
Sarasota, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated September 16, 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 Reporting Requirements

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 those reports, which are dated September 16, 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 taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Gracewater Sarasota 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 Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

To the Board of Supervisors
Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Gracewater Sarasota 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 as of September 30, 2023.

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), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, the Gracewater Sarasota 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 to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 1
- 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: \$65,029
- 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: The District spent \$1,802,675 for the 2021 project in the current year.
- 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: The budget was not amended.

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

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District: Debt Service Fund, \$1,618.71 - \$2,312.44.
- 2) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: Total special assessments collected was \$933,301.
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds: Series 2021 \$16,440,000 matures in May 2052.

To the Board of Supervisors
Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District

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

To the Board of Supervisors
Gracewater Sarasota Community Development District
Sarasota, Florida

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

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

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