# STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT





MARCH 21, 2023

PREPARED BY:

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# STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

March 14, 2023

**Board of Supervisors** 

Stonelake Ranch Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

This Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Stonelake Ranch Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 1:00 P.M.** at the **Lake Lodge, 10820 Eagle Roost Cove, Thonotosassa, Florida 33592.** 

The following WebEx link and telephone number are provided to join/watch the meeting. <u>https://districts.webex.com/districts/j.php?MTID=m20149a7350887940ee5a5f897b3133a2</u> Access Code: **2333 672 3044**, Event password: **Jpward** Phone: **408-418-9388** and enter the access code **2333 672 3044**, password **Jpward** (**579274**) to join the meeting.

# Agenda

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call.
- 2. Consideration of Minutes:
  - I. November 15, 2022 Landowners Meeting.
  - II. November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- 3. Consideration of Proposals to provide Audit Services to the District for the Fiscal Years 2023-2027.
- 4. Consideration of **Resolution 2023-4**, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Stonelake Ranch Community Development District approving the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and setting a Public Hearing for **Tuesday**, **May 16, 2023**, at **1:00 P.M.** at the **Lake Lodge 10820 Eagle Roost Cove**, **Thonotosassa**, **Florida 35592**.
- 5. Staff Reports
  - I. District Attorney.
  - II. District Engineer.
  - III. District Manager.
    - a) Important Board Meeting Dates for Balance of Fiscal Year 2023.
      - 1. Public Hearings: FY2023 Budget Adoption May 16, 2023, 1:00 P.M.
    - b) Financial Statement for period ending December 31, 2022 (unaudited).

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- c) Financial Statement for period ending January 31, 2023 (unaudited).
- d) Financial Statement for period ending February 28, 2023 (unaudited).
- 6. Supervisor's Requests and Audience Comments.
- 7. Adjournment.

The first order of business is the call to order and roll call.

The second order of business is the consideration of the November 15, 2022, Landowners Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes.

The third order of business is the consideration of the ranking of the Auditor proposals that were received in response to the District's request for qualifications. There were two proposals received, from the firms Grau & Associates, and Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank. The required procedure requires the Board to rank the proposals, (non-price-based proposals) based on each firm's qualifications, and I have enclosed an auditor ranking form for your use. The ranking form itself is NOT required, and you may use any procedure that you would like. Once ranked, we will enter into an agreement with the Number One (1) ranked firm – the form of which included in the Request for Proposal, subject only to non-substantive changes that may be needed.

The fifth order of business is the consideration of **Resolution 2023-4**, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Stonelake Ranch Community Development District, which approves the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and sets a public hearing for **Tuesday**, **May 16**, **2023**, **at 1:00 P.M.** at the **Lake Lodge 10820 Eagle Roost Cove**, **Thonotosassa**, **Florida 35592**. The District's enabling legislation requires the District Manager to submit a Proposed Budget to the Board by June 15<sup>th</sup> of each year for your review and approval. The approval of the budget is only intended to permit the District to move through the process towards adopting the budget at a Public Hearing.

The approval of the budget does not bind the Board to any of the costs contained in the budget, any of the programs contained in the Budget and most importantly it does not bind the Board to any of the Assessment Rates contemplated as a result of the preparation of the Budget. It does however set the maximum assessment rate for the general fund at the proposed rate of **\$314.98** per unit.

The sixth order of business is the are Staff Reports by the District Attorney, District Engineer, and the District Manager. The District Manager shall report on the Financial Statements (unaudited) for the periods ending December 31, 2022, January 31, 2023, and February 28, 2023.

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The balance of the agenda is standard in nature, and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you have any questions and/or comments before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (954) 658-4900.

Sincerely yours,

Stonelake Ranch Community Development District

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James P. Ward District Manager

1		MINUTES OF MEETING					
2	STONELAKE RANCH						
3	COMM	UNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT					
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5	The Landowners' Meeting of the Board	d of Supervisors of the Stonelake Ranch Community Development					
6	District was held on Tuesday, Novemb	er 15, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. at the Lake Lodge, 10820 Eagle Roost					
7	Cove, Thonotosassa, Florida 33592.						
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9	Landowners Present:						
10	Norman Wade						
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12	Also present were:						
13	James Ward	District Manager					
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15	Audience:						
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17	All Property owner's names w	vere not included with the minutes. If a Property owner did not					
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27	FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS	Call to Order					
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29	Mr. James Ward called the meeting to	order at approximately 1:00 p.m.					
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32	SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Election of a Chairperson					
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34	Election of a Chairperson for the purp	ose of Conducting the Landowner's Meeting					
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36		nly landowner here. You can conduct the meeting, or I'll be glad to					
37	do that for you.						
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39	Mr. Wade asked Mr. Ward to continue	as Chair.					
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42	THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS	Election of Supervisors					
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44	Election of Supervisors						
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46	a) Determination of the Number of	Voting Units Represented or Assigned by Proxy					
47	b) Nominations of Supervisors (Three	e Positions)					
48	c) Casting of Ballots						

19 50	d) Ballot Tabulations and Results	
50 51 52 53 54 55 56	determine the number of voting un we have one person in the room w	tion today is to elect three members to the Board. The first is to hits represented. I know you are here, and you are an owner, so ith us today and there is no one else that I see on audio or video e. I'm going to ask you to nominate three individuals to serve on
57	Mr. Wade nominated Mark Chapma	an, Michael Gratz, and Sunil Bandarupalli.
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59 50	Mr. Ward provided Mr. Wade a b complied.	ballot to fill out, sign and return upon completion. Mr. Wade
51	N/m Mond wood the week the interthe	records Mr. Champer received 1 water Mr. Crete received 1 water
52 53		record: Mr. Chapman received 1 vote, Mr. Gratz received 1 vote, vote; therefore, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Gratz, and Mr. Bandarupalli
54 54	would take seats at the next Board	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
55	would take seats at the next bound	incetting.
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57	FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Landowner's Questions or Comments
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59 70	Mr. Ward asked if there were any quest	tions or comments; there were none.
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'2 '3	FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Adjournment
74	Mr. Ward adjourned the meeting at app	proximately 1:03 p.m.
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6		Stonelake Ranch Community Development District
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31	James P. Ward, Secretary	Michael Gratz, Chairman

## OFFICIAL BALLOT STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA LANDOWNERS' MEETING - NOVEMBER 15, 2022

**For Election (3 Supervisors):** The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Stonelake Ranch Community Development District and described as follows:

**Description** 

12144 STONE LAKE RANCH BLVD THONOTOSASSA, FL 33592-3957

[Insert above the street address of each parcel, the legal description of each parcel, or the tax identification number of each parcel.] [If more space is needed, identification of parcels owned may be incorporated by reference to an attachment hereto.]

or

votes as follows:

SEAT #	NAME OF CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
3	Mark Chapman	l
4	Mike Goatz	1
5	Sunil Bandarupali	
Date: 15	NOV ZZ Signed: Now Printed Name: A	unellado

1 2 3	MINUTES OF MEETING STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT					
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5		upervisors of the Stonelake Ranch Community Development				
6	•	er 15, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. at the Lake Lodge, 10820 Eagle Roost				
7 8	Cove, Thonotosassa, Florida 33592.					
9	Present and constituting a quo	orum:				
10	Michael Gratz	Chairperson				
11	Mark Chapman	Assistant Secretary				
12	Norman Wade	Assistant Secretary				
13	James Sutton	Assistant Secretary				
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15	Absent:					
16	Sunil Bandarupalli	Vice Chairperson				
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18	Also present were:					
19 20	James P. Ward	District Manager				
20 21	Audience:					
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23	All resident's names were n	ot included with the minutes. If a resident did not identify				
24		did not pick up the name, the name was not recorded in these				
25	minutes.					
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27	PORTIONS OF THIS MEETING WER	E TRANSCRIBED VERBATIM. ALL VERBATIM PORTIONS WERE				
28		TRANSCRIBED IN ITALICS.				
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31	FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS	Call to Order/Roll Call				
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33 34	Mr. James Ward called the meeting to	order at approximately 1:03 p.m.				
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36	SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Administration of Oath				
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38	Administration of Oath of Office for	the Board of Supervisors of the Stone Lake Ranch Community				
39	Development District	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
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41	a) Oath of Office					
42	b) Guide to the Sunshine Law and Co					
43	c) Form 1 – Statement of Financial In	iterests				
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45		eeting was the Landowners' election for three members of the				
46 47	• • •	and Sunil Bandarupalli were elected. He provided copies of the				
47	Gath to wit. Withder Gratz and Wark Cr	napman who were present and, as a registered notary public,				

48	administered the Oath of Office to each. He asked Mr. Gratz and Mr. Chapman to sign and return the						
49	Oath for purposes of inclusion in the record; they complied.						
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52	THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of Resolution 2023-1						
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54	Consideration of Resolution 2023-1, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Stone Lake Rar	nch					
55	Community Development District canvassing and certifying the results of the landowners' election						
56	Supervisors held pursuant to Section 190.006(2), Florida Statutes						
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58	Mr. Ward indicated Mark Chapman would be in Seat 3, Mike Gratz in Seat 4, and Sunil Bandarupalli	i in					
59	Seat 5. He asked who would serve the two year term.						
60	Seares. The asked who would serve the two year term.						
61	The Board indicated Mr. Michael Gratz would serve the two year term while Mr. Chapman and I	٨r					
62	Bandarupalli would serve four year terms.	VII .					
63	Bandal upani would serve four year terms.						
	Mr. Mard asked if there were any questions, hearing name, he called for a motion						
64 CF	Mr. Ward asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he called for a motion.						
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66	On MOTION made by Mr. Michael Gratz, seconded by Mr. Mark						
67	Chapman, and with all in favor, Resolution 2023-1 was adopted, and						
68	the Chair was authorized to sign.						
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71	FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of Resolution 2023-2						
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73	Consideration of Resolution 2023-2, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Stone Lake Ranc	h					
74	Community Development District Re-Designating Certain Officers of the Stone Lake Ranch Commun	ity					
75	Development District following the Landowners' Election	-					
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77	Mr. Ward asked how the Board would like to organize the Officers of the Board.						
78							
79	The Board indicated Mr. Michael Gratz would serve as Chairperson, Mr. Sunil Bandarupalli would serve	e					
80	as Vice Chairperson, and the remaining Board Members would serve as Assistant Secretaries while Mr						
81	James Ward would serve as Secretary and Treasurer.	•					
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	On MOTION made by Mr. Mark Chanman, seconded by Mr. Mishael						
83	On MOTION made by Mr. Mark Chapman, seconded by Mr. Michael						
84	Gratz, and with all in favor, Resolution 2023-2 was adopted, and the						
85	Chair was authorized to sign.						
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88	FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of Minutes						
89							
90	May 17, 2022 – Public Hearing Meeting						
91							
92	Mr. Ward asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections for the Minutes; hearing none,	he					
93	called for a motion to approve the Minutes.						
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95	On MOTION made by Mr. Michael Gratz, seconded by Mr. Mark						
96	Chapman, and with all in favor, the May 17, 2022, Public Hearing						
97	Meeting Minutes were approved.						
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100	SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Consideration of Resolution 2023-3						
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102	Consideration of Resolution 2023-3, a resolution the Board of Supervisors of the Stone Lake Ranch						
103	Community Development District designating the Registered Agent; designating the Registered Office;						
104	providing for conflicts and invalid provisions and providing for an effective date						
105							
106	Mr. Ward indicated this Resolution updated the designated Registered Agent and Registered Office with						
107	the County. He noted he was the Registered Agent.						
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109	On MOTION made by Mr. Michael Gratz, seconded by Mr. Mark						
110	Chapman, and with all in favor, Resolution 2023-3 was adopted, and						
111	the Chair was authorized to sign.						
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114	SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Staff Reports						
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116	I. District Attorney						
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118	No report.						
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120	II. District Engineer						
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122	No report.						
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124	III. District Manager						
125	a) Important Board Meeting Dates for Balance of Fiscal Year 2023						
126	i. Submission, Approval of Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, and Setting of the Budget						
127	Adoption Public Hearing – March 21, 2023, 1:00 P.M. ii. Public Hearings: FY2024 Budget Adoption – May 16, 2023, 1:00 P.M.						
128 129	b) Financial Statement for period ending May 31, 2022 (unaudited)						
130	c) Financial Statement for period ending June 30, 2022 (unaudited)						
131	d) Financial Statement for period ending July 31, 2022 (unaudited)						
132	e) Financial Statement for period ending August 31, 2022 (unaudited)						
133	f) Financial Statement for period ending September 30, 2022 (unaudited)						
134	g) Financial Statement for period ending October 31, 2022 (unaudited)						
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136	No report.						
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139	EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Supervisor's Requests and Audience Comments						
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141	Mr. Ward asked if there were any Su	pervisor's Requests.	He asked if the	re were any	/ audience
142	comments; there were none as there wer	e no audience memb	ers present.		
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144	Mr. Wade asked if the Audit for Fiscal Yea	r 2021-2022 was und	erway.		
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146	Mr. Ward responded in the affirmative.				
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149	NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Adjournment			
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151	Mr. Ward adjourned the meeting at appro	oximately 1:08 p.m.			
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153	On MOTION made by	Mr. Michael Gratz,	seconded by Mr	. Mark	
154	Chapman, and with all in	favor, the meeting w	vas adjourned.		
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157		Stonelake Rancl	h Community Deve	elopment Dis	trict
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162	James P. Ward, Secretary	Michael Gratz,	Chairman		

# STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

March 8, 2023

To:	Board of Supervisors
From:	James P. Ward
	District Manager

Subject: Audit Proposals

Attached is a set of the following for the selection of the auditor for Item 3 on the Agenda.

- 1. Analysis of Auditor Form
- 2. Fee Structure for Auditors
- 3. Bidder's List
- 4. Request for Proposal Master Form
- 5. Grau and Associates Proposal
- 6. Berger Toombs Proposal

Be sure to fill out the audit analysis form before the meeting that will be used for the selection of the auditor.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please let me know.

# Stonelake Ranch Community Development District

# Analysis of Auditor Proposals

Firm Names:					
		Grau	Berger	 	 
1. Mandatory Elements					
a. The audit firm is independent and licensed to practice in Florida.		Y	Y	 	 
b. The firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the District.		Y	Y	 	 
c. The firm adheres to the instructions in the Request for Proposal on preparing and submitting the proposal.		Y	Y	 	 
d. The firm submitted a copy of its last external quality control review report and the firm has a record of quality audit work.		Y	Y	 	 
e. The firm provides information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years, as well as, an explanation of all pending litigation (including all accounts of Federal indictments)		Y	Y	 	 
Legend for Mandatory Elements: Y = Meets Criteria N = Does Not Meet Criteria					
2. Technical Qualifications:	Point Range			 	 
a. Expertise and Experience					
(1)The firm's past experience and performance on comparable government engagements.	1-5	5	4	 	 
(2)The quality of the firm's professional personnel to be assigned to the engagement and the quality of the firm's management support personnel to be available for technical consultation.	1-5	5	3	 	 
(3)The firm provides information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years, as well as, an explanation of all pending litigation (including all accounts of Federal indictments	1-5	5	5	 	 
b. Audit Approach					
(1) Adequacy of proposed staffing plan for various segments of the engagement	1-5	5	4	 	 
(2) Adequacy of sampling techniques	1-5	5	4	 	 
(3) Adequacy of analytical procedures	1-5	5	4	 	 
Sub-Total: 1	[echnical	30	24		
Total Points: T		30	24	 	 
3. Price:	1-5	4	5	 	 
	2023 2024	\$3,800 \$3,900	\$3,775 \$3,775	 	 
2		\$3,900	\$3,965	 	 
		\$4,100	\$4,080	 	
Total Poir	2027 nts:Price	\$4,200 \$ 20,000	\$4,080 \$ 19,675	 	 
Total Points: Technic			<u> </u>	 	 
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# Stonelake Ranch Community Development District

# Analysis of Auditor Proposals

Firm Names:					
1. Mandatory Elements				 	 
a. The audit firm is independent and licensed to practice in Florida.				 	 
b. The firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the District.				 	 
c. The firm adheres to the instructions in the Request for Proposal on preparing and submitting the proposal.				 	 
d. The firm submitted a copy of its last external quality control review report and the firm has a record of quality audit work.				 	 
e. The firm provides information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years, as well as, an explanation of all pending litigation (including all accounts of Federal indictments)				 	 
Legend for Mandatory Elements: Y = Meets Criteria N = Does Not Meet Criteria					
2. Technical Qualifications	Point Range			 	 
a. Expertise and Experience					
(1)The firm's past experience and performance on comparable government engagements.	1-5			 	 
(2)The quality of the firm's professional personnel to be assigned to the engagement and the quality of the firm's management support personnel to be available for technical consultation.	1-5			 	 
(3)The firm provides information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years, as well as, an explanation of all pending litigation (including all accounts of Federal indictments	1-5			 	 
<u>b. Audit Approach</u> (1) Adequacy of proposed staffing plan for various segments of the engagement	1-5			 	 
(2) Adequacy of sampling techniques	1-5			 	 
(3) Adequacy of analytical procedures	1-5			 	 
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Total Points: Technical/Price:

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Stonelake Ranch Community Development District Audit Fee Proposals								
Firm	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total		
Grau and Associates	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 20,000.00		
Berger Toombs	\$ 3,775.00	\$ 3,775.00	\$ 3,965.00	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 19,675.00		

### **Bidder's List**

### Request for Proposals – Professional Audit Services For the Fiscal Year's 2025-2027

Mr. Jay Gaines Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank 600 Citrus Avenue Suite 200 Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950 Phone: 772-461-6120 JGaines@BTEF-CPAS.com

Ms. Linda Dufresne Dufresne & Associates 385 Stiles Avenue Orange Park, Florida 32073 Phone: 904-278-8980 Linda@dufresnecpas.com

Mr. Antonio Grau Grau and Associates 951 Yamato Road, Suite 280 Boca Raton, Florida 33431 Phone 561-994-9299 tgraujr@graucpa.com

William Benson Keefe, McCullough & Company 6550 North Federal Highway Suite 410 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308 Phone 954 771 0896 Bill.Benson@kmccpa.com

Ms. Tammy Campbell McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC 605 East Robinson Street Suite 635 Orlando, Florida 32801 Phone: (407) 843-5406 tcampbell@mcdirmitdavis.com

### **Bidder's List**

## Request for Proposals – Professional Audit Services For the Fiscal Year's 2025-2027

Stephen C. Riggs, IV, CPA Carr Riggs & Ingram 151 Mary Esther Boulevard Suite 301 Mary Esther, Florida 32569 Phone 850-244-8395 <u>sriggs@cricpa.com</u>



# Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services:

# **STONELAKE RANCH** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Proposal Due: February 13, 2023 5:00PM

# Submitted to:

Stonelake Ranch Community Development District c/o District Manager 2301 Northeast 37th Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Submitted by: Antonio J. Grau, Partner Grau & Associates 951 Yamato Road, Suite 280 Boca Raton, Florida 33431 Tel (561) 994-9299 (800) 229-4728 Fax (561) 994-5823 tgrau@graucpa.com WWW.graucpa.com



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February 13, 2023

Stonelake Ranch Community Development District c/o District Manager 2301 Northeast 37th Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Re: Request for Proposal for Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, with an option for four (4) additional annual renewals.

Grau & Associates (Grau) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Stonelake Ranch Community Development District's (the "District") Request for Proposal (RFP), and we look forward to working with you on your audit. We are an energetic and robust team of knowledgeable professionals and are a recognized leader of providing services to Community Development Districts. As one of Florida's few firms to primarily focus on government, we are especially equipped to provide you an effective and efficient audit.

Special district audits are at the core of our practice: **we have a total of 360 clients, 329 or 91% of which are special districts.** We know the specifics of the professional services and work products needed to meet your RFP requirements like no other firm. With this level of experience, we are able to increase efficiency, to provide immediate and continued savings, and to minimize disturbances to client operations.

### Why Grau & Associates:

### Knowledgeable Audit Team

Grau is proud that the personnel we assign to your audit are some of the most seasoned auditors in the field. Our staff performs governmental engagements year round. When not working on your audit, your team is refining their audit approach for next year's audit. Our engagement partners have decades of experience and take a hands-on approach to our assignments, which all ensures a smoother process for you.

### Servicing your Individual Needs

Our clients enjoy personalized service designed to satisfy their unique needs and requirements. Throughout the process of our audit, you will find that we welcome working with you to resolve any issues as swiftly and easily as possible. In addition, due to Grau's very low turnover rate for our industry, you also won't have to worry about retraining your auditors from year to year.

### **Developing Relationships**

We strive to foster mutually beneficial relationships with our clients. We stay in touch year-round, updating, collaborating and assisting you in implementing new legislation, rules and standards that affect your organization. We are also available as a sounding board and assist with technical questions.

### Maintaining an Impeccable Reputation

We have never been involved in any litigation, proceeding or received any disciplinary action. Additionally, we have never been charged with, or convicted of, a public entity crime of any sort. We are financially stable and have never been involved in any bankruptcy proceedings.

### **Complying With Standards**

Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and any other applicable federal, state and local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

This proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for 90 days. We certify this proposal is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection either with any previous firms or corporations offering a proposal for the same items. We also certify our proposal is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action, and was prepared in good faith. Only the person(s), company or parties interested in the project as principals are named in the proposal. Grau has no existing or potential conflicts, and anticipates no conflicts during the engagement. Our Federal I.D. number is 20-2067322.

We would be happy to answer any questions or to provide any additional information. We are genuinely excited about the prospect of serving you and establishing a long-term relationship. Please do not hesitate to call or email either of our Partners, Antonio J. Grau, CPA (<u>tgrau@graucpa.com</u>) or Racquel McIntosh, CPA (<u>rmcintosh@graucpa.com</u>) at 561.994.9299. We thank you for considering our firm's qualifications and experience.

Very truly yours, Grau & Associates

Antonio J. Grau

Independence & License to Practice in Florida



Grau & Associates affirms we meet the independence requirements of the Standards for Audit of Governmental Organization Programs, Activities and Functions published by the U.S. General Accounting Office, Governmental Auditing Standards (GAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Laws and Rules of Florida Board of Accountancy or any subsequent amendments or superseding revisions. As defined by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the U.S. General Accounting Office's Government Auditing Standards, Grau & Associates, their partners and employees are independent of the District.

Grau & Associates has not had professional relationships involving the District since its inception; furthermore, we shall give the District written notice of any professional relationships entered into during the period of this agreement, which could pose a potential conflict of interest.

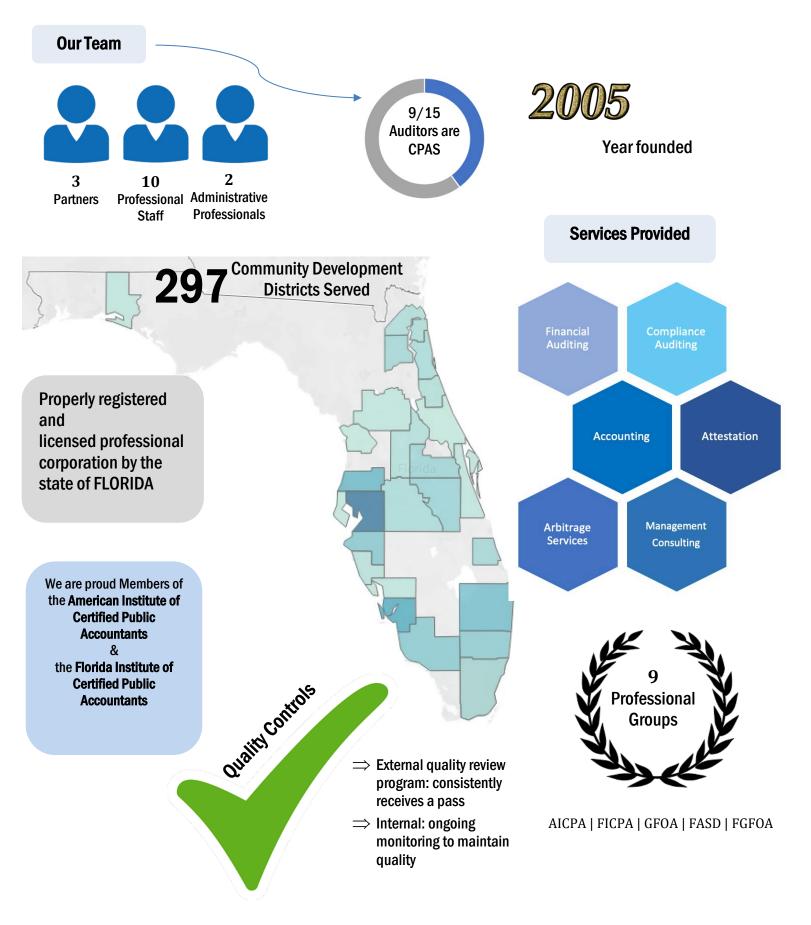
Grau & Associates is a properly registered/licensed State of Florida professional corporation. All assigned supervisory professional staff are properly registered/licensed to practice in the State of Florida.



# Firm Qualifications and Experience



# **Grau's Focus and Experience**



# Firm Overview

Grau & Associates is a professionally licensed local corporation in Florida certified by the State of Florida as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE). We are a Certified Public Accounting firm providing comprehensive financial and compliance auditing, attestation and accounting, and other management consulting services.

# **Office Location & Staff**

Your audit will be performed out of our headquarters located at 951 Yamato Road, Suite 280, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. We have a total of 15 employees, including 3 Partners, 10 professionals and 2 administrative professionals. The numbers of professional staff by employee classification are as follows:

Employee Classification	<b>Government Auditors</b>	No. of C.P.A.s
Partners	3	3
Managers	2	2
Advisory Consultant	1	1
Supervisor / Seniors	3	2
Staff Accountants	4	1
Total	13	9

### **Results of State and Federal Reviews**

During the last three (3) years, all state and federal reviews of the firm's reports and working papers have been accepted without change or revision to issued reports.

### **Disciplinary Action**

During the last three (3) years, Grau & Associates has not been involved in any disciplinary action from any state or federal regulatory body or professional organizations.

### **Litigation Status**

There is no current or pending litigation or proceeding. Additionally, during the last three (3) years, Grau & Associates has not been involved in any litigation or proceeding where a court or administrative agency has ruled against the firm in any manner related to its professional activities.



### **Most Recent External Peer Review**

Grau participates in an external quality review program requiring an on-site independent examination of our auditing practice. Grau has consistently received a pass rating on the quality of our audit practice. Our peer review included **mostly government engagements**. A copy of the report on the firm's most recent quality review can be found below.



Gregory, Sharer & Stuart, P.A. Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

#### Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

November 15, 2019

To the Partners of Grau & Associates And the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of CPAs

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Grau & Associates (the firm) in effect for the year ended June 30, 2019. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at <u>www.aicpa.org/nsummary</u>. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer review to determine a peer review rating.

#### Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

#### Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review,

#### **Required Selections and Considerations**

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under Government Auditing Standards including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act and an audit of an employee benefit plan.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Grau & Associates in effect for the year ended June 30, 2019, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass, pass with deficiency(ies)*, or *fail*. Grau & Associates has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

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AICPA Peer Review Program Administered in Florida by the Florida Institute of CPAs

February 20, 2020

Antonio Grau Grau & Associates 951 Yamato Rd Ste 280 Boca Raton, FL 33431-1809

Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on February 20, 2020, the Florida Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is December 31, 2022. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Peer Review Team FICPA Peer Review Committee paul@ficpa.org 800-342-3197 ext. 251

Florida Institute of CPAs

cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114

Review Number: 571202

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In addition to scheduled Peer Reviews, our firm continually monitors performance to ensure the highest quality of services. An Audit Partner is responsible for monitoring quality control of all appropriate engagements.

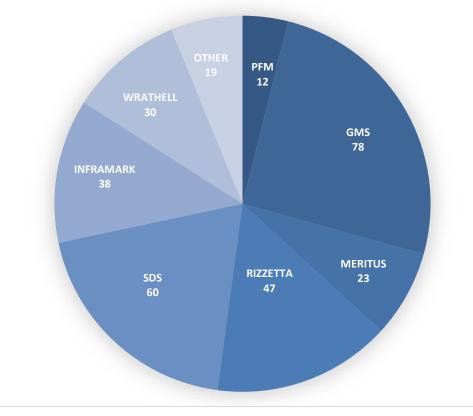


Gregory, Sharer & Stuart, P.A.

# Partner, Supervisory and Staff Qualifications and Experience



# GRAU AND ASSOCIATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPERIENCE BY MANAGEMENT COMPANY



# **Profile Briefs:**

# Antonio J GRAU, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing Audits: 30+ CPE (last 3 years): Government Accounting, Auditing: 40 hours; Accounting, Auditing and Other: 54 hours Professional Memberships: AICPA, FICPA, FGFOA, GFOA

# Racquel McIntosh, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing Audits: 14+ CPE (last 3 years): Government Accounting, Auditing: 73 hours; Accounting, Auditing and Other: 76 hours Professional Memberships: AICPA, FICPA, FGFOA, FASD

"Here at Grau & Associates, staying up to date with the current technological landscape is one of our top priorities. Not only does it provide a more positive experience for our clients, but it also allows us to perform a more effective and efficient audit. With every changing technology available and utilized by our clients, we are constantly innovating our audit process." - Tony Grau

> "Quality audits and exceptional client service are at the heart of every decision we make. Our clients trust us to deliver a quality audit, adhering to high standards and assisting them with improvements for their organization." -Racquel McIntosh





# Antonio 'Tony 'J. Grau, CPA *Partner*

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# Experience

For over 30 years, Tony has been providing audit, accounting and consulting services to the firm's governmental, non-profit, employee benefit, overhead and arbitrage clients. He provides guidance to clients regarding complex accounting issues, internal controls and operations.

As a member of the Government Finance Officers Association Special Review Committee, Tony participated in the review process for awarding the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. Tony was also the review team leader for the Quality Review of the Office of Management Audits of School Board of Miami-Dade County. Tony received the AICPA advanced level certificate for governmental single audits.

# Education

University of South Florida (1983) Bachelor of Arts Business Administration

**Clients Served** (partial list) (>300) Various Special Districts, including:

Bayside Improvement Community Development District Dunes Community Development District Fishhawk Community Development District (I, II, IV) Grand Bay at Doral Community Development District Heritage Harbor North Community Development District St. Lucie West Services District Ave Maria Stewardship Community District Rivers Edge II Community Development District Bartram Park Community Development District Bay Laurel Center Community Development District

Boca Raton Airport Authority Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District Lake Worth Drainage District South Indian River Water Control

# Professional Associations/Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public AccountantsFlorida Government Finance Officers AssociationFlorida Institute of Certified Public AccountantsGovernment Finance Officers Association MemberCity of Boca Raton Financial Advisory Board Member

# Professional Education (over the last three years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Government Accounting and Auditing	40
Accounting, Auditing and Other	<u>54</u>
Total Hours	$\underline{94}$ (includes of 8 hours of Ethics CPE)





# Racquel C. McIntosh, CPA Partner

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# Experience

Racquel has been providing government audit, accounting and advisory services to our clients for over 14 years. She serves as the firm's quality control partner; in this capacity she closely monitors engagement quality ensuring standards are followed and maintained throughout the audit.

Racquel develops in-house training seminars on current government auditing, accounting, and legislative topics and also provides seminars for various government organizations. In addition, she assists clients with implementing new accounting software, legislation, and standards.

# Education

Florida Atlantic University (2004) Master of Accounting Florida Atlantic University (2003) Bachelor of Arts: Finance, Accounting

## Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including: Carlton Lakes Community Development District Golden Lakes Community Development District Rivercrest Community Development District South Fork III Community Development District TPOST Community Development District

East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities Indian Trail Improvement District Pinellas Park Water Management District Ranger Drainage District South Trail Fire Protection and Rescue Service District

# **Professional Associations/ Memberships**

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

## Professional Education (over the last three years)

<u>Course</u> Government Accounting and Auditing Accounting, Auditing and Other Total Hours Westchase Community Development District Monterra Community Development District Palm Coast Park Community Development District Long Leaf Community Development District Watergrass Community Development District

FICPA State & Local Government Committee FGFOA Palm Beach Chapter

> Hours 73 76 149 (includes of 8 hours of Ethics CPE)



Prior Engagements with the District & Similar Engagements with other Government Entities



Grau & Associates is the current auditor for the District.

We have included three references of government engagements that require compliance with laws and regulations, follow fund accounting, and have financing requirements, which we believe are similar to the District.

# **Dunes Community Development District**

Scope of Work	Financial audit
<b>Engagement Partner</b>	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 1998
Total Hours	56
<b>Client Contact</b>	Darrin Mossing, Finance Director
	475 W. Town Place, Suite 114
	St. Augustine, Florida 32092
	904-940-5850

# **Two Creeks Community Development District**

Scope of Work	Financial audit
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 2007
Total Hours	36
<b>Client Contact</b>	William Rizzetta, President
	3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200
	Tampa, Florida 33614
	813-933-5571

# Journey's End Community Development District

Scope of Work	Financial audit
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 2004
Total Hours	20
Client Contact	Todd Wodraska, Vice President 2501 A Burns Road Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 561-630-4922



# Specific Audit Approach



# Grau's Understanding of Work Product / Scope of Services:

We recognize the District is an important entity and we are confident our firm is eminently qualified to meet the challenges of this engagement and deliver quality audit services. *You would be a valued client of our firm and we pledge to <u>commit all firm resources</u> to provide the level and quality of services (as described below) which not only meet the requirements set forth in the RFP but will <u>exceed those expectations</u>. Grau & Associates fully understands the scope of professional services and work products requested. Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, <i>Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and any other applicable Federal, State of Local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

# A. Proposed segmentation of the engagement

Our approach to the audit engagement is a risk-based approach which integrates the best of traditional auditing techniques and a total systems concept to enable the team to conduct a more efficient and effective audit. The audit will be conducted in three phases, which are as follows:



# **Phase I - Preliminary Planning**

A thorough understanding of your organization, service objectives and operating environment is essential for the development of an audit plan and for an efficient, cost-effective audit. During this phase, we will meet with appropriate personnel to obtain and document our understanding of your operations and service objectives and, at the same time, give you the opportunity to express your expectations with respect to the services that we will provide. Our work effort will be coordinated so that there will be minimal disruption to your staff.

# During this phase we will perform the following activities:

- » Review the regulatory, statutory and compliance requirements. This will include a review of applicable federal and state statutes, resolutions, bond documents, contracts, and other agreements;
- » Read minutes of meetings;
- » Review major sources of information such as budgets, organization charts, procedures, manuals, financial systems, and management information systems;
- » Obtain an understanding of fraud detection and prevention systems;
- » Obtain and document an understanding of internal control, including knowledge about the design of relevant policies, procedures, and records, and whether they have been placed in operation;
- » Assess risk and determine what controls we are to rely upon and what tests we are going to perform and perform test of controls;
- » Develop audit programs to incorporate the consideration of financial statement assertions, specific audit objectives, and appropriate audit procedures to achieve the specified objectives;
- » Discuss and resolve any accounting, auditing and reporting matters which have been identified.

# Phase II - Execution of Audit Plan

The audit team will complete a major portion of transaction testing and audit requirements during this phase. The procedures performed during this period will enable us to identify any matter that may impact the completion of our work or require the attention of management. Tasks to be performed in Phase II include, but are not limited to the following:



- » Apply analytical procedures to further assist in the determination of the nature, timing, and extent of auditing procedures used to obtain evidential matter for specific account balances or classes of transactions;
- » Perform tests of account balances and transactions through sampling, vouching, confirmation and other analytical procedures; and
- » Perform tests of compliance.

# **Phase III - Completion and Delivery**

In this phase of the audit, we will complete the tasks related to year-end balances and financial reporting. All reports will be reviewed with management before issuance, and the partners will be available to meet and discuss our report and address any questions. Tasks to be performed in Phase III include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Perform final analytical procedures;
- » Review information and make inquiries for subsequent events; and
- » Meeting with Management to discuss preparation of draft financial statements and any potential findings or recommendations.

You should expect more from your accounting firm than a signature in your annual financial report. Our concept of truly responsive professional service emphasizes taking an active interest in the issues of concern to our clients and serving as an effective resource in dealing with those issues. In following this approach, we not only audit financial information with hindsight but also consider the foresight you apply in managing operations.

Application of this approach in developing our management letter is particularly important given the increasing financial pressures and public scrutiny facing today's public officials. We will prepare the management letter at the completion of our final procedures.

In preparing this management letter, we will initially review any draft comments or recommendations with management. In addition, we will take necessary steps to ensure that matters are communicated to those charged with governance.

In addition to communicating any recommendations, we will also communicate the following, if any:

- » Significant audit adjustments;
- » Significant deficiencies or material weaknesses;
- » Disagreements with management; and
- » Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

Our findings will contain a statement of condition describing the situation and the area that needs strengthening, what should be corrected and why. Our suggestions will withstand the basic tests of corrective action:

- Is the recommendation cost effective?
- Is the recommendation the simplest to effectuate in order to correct a problem?
- Is the recommendation at the heart of the problem and not just correcting a symptomatic matter?
- $\circ$  Is the corrective action taking into account why the deficiency occurred?

To assure full agreement with facts and circumstances, we will fully discuss each item with Management prior to the final exit conference. This policy means there will be no "surprises" in the management letter and fosters a professional, cooperative atmosphere.

# **Communications**

We emphasize a continuous, year-round dialogue between the District and our management team. We typically begin our audit process with an entrance conference before the onsite fieldwork begins. We regularly communicate through personal telephone calls and electronic mail throughout the audit and on a regular basis. Our clients have the ability to transmit information to us on our secure client portal with the ability to assign different staff with separate log on and viewing capability. This further facilitates efficiency as all assigned users receive electronic mail notification as soon as new information has been posted into the portal. We strive to continue to keep an open line of communication through the fieldwork and ending with an exit conference.



#### B. Level of staff and number of hours to be assigned to each proposed segment of the engagement

	Partners	Seniors	Total
Preliminary Planning	2	4	6
Perform Audit Plan	-	20	20
Completion and Delivery	4	4	8
Total	6	28	34

#### C. Sample size and the extent to which statistical sampling is to be used in the engagement

Our sampling procedures performed during the audit engagement will be identified during the planning stage of the audit and will be coordinated with other audit procedures to ensure a timely and efficient audit.

*Audit Sampling*: Grau uses a <u>nonstatistical approach</u> to sampling and follows the guidance of the AICPA on the use of sampling in governmental audit engagements. In applying these AIPCA pronouncements, we would first consider the effectiveness of alternative approaches before concluding that sampling is necessary. Our professional judgment will be used to determine what areas sampling is deemed appropriate and includes assessing inherent risk, control risk, and combined audit risk.

#### D. Extent of use of EDP software in the engagement

#### Automated Workpapers

Our firm utilizes ProSystem fx Engagement electronic software, which allows us to conduct a true paperless audit.

#### Communications

Our clients are able to transmit information to us on our secure client portal with the ability to assign different staff with separate log on and viewing capability.

This further facilitates efficiency as all assigned users receive electronic mail notification as soon as new information has been posted into the portal.

#### Accounting Research

We utilize Accounting Research Manager by Wolters Kluwers, which is a comprehensive online database providing leading industry guidance on analytical accounting and auditing. It includes full publications from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, Emerging Issues Task Force, GAO, AICPA and International Accounting Standards Board. In addition, Accounting Research Manager provides intelligent links to the original source documents.

#### E. Type and extent of Analytical Procedures to be used in the engagement

Understanding financial relationships is crucial to planning and evaluating the results of analytical procedures and requires knowledge of the District. The full extent to which analytical procedures are utilized is based upon the auditor's professional judgment and the overall risk assessment results. Analytical procedures are required in the planning and overall review stages of the audit, and will be used in the following areas:

#### Audit Planning

Analytical procedures provide great insight in our planning. These analyses can enhance our understanding of transactions and events that have occurred during the year under audit. Analytical procedures in the planning phase are also performed to identify any unusual and unexpected relationship that may warrant further investigation. For example, rate changes have a direct relationship with revenue. As such, if assessment rates increase, we would expect that revenues would also increase.





#### Fieldwork

Analytical procedures are used as effective substantive tests in certain circumstances. For example, using the millage adopted by Commission to recalculate taxes levied or comparing actual current year results to the adopted budget and prior year amounts. During the course of our year end fieldwork we utilize analytical procedures to support the results of our other audit procedures.

#### **Overall Review**

Analytical procedures used at the conclusion of the audit are designed to assess the conclusions reached and evaluate the overall financial statement presentation. For example, we will review the financial statements and compare the numbers to prior year and see if variances make sense based upon the work performed. We would determine if sufficient work was done in a particular area. Any variances would need to be substantiated.

#### F. Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of the District's internal control structure

Control activities are procedures and policies that help ensure that management's directives are being carried out and the District's objectives are being met.

We want to ensure that controls are appropriately designed before we perform any tests of controls for reliance in the audit. Our steps in Phase I will determine how well the controls are designed and which ones we may be able to place reliance on for the audit. After making that determination, those controls are tested for operating effectiveness. The results of this evaluation will influence the nature, timing and extent of our substantive audit procedures.

This approach ensures that we achieve maximum efficiency and provides valuable feedback to management regarding the effectiveness of controls being relied upon throughout the year. See Phase I for details.

We will document our understanding using memos, checklists, flowcharts, District manuals, etc., and store all information electronically.

#### G. Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work

Due to the special nature of governments, the traditional audit scope has been broadened to encompass determination of what laws and regulations have a direct and material impact on the financial statements. Identifying applicable laws and regulations is fundamental to fulfilling the responsibility of understanding their effects. We will obtain this knowledge from various sources including:

- Review of federal and state laws
- Review of grant agreements

- Review of contracts
- Inquires of management and staff
- Review of resolutions and policies
- Review of debt covenants
- Review of prior financial statements
- Review of internal controls over compliance

#### H. Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of tests of compliance

Once significant laws and regulations that affect the District are identified, we will design compliance procedures to provide reasonable assurance that your financial statements are free of material misstatements resulting from violations of these laws and regulations. In addition, tests will be performed to attain a low level of risk as required by the Uniform Guidance.

Tests of compliance with laws and regulations will be incorporated with samples selected for tests of transactions and controls, when practical. Additional samples are sometimes necessary to test specific laws and regulations as well as for testing federal and state awards. We will work with District staff, as well as our analysis of the District's internal control structure, to ensure completeness of our population.

#### **Identification of Anticipated Potential Audit Problems**

Grau & Associates is aware of the uniqueness of the District and will address issues in their early stages. We do not anticipate any potential audit problems. We want to help you solve problems before they become critical and this is why we will be involved throughout the entire year, at no extra cost, providing assistance in current and new issues.



# **Report Format**



#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Supervisors XXX Community Development District XXX County, Florida

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, of XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 20xx, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Opinions

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



#### **Other Matters**

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

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

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The information for compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c) is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information for compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c) has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated xxx, 20xx, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



#### 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

To the Board of Supervisors XXX Community Development District XXX County, 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 of the governmental activities and each major fund of XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 20xx, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our opinion thereon dated XXXX, 20xx.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the 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 may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **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.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES, REQUIRED BY RULE 10.556(10) OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

To the Board of Supervisors XXX Community Development District XXX County, Florida

We have examined XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida's ("District") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida during the fiscal year ended September 30, 20xx. Management is responsible for District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced in Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 20xx.

This report 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, management, and the Board of Supervisors of XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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

To the Board of Supervisors XXX Community Development District XXX County, Florida

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida ("District") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 20xx, and have issued our report thereon dated XXXX, 20xx.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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 the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards;* and Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional 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 XXXX, 20xx, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

#### Purpose of this Letter

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

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

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, as applicable, management, and the Board of Supervisors of XXX Community Development District, XXX County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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



#### **REPORT TO MANAGEMENT**

#### I. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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

Not applicable

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

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

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

Not applicable. First year Audit.

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

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported for the fiscal year ended September 30, 20xx.

3. 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.

There were no such matters discovered by, or that came to the attention of, the auditor, to be reported, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 20xx.

- 4. The name or official title and legal authority of the District are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
- 5. The District has not met one or more of the financial emergency conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.
- 6. We applied financial condition assessment procedures and no deteriorating financial conditions were noted as of September 30, 20xx. It is management's responsibility to monitor financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.
- 7. Management has provided the specific information required by Section 218.39(3)(c) in the Other Information section of the financial statements on page xx.



## **Cost of Services**



#### Grau & Associates - Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price

Our proposed all-inclusive fees for the financial audit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023-2027 are as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Fee
2023	\$3,800
2024	\$3,900
2025	\$4,000
2026	\$4,100
2027	<u>\$4,200</u>
TOTAL (2023-2027)	<u>\$20,000</u>

The above fees are based on the assumption that the District maintains its current level of operations. Should conditions change or additional Bonds are issued the fees would be adjusted accordingly upon approval from all parties concerned.

We certify that Antonio J. Grau is entitled to represent the firm, empowered to submit the proposal, and authorized to sign a contract with the District.



## **Supplemental Information**



## **PARTIAL LIST OF CLIENTS**

SPECIAL DISTRICTS		Single Audit	<b>Current Client</b>	Year End
Boca Raton Airport Authority	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	9/30
Captain's Key Dependent District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Central Broward Water Control District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Collier Mosquito Control District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Coquina Water Control District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility	$\checkmark$			9/30
Florida Green Finance Authority	$\checkmark$			9/30
Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Greater Naples Fire Control and Rescue District	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	9/30
Green Corridor P.A.C.E. District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Indian River Mosquito Control District	$\checkmark$			9/30
Indian Trail Improvement District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	9/30
Lake Padgett Estates Independent District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Lake Worth Drainage District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Lealman Special Fire Control District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District	$\checkmark$			9/30
Old Plantation Control District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Pal Mar Water Control District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Pinellas Park Water Management District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Pine Tree Water Control District (Broward)	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Pinetree Water Control District (Wellington)	$\checkmark$			9/30
Ranger Drainage District	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	9/30
Renaissance Improvement District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Sanibel Fire and Rescue District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
South-Dade Venture Development District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
South Indian River Water Control District	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	9/30
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Spring Lake Improvement District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
St. Lucie West Services District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Sunshine Water Control District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
West Villages Improvement District	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
Various Community Development Districts (297)	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	9/30
TOTAL	333	5	328	



## **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

#### **CONSULTING / MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES**

Grau & Associates also provide a broad range of other management consulting services. Our expertise has been consistently utilized by Governmental and Non-Profit entities throughout Florida. Examples of engagements performed are as follows:

- Accounting systems
- Development of budgets
- Organizational structures
- Financing alternatives
- IT Auditing

- Fixed asset records
- Cost reimbursement
- Indirect cost allocation
- Grant administration and compliance

#### **ARBITRAGE**

The federal government has imposed complex rules to restrict the use of taxexempt financing. Their principal purpose is to eliminate any significant arbitrage incentives in a tax-exempt issue. We have determined the applicability of these requirements and performed the rebate calculations for more than 150 bond issues, including both fixed and variable rate bonds.

73 Current Arbitrage Calculations

### We look forward to providing Stonelake Ranch Community Development District with our resources and experience to accomplish not only those minimum requirements set forth in your Request for Proposal, but to exceed those expectations!

For even more information on Grau & Associates please visit us on <u>www.graucpa.com</u>.



#### STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

**PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES** 

**PROPOSED BY:** 

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PL

600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200 Fort Pierce, Florida 34950 (772) 461-6120

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

J. W. Gaines, CPA, Director

#### DATE OF PROPOSAL:

February 13, 2023

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February 13, 2023

Stonelake Ranch Community Development District JP Ward & Associates, LLC 2301 Northeast 37<sup>th</sup> Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Dear District Manager:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present our professional credentials to provide audit services for Stonelake Ranch Community Development District.

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has assembled a team of governmental and nonprofit specialists second to none to serve our clients. Our firm has the necessary qualifications and experience to serve as the independent auditors for Stonelake Ranch Community Development District. We will provide you with top quality, responsive service.

#### Experience

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and nonprofit agencies throughout Florida. We have been the independent auditors for a number of local governmental agencies and through our experience in performing their audits, we have been able to increase our audit efficiency and; therefore, reduce costs. We have continually passed this cost savings on to our clients and will continue to do so in the future. As a result of our experience and expertise, we have developed an effective and efficient audit approach designed to meet or exceed the performance specifications in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the standards for financial and compliance audits. We will conduct the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; "Government Auditing Standards" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the provisions of the Single Audit Act, Subpart F of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, with minimal disruption to your operations. Our firm has frequent technical updates to keep our personnel informed and up-to-date on all changes that are occurring within the industry.



Stonelake Ranch Community Development District February 13, 2023

Our firm is a member of the Government Audit Quality Center, an organization dedicated to improving government audit quality. We also utilize the audit program software of a nationally recognized CPA firm to assure us that we are up to date with all auditing standards and to assist us maintain maximum audit efficiencies.

To facilitate your evaluation of our qualifications and experience, we have arranged this proposal to include a resume of our firm, including our available staff, our extensive prior governmental and nonprofit auditing experience and clients to be contacted.

You need a firm that will provide an efficient, cost-effective, high-quality audit within critical time constraints. You need a firm with the prerequisite governmental and nonprofit experience to perform your audit according to stringent legal and regulatory requirements, a firm that understands the complex nature of community development districts and their unique compliance requirements. You need a firm with recognized governmental and nonprofit specialists within the finance and governmental communities. And, certainly, you need a firm that will provide you with valuable feedback to enhance your current and future operations. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is that firm. J. W. Gaines is the person authorized to make representations for the firm.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this proposal to Stonelake Ranch Community Development District.

Very truly yours,

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Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank Certified Public Accountants PL Fort Pierce, Florida

#### PROFILE OF THE PROPOSER

#### Description and History of Audit Firm

**Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL** is a Treasure Coast public accounting firm, which qualifies as a small business firm, as established by the Small Business Administration (13 CFR 121.38), with offices in Fort Pierce and Stuart. We are a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The firm was formed from the merger of Edwards, Berger, Harris & Company (originated in 1972) and McAlpin, Curtis & Associates (originated in 1949). J. W. Gaines and Associates (originated in 1979) merged with the firm in 2004. Our tremendous growth rate experienced over the last 69 years is directly attributable to the firm's unrelenting dedication to providing the highest quality, responsive professional services attainable to its clients.

We are a member of the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) to assure we meet the highest standards. Membership in this practice section requires that our firm meet more stringent standards than standard AICPA membership. These rigorous requirements include the requirement of a triennial peer review of our firm's auditing and accounting practice and annual Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for all accounting staff (whether CPA or non-CPA). For standard AICPA membership, only a quality review is required and only CPAs must meet CPE requirements.

We are also a member of the Government Audit Quality Center ("the Center") of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to assure the quality of our government audits. Membership in the Center, which is voluntary, requires our firm to comply with additional standards to promote the quality of government audits.

We have been extensively involved in serving local government entities with professional accounting, auditing and consulting services throughout the entire 69 year history of our firm. Our substantial experience over the years makes us uniquely qualified to provide accounting, auditing, and consulting services to these clients. We are a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and nonprofit agencies on the Treasure Coast and in Central and South Florida, with extensive experience in auditing community development districts and water control districts. We were the independent auditors of the City of Fort Pierce for over 37 years and currently, we are the independent auditors for St. Lucie County since 2002, and for 34 of the 38 years that the county has been audited by CPA firms. Additionally, we have performed audits of the City of Stuart, the City of Vero Beach, Indian River County and Martin County. We also presently audit over 75 Community Development Districts throughout Florida.

Our firm was founded on the belief that we are better able to respond to our clients needs through education, experience, independence, quality control, and personal service. Our firm's commitment to quality is reflected in our endeavor of professional excellence via continuing education, the use of the latest computer technology, professional membership in PCPS and peer review.

We believe our approach to audit engagements, intelligence and innovation teamed with sound professional judgment enables us to explore new concepts while remaining sensitive to the fundamental need for practical solutions. We take pride in giving you the assurance that the personal assistance you receive comes from years of advanced training, technical experience and financial acumen.

#### Professional Staff Resources

**Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL** has a total of 27 professional and administrative staff (including 12 professional staff with extensive experience servicing government entities). The work will be performed out of our Fort Pierce office with a proposed staff of one senior accountant and one or two staff accountants supervised by an audit manager and audit partner. With the exception of the directors of the firm's offices, the professional staff is not specifically assigned to any of our individual offices. The professional and administrative staff resources available to you through Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL are as follows:

<u>Total</u>
5
1
1
3
7
1
6
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28

Following is a brief description of each employee classification:

**Staff Accountant –** Staff accountants work directly under the constant supervision of the auditor-in-charge and, are responsible for the various testing of documents, account analysis and any other duties as his/her supervisor believes appropriate. Minimum qualification for a staff accountant is graduation from an accredited university or college with a degree in accounting or equivalent.

**Senior Accountant** – A senior accountant must possess all the qualifications of the staff accountant, in addition to being able to draft the necessary reports and financial statements, and supervise other staff accountants when necessary.

**Managers** – A manager must possess the qualifications of the senior accountant, plus be able to work without extensive supervision from the auditor-in-charge. The manager should be able to draft audit reports from start to finish and to supervise the audit team, if necessary.

**Principal** – A principal is a partner/director in training. He has been a manager for several years and possesses the technical skills to act as the auditor–in-charge. A principal has no financial interest in the firm.

**Partner/Director** – The director has extensive governmental auditing experience and acts as the auditor-in-charge. Directors have a financial interest in the firm.

#### Professional Staff Resources (Continued)

**Independence** – Independence of the public accounting firm, with respect to the audit client, is the foundation from which the public gains its trust in the opinion issued by the public accounting firm at the end of the audit process. This independence must be in appearance as well as in fact. The public must perceive that the accounting firm is independent of the audit entity to ensure that nothing would compromise the opinion issued by the public accounting firm. **Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL** is independent of Stonelake Ranch Community Development District, including its elected officials and related parties, at the date of this proposal, as defined by the following rules, regulations, and standards:

AuSection 220 – Statements on Auditing Standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

ET Sections 101 and 102 – Code of Professional Conduct of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

Chapter 21A-1, Florida Administrative Code;

Section 473.315, Florida Statutes; and,

Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

On an annual basis, all members of the firm are required to confirm, in writing, that they have no personal or financial relationships or holding that would impair their independence with regard to the firm's clients.

Independence is a hallmark of our profession. We encourage our staff to use professional judgment in situations where our independence could be impaired or the perception of a conflict of interest might exist. In the governmental sector, public perception is as important as professional standards. Therefore, the utmost care must be exercised by independent auditors in the performance of their duties.

#### Ability to Furnish the Required Services

As previously noted in the Profile of the Proposer section of this document, our firm has been in existence for over 69 years. We have provided audit services to some clients for over 30 years continually. Our firm is insured against physical loss through commercial insurance and we also carry liability insurance. The majority of our audit documentation is stored electronically, both on our office network and on each employee laptop or computer assigned to each specific job. Our office computer network is backed up on tape, so in the event of a total equipment loss, we can restore all data as soon as replacement equipment is acquired. In addition, our field laptop computers carry the same data and can be used in the event of emergency with virtually no delay in completing the required services.

#### ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED

#### Arbitrage Rebate Services

**Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL** also provides arbitrage rebate compliance and related services to governmental issuers. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires issuers of most tax-exempt obligations to pay (i.e., "rebate") to the United States government any arbitrage profits. Arbitrage profits are earnings on the investment of bond proceeds and certain other monies in excess of what would have been earned had such monies been invested at a yield equal to the yield on the bonds.

Federal tax law requires that interim rebate calculations and payments are due at the end of every fifth bond year. Final payment is required upon redemption of the bonds. More frequent calculations may be deemed advisable by an issuer's auditor, trustee or bond counsel or to assure that accurate and current records are available. These more frequent requirements are usually contained in the Arbitrage or Rebate Certificate with respect to the bonds.

Our firm performs a comprehensive rebate analysis and includes the following:

- Verifying that the issue is subject to rebate;
- Calculating the bond yield;
- Identifying, and separately accounting for, all "Gross Proceeds" (as that term is defined in the Code) of the bond issue, including those requiring analysis due to "transferred proceeds" and/or "commingled funds" circumstances;
- Determining what general and/or elective options are available to Gross proceeds of the issue;
- Calculating the issue's excess investment earning (rebate liability), if any;
- Delivering appropriate documentation to support all calculations;
- Providing an executive summary identifying the methodology employed, major assumptions, conclusions, and any other recommendations for changes in recordkeeping and investment policies;
- Assisting as necessary in the event of an Internal Revenue Service inquiry; and,
- Consulting with issue staff, as necessary, regarding arbitrage related matters.

#### GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE

**Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL** has been practicing public accounting in Florida for 69 years. Our success over the years has been the result of a strong commitment to providing personalized quality service to our clients.

The current members of our firm have performed audits of over 900 community development districts, and over 1,800 audits of municipalities, counties and other governmental entities such as the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.

Our firm provides a variety of accounting, auditing, tax litigation support, and consulting services. Some of the professional accounting, auditing and management consulting services that are provided by our firm are listed below:

- Performance of annual financial and compliance audits, including Single Audits of state and federal financial assistance programs, under the provisions of the Single Audit Act, Subpart F of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), with minimal disruptions to your operations;
- Performance of special compliance audits to ascertain compliance with the applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations;
- Issuance of comfort letters and consent letters in conjunction with the issuance of taxexempt debt obligations, including compiling financial data and interim period financial statement reviews;
- Calculation of estimated and actual federal arbitrage rebates;
- Assistance in compiling historical financial data for first-time and supplemental submissions for GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting;
- Preparation of indirect cost allocation systems in accordance with Federal and State regulatory requirements;
- Providing human resource and employee benefit consulting;
- Performance of automation feasibility studies and disaster recovery plans;
- Performance feasibility studies concerning major fixed asset acquisitions and utility plant expansion plans (including electric, water, pollution control, and sanitation utilities); and
- Assistance in litigation, including testimony in civil and criminal court.
- Assist clients who utilize QuickBooks software with their software needs. Our Certified QuickBooks Advisor has undergone extensive training through QuickBooks and has passed several exams to attain this Certification.

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

All members of the governmental audit staff of our firm, and audit team members assigned to this engagement, are in compliance with the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements set forth in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. In addition, our firm is in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Florida Statutes that require CPA's to have met certain CPE requirements prior to proposing on governmental audit engagements.

The audit team has extensive experience in performing governmental audits and is exposed to intensive and continuing concentration on these types of audits. Due to the total number of governmental audits our team performs, each member of our governmental staff must understand and be able to perform several types of governmental audits. It is our objective to provide each professional employee fifty hours or more of comprehensive continuing professional education each year. This is accomplished through attending seminars throughout Florida and is reinforced through in-house training.

Our firm has made a steadfast commitment to professional education. Our active attendance and participation in continuing professional education is a major part of our objective to obtain the most recent knowledge on issues which are of importance to our clients. We are growing on the reputation for work that our firm is providing today.

#### Quality Control Program

Quality control requires continuing commitment to professional excellence. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is formally dedicated to that commitment.

To ensure maintaining the standards of working excellence required by our firm, we joined the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). To be a participating member firm of this practice section, a firm must obtain an independent Peer Review of its quality control policies and procedures to ascertain the firm's compliance with existing auditing standards on the applicable engagements.

The scope of the Peer Review is comprehensive in that it specifically reviews the following quality control policies and procedures of the participating firm:

- Professional, economic, and administrative independence;
- Assignment of professional personnel to engagements;
- Consultation on technical matters;
- Supervision of engagement personnel;
- Hiring and employment of personnel;
- Professional development;
- Advancement;
- Acceptance and continuation of clients; and,
- Inspection and review system.

We believe that our commitment to the program is rewarding not only to our firm, but primarily to our clients.

The external independent Peer Review of the elements of our quality control policies and procedures performed by an independent certified public accountant, approved by the PCPS of the AICPA, provides you with the assurance that we continue to conform to standards of the profession in the conduct of our accounting and auditing practice.

Our firm is also a member of Governmental Audit Quality Center (GAQC), a voluntary membership center for CPA firms that perform governmental audits. This center promotes the quality of governmental audits.

Our firm has completed successive Peer Reviews. These reviews included a representative sample of our firm's local governmental auditing engagements. As a result of these reviews, our firm obtained an unqualified opinion on our quality control program and work procedures. On page 31 is a copy of our most recent Peer Review report. It should be noted that we received a pass rating.

Our firm has never had any disciplinary actions by state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.

As our firm performs approximately one hundred audits each year that are reviewed by federal, state or local entities, we are constantly dealing with questions from these entities about our audits. We are pleased to say that any questions that have been raised were minor issues and were easily resolved without re-issuing any reports.

#### Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR)

We are proud and honored to have been involved with the City of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority when they received their first Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1988 and 1994, respectively. We were also instrumental in the City of Stuart receiving the award, in our first year of performing their audit, for the year ended September 30, 1999.

We also assisted St. Lucie County, Florida for the year ended September 30, 2003, in preparing their first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and St. Lucie County has received their Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since.

As continued commitment to insuring that we are providing the highest level of experience, we have had at least one employee of our firm serve on the GFOA – Special Review Committee since the mid-1980s. This committee is made up of selective Certified Public Accountants throughout the United States who have demonstrated their high level of knowledge and expertise in governmental accounting. Each committee member attends a special review meeting at the Annual GFOA Conference. At this meeting, the committee reports on the Certificate of Achievement Program's most recent results, future goals, and common reporting deficiencies.

We feel that our previous experience in assisting the City of Fort Pierce, the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority and St. Lucie County obtain their first CAFRs, and the City of Stuart in continuing to receive a CAFR and our firm's continued involvement with the GFOA, and the CAFR review committee make us a valued asset for any client in the field of governmental financial reporting.

#### **References**

Terracina Community Development District Jeff Walker, Special District Services (561) 630-4922

The Reserve Community Development District

Darrin Mossing, Governmental Management Services LLC (407) 841-5524 Gateway Community Development District Stephen Bloom, Severn Trent Management (954) 753-5841

Port of the Islands Community Development District Cal Teague, Premier District Management

(239) 690-7100 ext 101

In addition to the above, we have the following additional governmental audit experience:

#### **Community Development Districts**

Aberdeen Community Development District

Alta Lakes Community Development District

Amelia Concourse Community Development District

Amelia Walk Communnity Development District

Aqua One Community Development District

Arborwood Community Development District

Arlington Ridge Community Development District

Bartram Springs Community Development District

Baytree Community Development District Beacon Lakes Community Development District

Beaumont Community Development District

Bella Collina Community Development District

Bonnet Creek Community Development District

Buckeye Park Community Development District

Candler Hills East Community Development District

Cedar Hammock Community Development District

Central Lake Community Development District

Channing Park Community Development District

Cheval West Community Development District

Coconut Cay Community Development District

Colonial Country Club Community Development District

Connerton West Community Development District

Copperstone Community Development District

Creekside @ Twin Creeks Community Development District

Deer Run Community Development District

Dowden West Community Development District

DP1 Community Development District

Eagle Point Community Development District

East Nassau Stewardship District

Eastlake Oaks Community Development District

Easton Park Community Development District

Estancia @ Wiregrass Community Development District Evergreen Community Development District

Forest Brooke Community Development District

Gateway Services Community Development District

Gramercy Farms Community Development District

Greenway Improvement District

Greyhawk Landing Community Development District

Griffin Lakes Community Development District

Habitat Community Development District

Harbor Bay Community Development District

Harbourage at Braden River Community Development District

Harmony Community Development District

Harmony West Community Development District

Harrison Ranch Community Development District

Hawkstone Community Development District

Heritage Harbor Community Development District

Heritage Isles Community Development District

Heritage Lake Park Community Development District

Heritage Landing Community Development District

Heritage Palms Community Development District

Heron Isles Community Development District

Heron Isles Community Development District

Highland Meadows II Community Development District

Julington Creek Community Development District

Laguna Lakes Community Development District

Lake Bernadette Community Development District

Lakeside Plantation Community Development District

Landings at Miami Community Development District

Legends Bay Community Development District

Lexington Oaks Community Development District

Live Oak No. 2 Community Development District Madeira Community Development District

Marhsall Creek Community Development District

Meadow Pointe IV Community Development District

Meadow View at Twin Creek Community Development District

Mediterra North Community Development District

Midtown Miami Community Development District

Mira Lago West Community Development District

Montecito Community Development District

Narcoossee Community Development District

Naturewalk Community Development District

New Port Tampa Bay Community Development District

Overoaks Community Development District

Panther Trace II Community Development District

Paseo Community Development District

Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District

Piney Z Community Development District

Poinciana Community Development District

Poinciana West Community Development District

Port of the Islands Community Development District

Portofino Isles Community Development District

Quarry Community Development District

Renaissance Commons Community Development District

Reserve Community Development District

Reserve #2 Community Development District

River Glen Community Development District

River Hall Community Development District

River Place on the St. Lucie Community Development District

Rivers Edge Community Development District

Riverwood Community Development District

Riverwood Estates Community Development District

Rolling Hills Community Development District

Rolling Oaks Community Development District Sampson Creek Community Development District

San Simeon Community Development District

Six Mile Creek Community Development District

South Village Community Development District

Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District

Southern Hills Plantation III Community Development District

South Fork Community Development District

St. John's Forest Community Development District

Stoneybrook South Community Development District

Stoneybrook South at ChampionsGate Community Development District

Stoneybrook West Community Development District

Tern Bay Community Development District

Terracina Community Development District

Tison's Landing Community Development District

TPOST Community Development District

Triple Creek Community Development District

TSR Community Development District

Turnbull Creek Community Development District

Twin Creeks North Community Development District

Urban Orlando Community Development District

Verano #2 Community Development District

Viera East Community Development District

VillaMar Community Development District Vizcaya in Kendall Development District

Waterset North Community Development District

Westside Community Development District

WildBlue Community Development District

Willow Creek Community Development District

Willow Hammock Community Development District

Winston Trails Community Development District

Zephyr Ridge Community Development District

#### Other Governmental Organizations

City of Westlake

Florida Inland Navigation District

Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District

Indian River Regional Crime Laboratory, District 19, Florida Office of the Medical Examiner, District 19

Rupert J. Smith Law Library of St. Lucie County

St. Lucie Education Foundation

Seminole Improvement District

Troup Indiantown Water Control District

## Viera Stewardship District

#### Current or Recent Single Audits,

St. Lucie County, Florida Early Learning Coalition, Inc. Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.

Members of our audit team have acquired extensive experience from performing or participating in over 1,800 audits of governments, independent special taxing districts, school boards, and other agencies that receive public money and utilize fund accounting.

Much of our firm's auditing experience is with compliance auditing, which is required for publicly financed agencies. In this type of audit, we do a financial examination and also confirm compliance with various statutory and regulatory guidelines.

Following is a summary of our other experience, including Auditor General experience, as it pertains to other governmental and fund accounting audits.

#### **Counties**

(Includes elected constitutional officers, utilities and dependent taxing districts)

Indian River Martin Okeechobee Palm Beach

**Municipalities** 

City of Port St. Lucie City of Vero Beach Town of Orchid

#### Special Districts

Bannon Lakes Community Development District Boggy Creek Community Development District Capron Trail Community Development District Celebration Pointe Community Development District **Coquina Water Control District** Diamond Hill Community Development District Dovera Community Development District Durbin Crossing Community Development District Golden Lakes Community Development District Lakewood Ranch Community Development District Martin Soil and Water Conservation District Meadow Pointe III Community Development District Myrtle Creek Community Development District St. Lucie County – Fort Pierce Fire District The Crossings at Fleming Island St. Lucie West Services District Indian River County Mosquito Control District St. John's Water Control District Westchase and Westchase East Community Development Districts Pier Park Community Development District Verandahs Community Development District Magnolia Park Community Development District

#### Schools and Colleges

Federal Student Aid Programs – Indian River Community College Indian River Community College Okeechobee County District School Board St. Lucie County District School Board

#### State and County Agencies

 Central Florida Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc. (a nonprofit organization affiliated with the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners)
 Florida School for Boys at Okeechobee
 Indian River Community College Crime Laboratory
 Indian River Correctional Institution

#### FEE SCHEDULE

We propose the fee for our audit services described below to be \$3,775 for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2024, \$3,965 for the year ended September 30, 2025, and \$4,080 for the years ended September 30, 2026 and 2027. The fee is contingent upon the financial records and accounting systems of Stonelake Ranch Community Development District being "audit ready" and the financial activity for the District is not materially increased. If we discover that additional preparation work or subsidiary schedules are needed, we will consult with your authorized representative. We can assist with this additional work at our standard rates should you desire.

#### SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

If selected as the District's auditors, we will perform a financial and compliance audit in accordance with Section 11.45, Florida Statutes, in order to express an opinion on an annual basis on the financial statements of Stonelake Ranch Community Development District as of September 30, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027. The audits will be performed to the extent necessary to express an opinion on the fairness in all material respects with which the financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to determine whether, for selected transactions, operations are properly conducted in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters. Other (non-reportable) conditions discovered during the course of the audit will be reported in a separate letter to management, which will be referred to in the Auditors' Report on Internal Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with standards for financial and compliance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as in compliance with rules and regulations of audits of special districts as set forth by the State Auditor General in Chapter 10.550, Local Governmental Entity Audits, and other relevant federal, state and county orders, statutes, ordinances, charter, resolutions, bond covenants, Administrative Code and procedures, or rules and regulations which may pertain to the work required in the engagement.

The primary purpose of our audit will be to express an opinion on the financial statements discussed above. It should be noted that such audits are subject to the inherent risk that errors or irregularities may not be detected. However, if conditions are discovered which lead to the belief that material errors, defalcations or other irregularities may exist or if other circumstances are encountered that require extended services, we will promptly notify the appropriate individual.

### **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP

Director - 41 years

#### Education

• Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

#### Registrations

- Certified Public Accountant State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy
- Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

#### **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- Affiliate member Government Finance Officers Association
- Past President, Vice President-Campaign Chairman, Vice President and Board Member of United Way of St. Lucie County, 1989 - 1994
- Past President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 1988 - 1991
- Past President of Ft. Pierce Kiwanis Club, 1994 95, Member/Board Member since 1982
- Past President, Vice President and Treasurer of St. Lucie County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 1980 -1986
- Member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, Member Board of Directors, Treasurer, September 2002 - 2006, Chairman Elect 2007, Chairman 2008, Past Chairman 2009
- Member Lawnwood Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees, 2000 Present, Chairman 2013 - Present
- Member of St. Lucie County Citizens Budget Committee, 2001 2002
- Member of Ft. Pierce Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, 2010 2011
- Member of Ft. Pierce Civil Service Appeals Board, 2013 Present

#### Professional Experience

- Miles Grant Development/Country Club Stuart, Florida, July 1975 October 1976
- State Auditor General's Office Public Accounts Auditor November 1976 through September 1979
- Director Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for numerous government and nonprofit audits.
- Over 40 years experience in all phases of public accounting and auditing experience, with a concentration in financial and compliance audits. Mr. Gaines has been involved in all phases of the audits listed on the preceding pages.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP (Continued) Director

Continuing Professional Education

 Has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors over the last two years to keep abreast of the latest developments in accounting and auditing such as:

Governmental Accounting Report and Audit Update Analytical Procedures, FICPA Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors Single Audit Sampling and Other Considerations

### **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP

Accounting and Audit Principal – 18 years Accounting and Audit Manager – 4 years Staff Accountant – 11 years

#### Education

- University of Central Florida, B.A. Accounting
- Barry University Master of Professional Accountancy

#### Registrations

- Certified Public Accountant State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy
- Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Certified Not-For-Profit Core Concepts 2018

#### Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- Associate Member, Florida Government Finance Office Associates
- Assistant Coach St. Lucie County Youth Football Organization (1994 2005)
- Assistant Coach Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2006 2010)
- Board Member Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2011 2017)
- Treasurer, AIDS Research and Treatment Center of the Treasure Coast, Inc. (2000 2003)
- Board Member/Treasurer, North Treasure Coast Chapter, American Red Cross (2004 – 2010)
- Member/Board Member of Port St. Lucie Kiwanis (1994 2001)
- President (2014/15) of Sunrise Kiwanis of Fort Pierce (2004 2017)
- St. Lucie District School Board Superintendent Search Committee (2013 present)
- Board Member Phrozen Pharoes (2019-2021)

#### Professional Experience

- Twenty-eight years public accounting experience with an emphasis on nonprofit and governmental organizations.
- Audit Manager in-charge on a variety of audit and review engagements within several industries, including the following government and nonprofit organizations:

St. Lucie County, Florida 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Office of Medical Examiner Troup Indiantown Water Control District Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Inc. Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County Mustard Seed Ministries of Ft. Pierce, Inc. Reaching Our Community Kids, Inc. Reaching Our Community Kids - South St. Lucie County Education Foundation, Inc. Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc. North Springs Improvement District

• Four years of service in the United States Air Force in computer operations, with a top secret (SCI/SBI) security clearance.

### David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP (Continued)

Accounting and Audit Principal

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

 Mr. McGuire has attended numerous continuing professional education courses and seminars taught by nationally recognized sponsors in the accounting auditing and single audit compliance areas. He has attended courses over the last two years in those areas as follows:

Not-for-Profit Auditing Financial Results and Compliance Requirements Update: Government Accounting Reporting and Auditing Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

#### David F. Haughton, CPA

Accounting and Audit Manager - 30 years

#### Education

• Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

#### Registrations

• Certified Public Accountant – State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy

#### **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- Former Member of Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Committee on State and Local Government
- Affiliate Member Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for over 10 years
- Affiliate Member Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) for over 10 years
- Technical Review 1997 FICPA Course on State and Local Governments in Florida
- Board of Directors Kiwanis of Ft. Pierce, Treasurer 1994-1999; Vice President 1999-2001

#### Professional Experience

- Twenty-seven years public accounting experience with an emphasis on governmental and nonprofit organizations.
- State Auditor General's Office West Palm Beach, Staff Auditor, June 1985 to September 1985
- Accounting and Audit Manager of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for audit and accounting services including governmental and not-for-profit audits.
- Over 20 years of public accounting and governmental experience, specializing in governmental and nonprofit organizations with concentration in special districts, including Community Development Districts which provide services including water and sewer utilities. Governmental and non-profit entities served include the following:

## Counties:

St. Lucie County

#### **Municipalities:**

City of Fort Pierce City of Stuart

### David F. Haughton, CPA (Continued)

Accounting and Audit Manager

#### **Professional Experience (Continued)**

#### Special Districts:

Bluewaters Community Development District Country Club of Mount Dora Community Development District Fiddler's Creek Community Development District #1 and #2 Indigo Community Development District North Springs Improvement District Renaissance Commons Community Development District St. Lucie West Services District Stoneybrook Community Development District Summerville Community Development District Terracina Community Development District Thousand Oaks Community Development District Tree Island Estates Community Development District Valencia Acres Community Development District

### Non-Profits:

The Dunbar Center, Inc. Hibiscus Children's Foundation, Inc. Hope Rural School, Inc. Maritime and Yachting Museum of Florida, Inc. Tykes and Teens, Inc. United Way of Martin County, Inc. Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast, Inc.

- While with the Auditor General's Office he was on the staff for the state audits of the Martin County School District and Okeechobee County School District.
- During 1997 he performed a technical review of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants state CPE course on Audits of State and Local Governments in Florida. His comments were well received by the author and were utilized in future updates to the course.

## **Continuing Professional Education**

During the past several years, he has participated in numerous professional development training programs sponsored by the AICPA and FICPA, including state conferences on special districts and governmental auditing in Florida. He averages in excess of 100 hours bi-annually of advanced training which exceeds the 80 hours required in accordance with the continuing professional education requirements of the Florida State Board of accountancy and the AICPA Private Companies Practice Section. He has over 75 hours of governmental CPE credit within the past two years.

#### Matthew Gonano, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 10 years

#### Education

- University of North Florida, B.B.A. Accounting
- University of Alicante, Spain International Business
- Florida Atlantic University Masters of Accounting

#### **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

#### Professional Experience

- Senior Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.
- Performed audits of nonprofit and governmental organizations in accordance with Governmental Accounting Auditing Standards (GAAS)
- Performed Single Audits of nonprofit organizations in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

• Mr. Gonano has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### Paul Daly

Staff Accountant – 9 years

#### Education

• Florida Atlantic University, B.S. – Accounting

#### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

• Working to attain the requirements to take the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### Melissa Marlin, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 9 years

#### Education

- Indian River State College, A.A. Accounting
- Florida Atlantic University, B.B.A. Accounting

#### **Professional Experience**

• Staff accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

 Mrs. Marlin participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### Bryan Snyder

Staff Accountant - 8 years

#### Education

• Florida Atlantic University, B.B.A. – Accounting

#### **Professional Experience**

- Accountant beginning his professional auditing career with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank.
- Mr. Snyder is gaining experience auditing governmental & nonprofit entities.

- Mr. Snyder participates in numerous continuing education courses and plans on working to acquire his CPA certificate.
- Mr. Snyder is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

#### Maritza Stonebraker, CPA

Senior Accountant – 7 years

#### Education

• Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

#### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant beginning her professional auditing career with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank.

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

• Mrs. Stonebraker participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

#### Jonathan Herman, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 9 years

#### Education

- University of Central Florida, B.S. Accounting
- Florida Atlantic University, MACC

#### **Professional Experience**

 Accounting graduate with nine years experience with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

• Mr. Herman participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### Sean Stanton, CPA

Staff Accountant - 5 years

#### Education

- University of South Florida, B.S. Accounting
- Florida Atlantic University, M.B.A. Accounting

#### **Professional Experience**

• Staff accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank auditing governmental and non-profit entities.

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

 Mr. Stanton participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### Tifanee Terrell

Staff Accountant – 2 years

#### Education

• Florida Atlantic University, M.A.C.C. – Accounting

#### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

- Ms. Terrell participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Ms. Terrell is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### Dylan Dixon

Staff Accountant – 1 year

#### Education

◆ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting

#### Professional Experience

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

- Mr. Dixon is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Accounting.
- Mr. Dixon participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Mr. Dixon is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### Maurice Wally

Staff Accountant

#### Education

◆ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting

#### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

- Mr. Wally is currently enrolled at Indian River State College and will complete his degree in December 2022.
- Mr. Wally participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Mr. Wally is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### Brennen Moore

Staff Accountant

#### Education

◆ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting

#### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

- Mr. Moore is currently enrolled at Indian River State College and will complete his bachelor's degree in spring of 2023.
- Mr. Moore participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Mr. Moore is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

## **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### Jordan Wood

Staff Accountant

#### Education

◆ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting

#### **Professional Experience**

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

- Ms. Wood is currently enrolled at Indian River State College to complete her bachelor's degree.
- Ms. Wood participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Ms. Wood is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.



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#### Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

To the Partners of

November 30, 2022

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL and the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL (the firm), in effect for the year ended May 31, 2022. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

#### Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

#### Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control, and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

#### Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including a compliance audit under the Single Audit Act.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL, in effect for the year ended May 31, 2022, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass, pass with deficiency(ies)*, or *fall*. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PLC, has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

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#### STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (Hereinafter called "District") REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### I. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Legal Notice

The STONELAKE RANCH Community Development District is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants, licensed to practice in the State of Florida, to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ending **September 30, 2023** and in the sole and absolute discretion of the District for each fiscal year thereafter through **September 30, 2027**.

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the District to reimburse responding firms for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request.

Sealed technical and dollar cost proposals will be received by the District Manager's office until 5:00 p.m., on February 13, 2023, located at 2301 Northeast 37th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308. Proposals received after this time will be returned unopened.

The Proposer shall submit a sealed and clearly marked envelope that includes both a pdf file along with seven (7) printed Technical and Dollar Cost Proposals to be marked as follows: **"STONELAKE RANCH Community Development District, Professional Auditing Services Proposal."** 

The Technical and Dollar Cost Proposal will be opened in the Office of the District Manager at **5:00 p.m., on Monday, February 13, 2023**.

Proposals submitted will be evaluated by a five (5) member Auditor Selection Committee, ("Selection Committee"). The Audit Selection Committee consists of the five (5) members' of the Board of Supervisor's, who will review submissions.

The District reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use, without compensation, any ideas in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of the conditions contained in this request for proposals, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the District of and the firm selected.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted or to retain all proposals submitted and to use without compensation any ideas in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of all of the conditions contained this Request for Proposal.

#### B. General Information

During the evaluation process, the Selection Committee and the District reserve the right, where it may serve the District best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from proposers, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions. At the discretion of the District or the Selection Committee, firms submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation process.

It is anticipated the selection of a firm will be completed no later than September 2023 Following the notification of the selected firm, it is expected a contract will be executed by the end of September 2023.

C. Subcontracting

No subcontracting will be permitted. Any firm who submits a proposal, which contains any subcontracting work, shall be considered non-responsive and the District will not give any further consideration to the proposal.

D. Insurance Requirements

Worker's Compensation – Statutory Limits of Florida Statutes.

**Commercial General Liability** – Occurrence Form patterned after the current I.S.O. form with no limiting endorsements.

Bodily Injury & Property Damage at \$1,000,000 single limit per occurrence

**Automobile Liability** - \$500,000 each Occurrence Owned/Non-owned/Hired Automobile Included.

The District, its agents and employee's must be named as "ADDITIONAL INSURED" on the insurance Certificate for Commercial General Liability.

**Errors and Omissions** - \$5,000,000 single limit per occurrence.

Proposer warrants that it is willing and able to obtain insurance coverage, throughout the entire term of the contract and any renewals thereof.

#### II. NATURE OF SERVICES REQUIRED

A. Scope of Work to be Performed

The District desires the auditor to express an opinion on the fair presentation of its general-purpose financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The District also desires the auditor to express an opinion on the fair presentation of its combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The auditor shall also be responsible for performing certain limited procedures involving required supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board as mandated by generally accepted auditing standards.

B. Auditing Standards to be followed

To meet the requirements of this request for proposals, the audit shall be performed in accordance with the following standards:

- 1) Generally accepting auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- 2) The standards for financial audits set forth in the most current applicable U.S. General Accounting Office's (GAO) Government Auditing Standards.
- 3) The most current applicable provisions of the Federal Single Audit Act of 1984 (as amended).
- 4) The most current applicable provisions of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non □Profit Organizations, Audits of State and Local Governments.
- 5) The most current applicable Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board The most current applicable Statements on Auditing Standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- 6) The most current applicable Government Auditing Standards published by the Comptroller General of the United States.
- 7) The most current applicable Audit and Accounting Guide-Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- 8) The most current applicable Statements and interpretations issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.
- 9) Applicable Florida Statutes.
- 10) Regulations of the State of Florida Department of Financial Services
- 11) Rules of the Auditor General, State of Florida, Chapter 10-550 (Local Government Audits)
- 12) Any other applicable federal, state, local regulations or professional guidance not specifically listed above as well as any additional requirements which may be adopted by these organizations in the future.
- C. Reports to be Issued

Following the completion of the audit of the fiscal year's financial statements, the auditor shall issue:

- 1. A report on the fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
- 2. A report on compliance and 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.

3. A Management Letter Report.

In the required report(s) on compliance and internal controls, the auditor shall communicate any reportable conditions found during the audit. A reportable condition shall be defined as a significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structure, which could adversely affect the organization's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the report. No reportable conditions discovered by the auditors shall be reported to management.

The report on compliance and internal controls shall include all material instances of noncompliance. All nonmaterial instances of noncompliance shall be reported in a separate management letter, which shall be referred to in the report on compliance and internal controls.

<u>Irregularities and illegal acts.</u> Auditors shall be required to make an immediate, written report of all irregularities and illegal acts or indications of illegal acts of which they become aware of, to the Board of Supervisor's, the District Manager and a copy to the District Attorney.

- D. Special Considerations
  - The District currently, may prepare one or more official statements in connection with the sale of debt securities, which will contain the generalpurpose financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The auditor shall be required, if requested by the financial advisor and/or the underwriter, to issue a "consent and citation of expertise" as the auditor and any necessary "comfort letters."
  - 2. The District retains the right to use any audited financial statements in any Official Statement issued by the District without the express consent of the Auditor.
- E. Working Paper Retention and Access to Working Papers

All working papers and reports must be retained, at the auditor's expense, for a minimum of three (3) years, unless the firm is notified in writing by the District of the need to extend the retention period.

#### THE AUDITOR SHALL PROVIDE A COMPLETE ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE WORKING PAPERS TO THE DISTRICT MANAGER AT THE COMPLETION OF THE AUDIT, PRIOR TO THE FINAL PAYMENT OF THE AUDITING FEES, BY THE DISTRICT.

#### The electronic copy shall be in Microsoft Word or Excel.

In addition, the firm shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor auditors and allow successor auditors to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

#### III. DESCRIPTION OF THE GOVERNMENT

A. Name and Telephone Number of Contact Persons/Location of Offices

The auditor's principal contact with the District will be James P. Ward, District Manager or a designated representative, who will coordinate the assistance to be provided by the District to the auditor.

- B. A copy of the District's Budget for the audit period and the Audited Financial Statements for the prior Fiscal Year is available by contacting the District Manager.
- C. Budgetary Basis of Accounting The District prepares its budgets on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- D. Pension Plans NONE.
- E. Blended Component Units NONE

The District is defined, for financial reporting purposes, in conformity with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Section 2100. Using these criteria, there are no blended component units included in the District financial statements.

F. Joint Ventures - NONE

#### IV.TIME REQUIREMENTS

A. Date Audit May Commence

The District will have all records ready for audit for by October 15th of each Fiscal Year.

B. Schedule for each Fiscal Year Audit

Each of the following should be completed by the auditor, no later than the dates indicated.

1. Fieldwork

The auditor shall complete all fieldwork by November 30th of each year.

2. Draft Reports

The auditor shall have drafts of the audit report[s] and recommendations to management available for review by December of each year.

C. Date Final Report is Due - 1 business day from Management Approval

The Auditor shall prepare draft financial statements, notes and all required supplementary information.

The final report should be delivered to the District Manager at 2301 Northeast 37th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308.

V. ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AUDITOR AND REPORT PREPARATION

- A. The District staff and responsible management personnel will be available during the audit to assist the firm by providing information, documentation and explanations. The preparation of confirmations will be the responsibility of District and provided to the auditor to transmit. In addition any required hours of clerical support will be made available to the auditor for the preparation of routine letters and memoranda.
- B. Information Solutions (IS) Assistance

The District Manager also be available to provide systems documentation and explanations. The auditor will be provided computer time and limited read only access to the use of the District computer hardware and software.

C. Statements and Schedules to be Prepared by the District.

Statement or Schedule

Bank Confirmations Construction in Progress GFA Roll Forward Contract/Retainage Payable Accounts Payable Accounts Receivable Investments/Accrued Interest Receivable Operating Transfers Equity Accounts Detail Bond Reserve Requirements Amortization/Depreciation Schedules Interest Expense Debt Amortization Schedules

D. Auditor Work Location

All work must be handled at the office of the Auditor and the District will provide all files to the Auditor electronically and the Auditor will be provided limited read only access to the District's electronic system. E. Report Preparation Report preparation and editing shall be the responsibility of the auditor and the Auditor shall deliver 1 printed original of the Audited Financial Statements and one (1) electronic file in word and one (1) electronic file in pdf format.

#### VI.PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Technical and Dollar Cost Proposal
  - 1. General Requirements

The purpose of the Technical and Dollar Cost Proposal is to demonstrate the qualifications, competence and capability of the firms seeking to undertake an independent audit of the District in conformity with the requirements of this request for proposals. As such, the substance of proposals will carry more weight than their form or manner of presentation. The Technical and Dollar Cost Proposal should demonstrate the qualifications of the firm and of the particular staff to be assigned to this engagement. It should also specify an audit approach that will meet the request for proposals requirements.

The Technical and Dollar Cost Proposal should address all the points outlined in the request for proposal. The Proposal should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the proposer's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the request for proposals.

While additional data may be presented, the following subjects, items Nos. 2 through 10, must be included. They represent the criteria against which the proposal will be evaluated.

2. Independence

The firm should provide an affirmative statement that is independent of the District as defined by generally accepted auditing standards/the most current applicable U.S. General Accounting Office's Government Auditing Standards.

The firm also should provide an affirmative statement that it is independent of all of the component units of the District as defined by those same standards.

The firm should also list and describe the firm's professional relationships involving the District for the past five (5) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the proposed audit.

In addition, the firm shall give the District written notice of any professional relationships entered into during the period of this agreement.

3. License to Practice in Florida

An affirmative statement should be included that the firm and all assigned key professional staff are properly registered/licensed to practice in the State of Florida.

4. Firm Qualifications and Experience

The proposer should state the size of the firm, the size of the firm's governmental audit staff, the location of the office from which the work on this engagement is to be performed and the number and nature of the professional staff to be employed in this engagement on a full-time basis and the number and nature of the staff to be so employed on a part-time basis.

The firm is also required to submit a copy of the report on its most recent external quality control review, with a statement whether that quality control review included a review of specific government engagements.

The firm shall also provide information on the results of any federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits during the past three (3) years. In addition, the firm shall provide information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations, as well as, an explanation of all pending litigation against governmental entities, including all accounts of Federal indictments for any civil or criminal matters for which the firm has been charged. The firm shall also provide information as to any and all litigation or arbitration in Florida within the last three (3) years, in which the firm is or was a Defendant.

5. Partner, Supervisory and Staff Qualifications and Experience

Identify the principal supervisory and management staff, including engagement partners, managers, other supervisors and specialists, who would be assigned to the engagement. Indicate whether each such person is registered or licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Florida. Provide information on the government auditing experience of each person, including information on relevant continuing professional education for the past three (3) years and membership in professional organizations relevant to the performance of this audit.

Provide as much information as possible regarding the number, qualifications, experience and training, including relevant continuing professional education, of the specific staff to be assigned to this engagement. Indicate how the quality of staff over the term of the agreement will be assured.

Engagement partners, managers, other supervisory staff and specialists may be changed if those personnel leave the firm, are promoted or are assigned to another office. These personnel may also be changed for other reasons with the express prior written permission of the District. However, in either case, the District retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Consultants and firm specialists mentioned in response to this request for proposal can only be changed with the express prior written permission of the District, which retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Other audit personnel may be changed at the discretion of the proposer provided that replacements have substantially the same or better qualifications or experience.

6. Prior Engagements with the District

List separately all engagements within the last five years, ranked on the basis of total staff hours, by type of engagement (i.e., audit, management advisory services, other). Indicate the scope of work, date, engagement partners, total hours, the location of the firm's office from which the engagement was performed, and the name and telephone number of the principal client contact.

7. Similar Engagements With Other Government Entities

For the firm's office that will be assigned responsibility for the audit, list the most significant engagements performed in the last five years that are similar to the engagement described in this request for proposal. These engagements should be ranked on the basis of total staff hours. Indicate the scope of work, date, engagement partners, total hours, and the name and telephone number of the principal client contact.

8. Specific Audit Approach

The proposal should set forth a work plan, including an explanation of the audit methodology to be followed, to perform the services required in Section II of this request for proposal. In developing the work plan, reference should be made to such sources of information as District's budget and related materials, organizational charts, manuals and programs, and financial and other management information systems.

Proposers will be required to provide the following information on their audit approach:

- a. Proposed segmentation of the engagement
- b. Level of staff and number of hours to be assigned to each proposed segment of the engagement

- c. Sample size and the extent to which statistical sampling is to be used in the engagement
- d. Extent of use of EDP software in the engagement
- e. Type and extent of analytical procedures to be used in the engagement
- f. Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of the District's internal control structure
- g. Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work
- h. Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of tests of compliance
- 9. Identification of Anticipated Potential Audit Problems

The proposal should identify and describe any anticipated potential audit problems, the firm's approach to resolving these problems and any special assistance that will be requested from the District.

10. Report Format

The proposal should include sample formats for required reports.

- B. Dollar Cost Proposal
  - 1. Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price

The dollar cost proposal should contain all pricing information relative to performing the audit engagement as described in this request for proposal. The total all-inclusive maximum price to be proposal is to contain all direct and indirect costs including all out-of-pocket expenses.

The District will not be responsible for expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the technical proposal or the sealed dollar cost proposal. Such costs should not be included in the proposal.

The first page of the dollar cost proposal should include the following information:

- a. Name of Firm
- b. Certification that the person signing the proposal is entitled to represent the firm, empowered to submit the proposal, and authorized to sign a contract with the District.
- c. A Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price for the Audited Financial Statements for each Fiscal Year.

2. Out-of-pocket Expenses must be included in the Total All-inclusive Maximum Price and Reimbursement Rates.

Out-of-pocket expenses for firm personnel (e.g., travel, lodging and subsistence) will be reimbursed at the rates in Florida Statutes.

3. Manner of Payment

Progress payments will be made in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act.

#### **VII. EVALUATION PROCEDURES**

A. Review of Proposals

The SELECTION COMMITTEE will evaluate and rank the proposals. Each member of the SELECTION COMMITTEE will evaluate and rank each technical proposal by each of the criteria described in Section VII B below.

After the rankings for the firms have been established, the sealed dollar cost proposal will be opened and will be utilized for the ranking of the firms.

B. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated using three sets of criteria. Firms meeting the mandatory criteria will have their proposals ranked for both technical qualifications. The following represent the principal selection criteria, which will be considered during the evaluation process.

- 1. Mandatory Elements
  - a. The audit firm is independent and licensed to practice in Florida
  - b. The firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the District
  - c. The firm adheres to the instructions in this request for proposal on preparing and submitting the proposal
  - d. The firm submits a copy of its last external quality control review report and the firm has a record of quality audit work
- 2. Technical Qualifications:
  - a. Expertise and Experience
    - (1) The firm's past experience and performance on comparable government engagements.

- (2) The quality of the firm's professional personnel to be assigned to the engagement and the quality of the firm's management support personnel to be available for technical consultation.
- (3) The firm provides information on the results of any federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits during the past three (3) years. In addition, the firm provides information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years, with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations, as well as, an explanation of all pending litigation against governmental entities, including all accounts of Federal indictments for any civil or criminal matters for which the firm has been charged. The firm also provides information as to any and all litigation or arbitration in Florida within the last three (3) years, in which the firm is or was a Defendant.
- b. Audit Approach
  - (1) Adequacy of proposed staffing plan for various segments of the engagement
  - (2) Adequacy of sampling techniques
  - (3) Adequacy of analytical procedures

Proposals shall be ranked on the basis of their Technical Qualifications by each member of the SELECTION COMMITTEE who will assign each of the top five proposals a number of one (1) through five (5), with one (1) signifying the highest rated proposal and five (5) signifying the lowest rated proposal.

3. Price:

Proposals shall be ranked on the basis of their price by the SELECTION COMMITTEE who will assign each of the top five proposals a number of one (1) through five (5), with one (1) signifying the lowest price and five (5) signifying the highest price.

Upon reconciliation of the weighted scores defined above, the proposal with the lowest average ranking score will be ranked one (1), the proposal with the second lowest average ranking score will be ranked two (2), and so on until all proposals are scored and ranked. The proposal ranked one (1), in the ranking form provided in the attachment (Appendix C), will be recommended by the SELECTION COMMITTEE to the District for award of the contract.

#### C. Oral Presentations

During the evaluation process, the SELECTION COMMITTEE may, at its discretion, request any one or all firms to make oral presentations. Such presentations will provide firms with an opportunity to answer any questions the SELECTION COMMITTEE may have on a firm's proposal. Not all firms may be asked to make such oral presentations.

#### D. Right to Reject

Proposals Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of the conditions contained in this request for proposal unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the District and the firm selected. The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

#### APPENDIX A

#### SCHEDULE OF PROFFESIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES

#### AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fee shall include all services, including but not limited to Out-of-Pocket expenses, meals and lodging, transportation, printing and binding, telephone, fax, copies.

Fiscal Year 2023	\$3,775
Fiscal Year 2024	<u>\$3,775</u>
Fiscal Year 2025	\$3,965
Fiscal Year 2026	<u>\$4,080</u>
Fiscal Year 2027	\$4,080
TOTAL ALL YEARS	\$19,675

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-4**

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STONE LAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of Stone Lake Ranch Community Development District (the "Board") prior to June 15th of each year, a proposed Budget for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed Budget and desires to set the required public hearing thereon.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STONE LAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing whereas clauses are true and correct and incorporated herein as if written into this Section.

**SECTION 2.** The proposed Budget submitted by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2024 and attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said budget.

**SECTION 3.** A public hearing on said approved Budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE:	Tuesday, May 16, 2023
HOUR:	1:00 P.M.
LOCATION:	Lake Lodge 10820 Eagle Roost Cove Thonotosassa, Florida 35592

**SECTION 4.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the approved proposed Budget to Hillsborough County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

**SECTION 5.** Notice of this public hearing on the budget shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the district once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, except that the first publication shall not be fewer than 15 days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall further contain a designation of the day, time, and place of the public hearing. At the time and place designated in the notice, the Board shall hear all objections to the approved proposed Budget and may make such changes as the Board deems necessary.

**SECTION 6.** If any one of the covenants, agreements or provisions herein contained shall be held contrary to any express provision of law or contract to the policy of express law, but not expressly prohibited or against public policy, or shall for any reason whatsoever be held invalid, then such covenants, agreements or provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining covenants, agreements or provisions and shall in no way effect the validity of the other provisions hereof.

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**SECTION 7.** That all Sections or parts of Sections of any Resolutions, Agreements or actions of the Board of Supervisors in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 8.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023.

ATTEST:

# STONE LAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

James P. Ward, Secretary

Michael Gratz, Chairman

# STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



# **PROPOSED BUDGET**

FISCAL YEAR 2024

PREPARED BY:

JPWARD & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 2301 NORTHEAST 37 STREET, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308 T: 954-658-4900 E: JimWard@JPWardAssociates.com

#### Stonelake Ranch Community Development District

#### General Fund - Budget Fiscal Year 2024

Description	iscal Year 23 Budget		Actual at 12/31/2022		Anticipated Year End 09/30/2023		Fiscal Year 2024 Budget	
Revenues and Other Sources								
Carryforward		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Interest Income - General Account	\$ 10	\$	3	\$	10	\$	10	
Special Assessment Revenue		•						
- Special Assessment - On-Roll	\$ 50,397	\$	31,710	\$	50,397	\$	51,515	
Total Revenue & Other Sources	\$ 50,407	\$	31,713	\$	50,407	\$	51,525	
Appropriations Legislative Board of Supervisor's Fees	\$ 2,400	\$	600	\$	2,200	\$	2,400	
Executive								
Professional - Management	\$ 22,002	\$	5,501	\$	22,002	\$	23,000	
Financial and Administrative								
Audit Services	\$ 4,200	\$	-	\$	4,000	\$	4,200	
Other Contractual Services								
Recording and Transcription	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Legal Advertising	\$ 550	\$	127	\$	550	\$	550	
Trustee Services	\$ 3,500	\$	-	\$	3,500	\$	3,500	
Dissemination Agent Services	\$ 5,000	\$	-	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	
Bank Service Fees	\$ 300	\$	66	\$	300	\$	300	
Travel and Per Diem	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Rentals and Leases								
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 1,600	\$	-	\$	1,600	\$	1,600	
<b>Communications and Freight Services</b>								
Telephone	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Postage, Freight & Messenger	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Insurance	\$ 6,900	\$	7,236	\$	7,236	\$	7,500	
Printing and Binding	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Subscriptions and Memberships	\$ 175	\$	175	\$	175	\$	175	
Legal Services								
General Counsel	\$ 750	\$	-	\$	75	\$	200	
Other General Government Services								
Engineering Services	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Contingencies	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Other Fees and Charges								
Discounts and Tax Collector Fees	\$ 3,030	\$	-	\$	3,030	\$	3,100	
Total Appropriations	\$ 50,407	\$	13,704	\$	49,668	\$	51,525	

#### Prepared by: JPWARD and Associates, LLC

## Stonelake Ranch Community Development District

#### General Fund - Budget Fiscal Year 2024

Description		scal Year 23 Budget	Anticipated Actual at Year End 12/31/2022 09/30/2023		ear End	iscal Year 24 Budget	
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Fund Balance	~	56 500	\$	18,009	\$	739	
Fund Balance - Beginning (Audited) Fund Balance - Ending (Projected)	\$	56,598			\$ \$	56,598 57,337	
Assessment Comparison	\$	314.98					\$ 321.97
Total Lots Subject to Assessment		160					160

#### Stonelake Ranch Community Development District

#### General Fund - Budget Fiscal Year 2024

Revenues and Other Sources		
Carryforward	\$	-
Interest Income - General Account	\$	10
Appropriations		
Legislative		
Board of Supervisor's Fees	\$	2,400
Statutorily permitted fee of \$200.00 per meeting for each Board member		
Executive		
Professional - Management	\$	23,000
The District retains the services of a professional management company - JPWard and Associates,		
LLC - which specializes in Community Development Districts. The firm brings a wealth of knowledge		
and expertise to Stonelake Ranch.		
Financial and Administrative		
Audit Services	\$	4,200
Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books, records		
and accounting procedures.		
Other Contractual Services		
Recording and Transcription	\$	-
Legal Advertising	\$	550
Trustee Services	\$	3,500
With the issuance of the District's Bonds, the District is required to maintain the accounts established for the Bond Issue with a bank that holds trust powers in the State of Florida. The primary purpose of the trustee is to safeguard the assets of the Bondholder's, to insure the timely payment of the principal and interest due on the Bonds, and to insure the investment of the funds in		
the trust are made pursuant to the requirments of the trust.		
Dissemination Agent Services	\$	5,000
With the issuance of the District's Bonds, the District is required to report on a periodic basis the same information that is contained in the Official Statement that was issued for the Bonds. These requirements are pursuant to requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission and sent to national repositories.	•	
Bank Service Fees	\$	300
Travel and Per Diem	\$	-
Communications and Freight Services		
Telephone	\$	-
Postage, Freight & Messenger	\$	_
Rentals and Leases	Ŷ	
Web Site Maintenance	\$	1,600
In accordance with recent changes to Florida Statutes, the District has developed a web site to provide for the maintenance of certain records, as such, this is for the on-going maintenance of the web site.	·	,
Insurance	\$	7,500
Printing and Binding	\$	-

#### General Fund - Budget Fiscal Year 2024

Office Supplies	\$	-
Subscriptions and Memberships	\$	175
Legal Services		
General Counsel	\$	200
The District's general council provides on-going legal representation relating to issues such as public		
finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts. In this capacity, they provide services as "local government lawyers".		
Other General Government Services		
Engineering Services	\$	-
The District's engineering firm provides a broad array of engineering, consulting and construction services, which assists the District in crafting solutions with sustainability for the long term interests		
of the Community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of		
the District's facilities.	~	
Contingencies	\$	-
Other Fees and Charges		
Discounts and Other Fees	\$	3,100
4% Discount permitted by Law for early payment along with 2% each for the Tax Collector and		
Property Appraiser Fees	-	
Total Appropirations:	Ş	51,525

#### Debt Service Fund - Budget Fiscal Year 2024

	I	iscal Year		Actual at	Anti	icipated Year	Fiscal Year		
Description	20	)23 Budget	12	2/31/2022	End	09/30/2023	20	24 Budget	
Revenues and Other Sources									
Carryforward									
Deferred Cost Account	\$	6,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,000	
Prepayment Account	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Revenue Account	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Interest Income	\$	50	\$	2,150	\$	8,599	\$	50	
Special Assessment Revenue									
Special Assessment - On-Roll	\$	200,200	\$	125,972	\$	200,200	\$	198,610	
Special Assessment - Prepayments	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Total Revenue & Other Sources	\$	206,250	\$	128,122	\$	208,799	\$	205,660	
Appropriations									
Debt Service									
Principal Debt Service - Mandatory									
Series 2004 Bonds	\$	95,000	\$	_	\$	95,000	\$	100,000	
Stonelake Ranch LLC	\$	6,000	\$	143	\$	6,000	\$	7,000	
Principal Debt Service - Early Redemptions	Ŷ	0,000	Ŷ	145	Ŷ	0,000	Ŷ	7,000	
Series 2004 Bonds	\$	-	\$	15,000	\$	15,000	\$	-	
Interest Expense	Ŷ		Ŷ	13,000	Ŷ	13,000	Ŷ		
Series 2004 Bonds	\$	93,220	\$	46,932	\$	93,220	\$	86,730	
Stonelake Ranch LLC	\$	10	\$	547	\$	2,190	\$	10	
Other Fees and Charges	Ŷ	10	Ŷ	517	Ŷ	2,130	Ŷ	10	
Discounts and Other Fees	\$	12,020	\$	-	\$	12,020	\$	11,920	
Total Appropriations	\$	206,250	\$	62,623	\$	223,430	\$	205,660	
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Net Income from Operations	\$	-	\$	65,499	\$	(14,631)	\$	-	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$	326,001	\$	326,001	\$	326,001	\$	311,370	
Fund Balance - Ending (Projected)	\$	326,001	\$	391,500	\$	311,370	\$	311,370	
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Restricted Fund Balance:								4	
Reserve Account Requirement							~	\$124,805	
Restricted for November 1st Interest Pay	mer	IT					\$ <b>\$</b>	40,415	
Total - Restricted Fund Balance:							\$	165,220	
Assessment Comparison	\$	1,696.61					\$	1,683.14	
Total Lots Subject to Assessment								116	

#### Debt Service Fund - Budget

#### Series 2004 A - \$3,615,000 Special Assessment Revenue Bonds

#### Fiscal Year 2024

Description	Principal	Coupon Rate	Interest	Ar	nnual Debt Service	Вс	ond Balance
Principal Balance - October 1, 2022	\$ 1,565,000	5.90%					
11/1/2022			\$ 46,610.00				
5/1/2023	\$ 95,000	5.90%	\$ 46,167.50	\$	187,778	\$	1,470,000
11/1/2023			\$ 43,365.00				
5/1/2024	\$ 100,000	5.90%	\$ 43,365.00	\$	186,730	\$	1,370,000
11/1/2024			\$ 40,415.00				
5/1/2025	\$ 105,000	5.90%	\$ 40,415.00	\$	185,830	\$	1,265,000
11/1/2025			\$ 37,317.50				
5/1/2026	\$ 110,000	5.90%	\$ 37,317.50	\$	184,635	\$	1,155,000
11/1/2026			\$ 34,072.50				
5/1/2027	\$ 115,000	5.90%	\$ 34,072.50	\$	183,145	\$	1,040,000
11/1/2027			\$ 30,680.00				
5/1/2028	\$ 125,000	5.90%	\$ 30,680.00	\$	186,360	\$	915,000
11/1/2028			\$ 26,992.50				
5/1/2029	\$ 130,000	5.90%	\$ 26,992.50	\$	183,985	\$	785,000
11/1/2029			\$ 23,157.50				
5/1/2030	\$ 140,000	5.90%	\$ 23,157.50	\$	186,315	\$	645,000
11/1/2030			\$ 19,027.50				
5/1/2031	\$ 150,000	5.90%	\$ 19,027.50	\$	188,055	\$	495,000
11/1/2031			\$ 14,602.50				
5/1/2032	\$ 155,000	5.90%	\$ 14,602.50	\$	184,205	\$	340,000
11/1/2032			\$ 10,030.00				
5/1/2033	\$ 165,000	5.90%	\$ 10,030.00	\$	185,060	\$	175,000
11/1/2033			\$ 5,162.50				
5/1/2034	\$ 175,000	5.90%	\$ 5,162.50	\$	185,325	\$	-

#### Budget

#### Fiscal Year 2024

#### **Assessment Comparison**

Description	Fi	Fiscal Year 2023		iscal Year 2024	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
General Fund Debt Service Fund -	\$	314.98	\$	321.97	\$ 6.99	2.22%
Capital Assessment	\$	1,696.61	\$	1,683.14	\$ (13.47)	-0.79%
Combined General Fun	d and	l Debt Servic	e Fur	nd		
General Fund & Debt Service Fund	\$	2,011.59	\$	2,005.10	\$ (6.49)	-0.32%
Debt Outstanding *	\$	12,672.41	\$	11,810.34	\$ (862.07)	N/A

\* (PRELIMINARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE) The debt outstanding assumes that property owners do not pay off their assessment during the year. If a property owner would like to pay off the debt assessment, they must contact the District Manager for the pay off amount. The amount will change depending on the time of year that the pay off occurs and may be lower than the amount noted above.

# STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - DECEMBER 2022

FISCAL YEAR 2023

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### Stonelake Ranch Community Develoment District Balance Sheet for the Period Ending December 31, 2022

	Governmental Funds					Account				
	Gen		Debt Service Fund		General Long Term Debt		Ge	eneral Fixed Assets	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Assets										
Cash and Investments										
General Fund - Invested Cash	\$	205,789	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	205,789
Debt Service Fund										
Interest Account		-		731		-		-		731
Sinking Account		-		-		-		-		-
Reserve Account		-		112,568		-		-		112,568
Prepayment Account		-		-		-		-		-
Revenue		-		152,229		-		-		152,229
Deferred Cost Account		-		-		-		-		-
Due from Other Funds										
General Fund		-		125,972		-		-		125,972
Debt Service Fund		-		-		-		-		-
Market Valuation Adjustments		-		-		-		-		-
Accrued Interest Receivable		-		-		-		-		-
Accounts Receivable		-		-		-		-		-
Prepaid Expenses		-		-		-		-		-
Amount Available in Debt Service Funds		-		-		391,500		-		391,500
Amount to be Provided by Debt Service Funds		-		-		1,308,197		-		1,308,197
Investment in General Fixed Assets (net of depreciation)		-		-		-		3,726,925		3,726,925
Total Assets	\$	205,789	\$	391,500	\$	1,699,697	\$	3,726,925	\$	6,023,911

### Stonelake Ranch Community Develoment District Balance Sheet for the Period Ending December 31, 2022

		Governm	ental Fu	inds	Account	Grou	ıps		
	General Fund		Debt Service Fund		eneral Long erm Debt	General Fixed Assets		(Merr	Totals orandum Only)
Liabilities									
Accounts Payable	\$	5,210	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	5,210
Due to Other Funds									
General Fund		-		-	-		-		-
Debt Service Fund		125,972		-	-		-		125,972
Bonds Payable - Series 2004									
Current Portion		-		-	\$0		-		-
Long Term		-		-	\$1,580,000		-		1,580,000
Notes Payable - Stonelake Ranch LLC		-		-	\$119,697		-		119,697
Total Liabilities	\$	131,182	\$	-	\$ 1,699,697	\$	-	\$	1,830,879
Fund Equity and Other Credits									
Investment in General Fixed Assets		-		-	-		3,726,925		3,726,925
Fund Balance									
Reserved									
Beginning: October 1, 2021 (Unaudited)		-		326,001	-		-		326,001
Results from Current Operations		-		65,499	-		-		65,499
Unreserved									
Beginning: October 1, 2021 (Unaudited)		56,598		-	-		-		56,598
Results from Current Operations		18,009		-	-		-		18,009
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$	74,607	\$	391,500	\$ -	\$	3,726,925	\$	4,193,032
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$	205,789	Ś	391,500	\$ 1,699,697	\$	3,726,925	\$	6,023,911

### Stonelake Ranch Community Develoment District General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Through December 31, 2022

Description	October	November	December	Total	Total Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources						
Carryforward	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	N/A
Interest						
Interest - General Checking	1	1	2	3	10	28%
Special Assessment Revenue						
Special Assessments - Uniform Method	389	13,713	17,607	31,710	47,367	67%
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$ 390	\$ 13,714	\$ 17,609	\$ 31,713	\$ 47,377	67%
Expenditures and Other Uses						
Legislative						
Board of Supervisors' Fees	-	-	600	600	\$ 2,400	25%
Executive						
Professional Management	1,834	1,834	1,834	5,501	\$ 22,002	25%
Financial and Administrative						
Audit Services	-	-	-	-	4,200	0%
Other Contractual Services						
Legal Advertising	127	-	-	127	550	23%
Trustee Services	-	-	-	-	3,500	0%
Dissemination Agent Services	-	-	-	-	5,000	0%
Bond Amortization Schedules	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Bank Service Fees	21	22	23	66	300	22%
Rentals and Leases						
Web Site Maintenance	-	-	-	-	1,600	0%
<b>Communications &amp; Freight Services</b>						
Postage, Freight & Messenger	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Insurance	-	7,236	-	7,236	6,900	105%
Printing & Binding	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Subscription & Memberships	-	175	-	175	175	100%
Legal Services						
Legal - General Counsel	-	-	-	-	750	0%
Other General Government Services						
Engineering Services - General Fund		-	-	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$ 1,982	\$ 9,266	\$ 2,456	\$ 13,704	\$ 47,377	29%
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(1,592)	4,448	15,153	18,009	\$ -	
Fund Balance - Beginning	56,598	55,006	59,454	56,598	20,468	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 55,006	\$ 59,454	\$ 74,607	\$ 74,607	\$ 20,468	

#### Stonelake Ranch Community Development District Debt Service Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Through December 31, 2022

Description	October	N	ovember	D	ecember	Total	tal Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources								
Carryforward								
Interest Account	\$ 0	\$	15	\$	2	\$ 17	\$ -	N/A
Revenue Account	371		461		434	1,265	-	N/A
Reserve Account	221		267		321	810	-	N/A
Prepayment Account	24		32		-	56	-	N/A
Sinking Fund Account	-		-		-	-	-	N/A
Deferred Cost Account	0		0		1	1	6,000	0%
Interest Income	-		-		-	-	50	0%
Special Assessment Revenue								
Special Assessments - On-Roll	1,547		54,477		69,948	125,972	188,180	67%
Special Assessments - Prepayments	 -				-	-	-	N/A
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$ 2,164	\$	55,252	\$	70,706	\$ 128,122	\$ 194,230	66%
Expenditures and Other Uses								
Debt Service								
Principal Debt Service - Mandatory								
Series 2004 Bonds	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 95,000	0%
Stonelake Ranch LLC	143		-		-	143	6,000	2%
Principal Debt Service - Early Redemptions								
Series 2004 Bonds	-		15,000		-	15,000	-	N/A
Interest Expense								
Series 2004 Bonds	-		46,610		-	46,610	93,220	50%
Stonelake Ranch LLC	 280		268		322	869	 10	8695%
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$ 423	\$	61,878	\$	322	\$ 62,623	\$ 194,230	32%
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	1,741		(6,626)		70,384	65,499	-	
Fund Balance - Beginning	326,001		327,742		321,116	326,001	335,814	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 327,742	\$	321,116	\$	-	\$ 391,500	\$ 335,814	

# STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - JANUARY 2023

FISCAL YEAR 2023

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### Stonelake Ranch Community Develoment District Balance Sheet for the Period Ending January 31, 2023

		Governm	nental Fu	inds		Account	ups			
	Gener		Debt Service Fund		General Long Term Debt		Ge	eneral Fixed Assets	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Assets										
Cash and Investments										
General Fund - Invested Cash	\$	88,057	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	88,057
Debt Service Fund										
Interest Account		-		734		-		-		734
Sinking Account		-		-		-		-		-
Reserve Account		-		112,424		-		-		112,424
Prepayment Account		-		-		-		-		-
Revenue		-		278,697		-		-		278,697
Deferred Cost Account		-		-		-		-		-
Due from Other Funds										
General Fund		-		8,464		-		-		8,464
Debt Service Fund		-		-		-		-		-
Market Valuation Adjustments		-		-		-		-		-
Accrued Interest Receivable		-		-		-		-		-
Accounts Receivable		-		-		-		-		-
Prepaid Expenses		-		-		-		-		-
Amount Available in Debt Service Funds		-		-		400,320		-		400,320
Amount to be Provided by Debt Service Funds		-		-		1,182,105		-		1,182,105
Investment in General Fixed Assets (net of										
depreciation)	<u> </u>	-		-		-		3,726,925		3,726,925
Total Asset	s Ş	88,057	\$	400,320	\$	1,582,424	\$	3,726,925	\$	5,797,727

### Stonelake Ranch Community Develoment District Balance Sheet for the Period Ending January 31, 2023

	Governmental Fund			ınds		Account	Grou	ıps		
	General Fund		Debt	Debt Service Fund		eneral Long Ferm Debt	General Fixed Assets		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Liabilities										
Accounts Payable	\$	5,210	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,210
Due to Other Funds										
General Fund		-		-		-		-		-
Debt Service Fund		8,464		-		-		-		8,464
Bonds Payable - Series 2004										
Current Portion		-		-		\$95,000		-		95,000
Long Term		-		-		\$1,375,000		-		1,375,000
Notes Payable - Stonelake Ranch LLC		-		-		\$112,424		-		112,424
Total Liabilities	\$	13,674	\$	-	\$	1,582,424	\$	-	\$	1,596,098
Fund Equity and Other Credits										
Investment in General Fixed Assets		-		-		-		3,726,925		3,726,925
Fund Balance										
Reserved										
Beginning: October 1, 2022 (Unaudited)		-		326,001		-		-		326,001
Results from Current Operations		-		74,319		-		-		74,319
Unreserved										
Beginning: October 1, 2022 (Unaudited)		56,598		-		-		-		56,598
Results from Current Operations		17,785		-		-		-		17,785
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$	74,383	\$	400,320	\$	-	\$	3,726,925	\$	4,201,628
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$	88,057	\$	400,320	\$	1,582,424	\$	3,726,925	\$	5,797,727

### Stonelake Ranch Community Develoment District General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Through January 31, 2023

Description	Oct	ober	Nov	ember	De	ecember	Ja	anuary	Total	al Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources											
Carryforward	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Interest											
Interest - General Checking		1		1		2		1	4	10	39%
Special Assessment Revenue											
Special Assessments - Uniform Method		389	1	13,713		17,607		2,131	33,841	47,367	71%
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$	390	\$1	3,714	\$	17,609	\$	2,132	\$ 33,844	\$ 47,377	71%
Expenditures and Other Uses											
Legislative											
Board of Supervisors' Fees		-		-		600		-	600	\$ 2,400	25%
Executive											
Professional Management		1,834		1,834		1,834		1,834	7,334	\$ 22,002	33%
Financial and Administrative											
Audit Services		-		-		-		500	500	4,200	12%
Other Contractual Services											
Legal Advertising		127		-		-		-	127	550	23%
Trustee Services		-		-		-		-	-	3,500	0%
Dissemination Agent Services		-		-		-		-	-	5,000	0%
Bond Amortization Schedules		-		-		-		-	-	-	N/A
Bank Service Fees		21		22		23		22	87	300	29%
Rentals and Leases											
Web Site Maintenance		-		-		-		-	-	1,600	0%
<b>Communications &amp; Freight Services</b>											
Postage, Freight & Messenger		-		-		-		-	-	-	N/A
Insurance		-		7,236		-		-	7,236	6,900	105%
Printing & Binding		-		-		-		-	-	-	N/A
Subscription & Memberships		-		175		-		-	175	175	100%
Legal Services											
Legal - General Counsel		-		-		-		-	-	750	0%
Other General Government Services											
Engineering Services - General Fund		-		-		-		-	-	-	N/A
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$	1,982	\$	9,266	\$	2,456	\$	2,355	\$ 16,059	\$ 47,377	34%
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(	1,592)		4,448		15,153		(223)	17,785	\$ -	
Fund Balance - Beginning		6,598		5,006		59,454		74,607	 56,598	 20,468	
Fund Balance - Ending	<b>\$</b> 5	5,006	\$ 5	59,454	\$	74,607	\$	74,383	\$ 74,383	\$ 20,468	

#### Stonelake Ranch Community Development District Debt Service Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Through January 31, 2023

Description	0	october	N	ovember	D	ecember	January	Total		tal Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources											
Carryforward											
Interest Account	\$	0	\$	15	\$	2	\$ 2	\$	20	\$ -	N/A
Revenue Account		371		461		434	496		1,761	-	N/A
Reserve Account		221		267		321	367		1,177	-	N/A
Prepayment Account		24		32		-	-		56	-	N/A
Sinking Fund Account		-		-		-	-		-	-	N/A
Deferred Cost Account		0		0		1	1		2	6,000	0%
Interest Income		-		-		-	-		-	50	0%
Special Assessment Revenue											
Special Assessments - On-Roll		1,547		54,477		69,948	8,464		134,437	188,180	71%
Special Assessments - Prepayments		-		-		-	-		-	-	N/A
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$	2,164	\$	55,252	\$	70,706	\$ 9,330	\$	137,452	\$ 194,230	71%
Expenditures and Other Uses											
Debt Service											
Principal Debt Service - Mandatory											
Series 2004 Bonds	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 95,000	0%
Stonelake Ranch LLC		143		-		-	-		143	6,000	2%
Principal Debt Service - Early Redemptions											
Series 2004 Bonds		-		15,000		-	-		15,000	-	N/A
Interest Expense											
Series 2004 Bonds		-		46,610		-	-		46,610	93,220	50%
Stonelake Ranch LLC		280		268		322	511		1,380	10	13801%
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$	423	\$	61,878	\$	322	\$ 511	\$	63,133	\$ 194,230	33%
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance		1,741		(6,626)		70,384	8,820		74,319	-	
Fund Balance - Beginning		326,001		327,742		321,116	391,500		326,001	335,814	
- Fund Balance - Ending	\$	327,742	\$	321,116	\$	391,500	\$ 400,320	\$	400,320	\$ 335,814	

# STONELAKE RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FEBRUARY 2023

FISCAL YEAR 2023

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### Stonelake Ranch Community Develoment District Balance Sheet for the Period Ending February 28, 2023

		Governm	nental Fu	ınds		Account				
	Ger	eral Fund	Debt	Service Fund		eneral Long Ferm Debt	Ge	eneral Fixed Assets	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Assets										
Cash and Investments										
General Fund - Invested Cash	\$	96,543	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	96,543
Debt Service Fund										
Interest Account		-		736		-		-		736
Sinking Account		-		-		-		-		-
Reserve Account		-		112,424		-		-		112,424
Prepayment Account		-		-		-		-		-
Revenue		-		279,538		-		-		279,538
Deferred Cost Account		-		-		-		-		-
Due from Other Funds										
General Fund		-		16,787		-		-		16,787
Debt Service Fund		-		-		-		-		-
Market Valuation Adjustments		-		-		-		-		-
Accrued Interest Receivable		-		-		-		-		-
Accounts Receivable		-		-		-		-		-
Prepaid Expenses		-		-		-		-		-
Amount Available in Debt Service Funds		-		-		409,485		-		409,485
Amount to be Provided by Debt Service Funds		-		-		1,172,939		-		1,172,939
Investment in General Fixed Assets (net of										
depreciation)		-		-	<u> </u>	-	<u> </u>	3,726,925	<u> </u>	3,726,925
Total Asset	s \$	96,543	\$	409,485	\$	1,582,424	\$	3,726,925	\$	5,815,378

### Stonelake Ranch Community Develoment District Balance Sheet for the Period Ending February 28, 2023

		Governm	ental Fu	ınds		Account				
	General Fund		Debt Service Fund			eneral Long erm Debt	Ge	neral Fixed Assets	Totals (Memorandum Or	
Liabilities										
Accounts Payable	\$	5,210	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,210
Due to Other Funds										
General Fund		-		-		-		-		-
Debt Service Fund		16,787		-		-		-		16,787
Bonds Payable - Series 2004										
Current Portion		-		-		\$95,000		-		95,000
Long Term		-		-		\$1,375,000		-		1,375,000
Notes Payable - Stonelake Ranch LLC		-		-		\$112,424		-		112,424
Total Liabilities	\$	21,997	\$	-	\$	1,582,424	\$	-	\$	1,604,421
Fund Equity and Other Credits										
Investment in General Fixed Assets		-		-		-		3,726,925		3,726,925
Fund Balance										
Reserved										
Beginning: October 1, 2022 (Unaudited)		-		326,001		-		-		326,001
Results from Current Operations		-		83,485		-		-		83,485
Unreserved										
Beginning: October 1, 2022 (Unaudited)		56,598		-		-		-		56,598
Results from Current Operations		17,948		-		-		-		17,948
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$	74,546	\$	409,485	\$	-	\$	3,726,925	\$	4,210,957
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	\$	96,543	\$	409,485	\$	1,582,424	\$	3,726,925	\$	5,815,378

### Stonelake Ranch Community Develoment District General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Through February 28, 2023

Description	October	November	Decembei	J	anuary	Febru	ary	Total	al Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources										
Carryforward	\$-	\$-	\$	- \$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	N/.
Interest										
Interest - General Checking	1	1	:	2	1		1	5	10	469
Special Assessment Revenue										
Special Assessments - Uniform Method	389	13,713	17,60	7	2,131	2,	095	35,936	47,367	76
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$ 390	\$ 13,714	\$ 17,60	<b>)</b> \$	2,132	\$2,	096	\$ 35,940	\$ 47,377	76
Expenditures and Other Uses										
Legislative										
Board of Supervisors' Fees	-	-	600	)	-		-	600	\$ 2,400	25
Executive										
Professional Management	1,834	1,834	1,834	1	1,834	1,	834	9,168	\$ 22,002	42
Financial and Administrative										
Audit Services	-	-		-	500		-	500	4,200	12
Other Contractual Services										
Legal Advertising	127	-		-	-		77	203	550	37
Trustee Services	-	-		-	-		-	-	3,500	0
Dissemination Agent Services	-	-		-	-		-	-	5,000	C
Bond Amortization Schedules	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	N,
Bank Service Fees	21	22	23	3	22		23	110	300	37
Rentals and Leases										
Web Site Maintenance	-	-		-	-		-	-	1,600	C
<b>Communications &amp; Freight Services</b>										
Postage, Freight & Messenger	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	N,
Insurance	-	7,236		-	-		-	7,236	6,900	105
Printing & Binding	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	N,
Subscription & Memberships	-	175		-	-		-	175	175	100
Legal Services										
Legal - General Counsel	-	-		-	-		-	-	750	C
Other General Government Services										
Engineering Services - General Fund		-		-	-		-	-	-	N/
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$ 1,982	\$ 9,266	\$ 2,45	5\$	2,355	\$ 1,	933	\$ 17,992	\$ 47,377	38
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(1,592	) 4,448	15,15	3	(223)		163	17,948	\$ -	
Fund Balance - Beginning	56,598		59,454		74,607		383	 56,598	 20,468	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 55,006				74,383	\$ 74,		\$ 74,546	\$ 20,468	

### Stonelake Ranch Community Development District Debt Service Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Through Febuary 28, 2023

Description	(	October	No	ovember	D	ecember	January	F	ebruary	Total	tal Annual Budget	% of Budget
Revenue and Other Sources												
Carryforward												
Interest Account	\$	0	\$	15	\$	2	\$ 2	\$	3	\$ 22	\$ -	N/A
Revenue Account		371		461		434	496		840	2,601	-	N/A
Reserve Account		221		267		321	367		390	1,567	-	N/A
Prepayment Account		24		32		-	-		-	56	-	N/A
Sinking Fund Account		-		-		-	-		-	-	-	N/A
Deferred Cost Account		0		0		1	1		1	3	6,000	0%
Interest Income		-		-		-	-		-	-	50	0%
Special Assessment Revenue												
Special Assessments - On-Roll		1,547		54,477		69 <i>,</i> 948	8,464		8,323	142,760	188,180	76%
Special Assessments - Prepayments		-		-		-	-		-	-	-	N/A
Total Revenue and Other Sources:	\$	2,164	\$	55,252	\$	70,706	\$ 9,330	\$	9,557	\$ 147,009	\$ 194,230	76%
Expenditures and Other Uses												
Debt Service												
Principal Debt Service - Mandatory												
Series 2004 Bonds	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 95,000	0%
Stonelake Ranch LLC		143		-		-	-		-	143	6,000	2%
Principal Debt Service - Early Redemptions												
Series 2004 Bonds		-		15,000		-	-		-	15,000	-	N/A
Interest Expense												
Series 2004 Bonds		-		46,610		-	-		-	46,610	93,220	50%
Stonelake Ranch LLC		280		268		322	511		391	1,771	10	17709%
Total Expenditures and Other Uses:	\$	423	\$	61,878	\$	322	\$ 511	\$	391	\$ 63,524	\$ 194,230	33%
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Fund Balance		1,741		(6,626)		70,384	8,820		9,166	83,485	-	
Fund Balance - Beginning		326,001		327,742		321,116	391,500		400,320	326,001	335,814	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	327,742	\$	321,116	\$	391,500	\$ 400,320	\$	409,485	\$ 409,485	\$ 335,814	