SORRENTO PINES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

April 16, 2025

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

AGENDA LETTER

Sorrento Pines Community Development District OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

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April 9, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

Board of Supervisors Sorrento Pines Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Sorrento Pines Community Development District will hold a Special Meeting on April 16, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., at the Fruitland Park Library, 604 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731. The agenda is as follows:

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Board Transition
 - A. Acceptance of Resignations from Supervisor(s)
 - B. Appointment of Supervisor(s) to Vacant Seat(s)
 - Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Supervisors (the following will also be provided in a separate package)
 - I. Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing
 - Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions
 - II. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
 - III. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
 - IV. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers
 - C. Consideration of Resolution 2025-01, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date
- 4. Consideration of Resolution 2025-02, Approving Proposed Budget(s) for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; Declaring Special Assessments to Fund the Proposed Budget(s) Pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes; Setting Public Hearings; Addressing Publication; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

- Consideration of Resolution 2025-03, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Providing for an Effective Date
- 6. Presentation of Audited Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023, Prepared by Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
 - A. Consideration of Resolution 2025-04, Hereby Accepting the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023
- 7. Consideration of Resolution 2025-05, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date
- 8. Consideration of Resolution 2025-06, Designating a Date, Time, and Location for Landowners' Meeting; Providing for Publication, Providing for an Effective Date
- 9. Consideration of Resolution 2025-07, Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters of the District and Providing an Effective Date
- 10. Consideration of Resolution 2025-08, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date
- 11. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2025
- 12. Approval of June 26, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
- 13. Staff Reports

A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP

B. District Engineer: Poulos & Bennett, LLC

C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD

QUORUM CHECK

SEAT 1		In Person	PHONE	No
SEAT 2		In Person	PHONE	No
SEAT 3		In Person	PHONE	☐ No
SEAT 4		In Person	PHONE	No
SEAT 5		In Person	PHONE	☐ No

14. Board Members' Comments/Requests

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- 15. **Public Comments**
- 16. Adjournment

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

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PARTICIPANT PASSCODF: 782 134 6157 (904) 295-5714.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Torres District Manager

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SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors

From: District Counsel

Date: January 1, 2024

Subject: Ethics Training Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Board Supervisors of Florida Community Development Districts will be required to complete four (4) hours of Ethics training each year. The four (4) hours must be allocated to the following categories: two (2) hours of Ethics Law, one (1) hour of Sunshine Law, and one (1) hour of Public Records law.

This training may be completed online, and the four (4) hours do not have to be completed all at once. The Florida Commission on Ethics ("COE") has compiled a list of resources for this training. An overview of the resources are described below, and links to the resources are included in this memo.

Each year when Supervisors complete the required financial disclosure form (Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests), Supervisors must mark a box confirming that he or she has completed the Ethics training requirements. At this time, there is no requirement to submit a certificate; however, the COE advises that Supervisors keep a record of all trainings completed (including date and time of completion), in the event Supervisors are ever asked to provide proof of completion. The training is a calendar year requirement and corresponds to the form year. So, Supervisors will not report their 2024 training until they fill out their Form 1 for the 2025 year.

Free Training Options

The Florida Commission on Ethics' ("COE") website has several free online resources and links to resources that Supervisors can access to complete the training requirements. Navigate to that page here: Florida Commission on Ethics Training. Please note that the COE only provides free training for the two (2) hour Ethics portion of the annual training. However, the COE does provide links to free outside resources to complete the Sunshine and Public Records portion of the training. These links are included in this memorandum below for your ease of reference.

¹ https://ethics.state.fl.us/Training/Training.aspx

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Free Ethics Law Training

The COE provides several videos for Ethics training, none of which are exactly two (2) hours in length. Please ensure you complete 120 minutes of Ethics training when choosing a combination of the below.

State Ethics Laws for Constitutional Officers & Elected Municipal Officers (100 minutes)

Click here: Kinetic Ethics

Business and Employment Conflicts and Post-Public-Service (56 minutes) Restriction

Click here: Business and Employment Conflicts

Gifts (50 minutes)

Click here: Ethics Laws Governing Acceptance of Gifts

Voting Conflicts - Local Officers (58 minutes)¹

Click here: Voting Vertigo

Free Sunshine/Public Records Law Training

The Office of the Attorney General provides a two (2) hour online training course (audio only) that meets the requirements of the Sunshine Law and Public Records Law portion of Supervisors' annual training.

Click here to access: Public Meeting and Public Records Law

Other Training Options

4- Hour Course

Some courses will provide a certificate upon completion (not required), like the one found from the Florida State University, Florida Institute of Government, linked here: <u>4-Hour Ethics Course</u>. This course meets all the ethics training requirements for the year, including Sunshine Law and Public Records training. This course is currently \$79.00

CLE Course

The COE's website includes a link to the Florida Bar's Continuing Legal Education online tutorial which also meets all the Ethics training requirements. However, this is a CLE course designed more specifically for attorneys. The 5 hours 18 minutes' long course exceeds the 4-hour requirement and its cost is significantly higher than the 4-Hour Ethics course provided by the Florida State University. The course is currently \$325.00. To access this course, click here: Sunshine Law, Public Records and Ethics for Public Officers and Public Employees.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

General Information

Name: DISCLOSURE FILER

Address: SAMPLE ADDRESS PID SAMPLE

County: SAMPLE COUNTY

AGENCY INFORMATION

Organization Suborganization Title

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Disclosure Period

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Primary Sources of Income

PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (Over \$2,500) (Major sources of income to the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "nane" or "n/a")

Name of Source of Income

Source's Address

Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity

Secondary Sources of Income

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME (Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Business Entity	Name of Major Sources of Business' Income	Address of Source	Principal Business Activity of Source

Real Property

REAL PROPERTY (Land, buildings owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Location/D	escription
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Intangible Personal Property

INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY (Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. over \$10,000) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Type of Intangible	Business Entity to Which the Property Relates

Liabilities

LIABILITIES (Major debts valued over \$10,000): (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor	

Interests in Specified Businesses

INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Business Entity # 1

Training

Based on the office or position you hold, the certification of training required under Section 112.3142, F.S., is not applicable to you for this form year.

Signature of Filer	
Digitally signed:	
Filed with COE:	
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2023 Form 1 Instructions Statement of Financial Interests

Notice

The annual Statement of Financial Interest is due July 1, 2024. If the annual form is not submitted via the electronic filing system created and maintained by the Commission September 3, 2024, an automatic fine of \$25 for each day late will be imposed, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. Failure to file also can result in removal from public office or employment. [s. 112.3145, F.S.]

In addition, failure to make any required disclosure constitutes grounds for and may be punished by one or more of the following: disqualification from being on the ballot, impeachment, removal or suspension from office or employment, demotion, reduction in salary, reprimand, or a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000. [s. 112.317, F.S.]

When To File:

Initially, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file **within 30 days** of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.

Candidates must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

Thereafter, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

Finally, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2023.

Who Must File Form 1

- 1. Elected public officials not serving in a political subdivision of the state and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.
- 2. Appointed members of each board, commission, authority, or council having statewide jurisdiction, excluding those required to file full disclosure on Form 6 as well as members of solely advisory bodies, but including judicial nominating commission members; Directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and Career Source Florida; and members of the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; the Executive Director, Governors, and senior managers of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; Governors and senior managers of Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association; board members of the Northeast Fla. Regional Transportation Commission; board members of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc; board members of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.
- 3. The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, the local Boards of Trustees and Presidents of state universities, and the Florida Prepaid College Board.
- 4. Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file Form 6.
- 5. Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; community college or junior college district boards of trustees; boards having the power to enforce local code provisions; boards of adjustment; community redevelopment agencies; planning or zoning boards having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within a political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, and except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; pension or retirement boards empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or determine entitlement to or amount of pensions or other retirement benefits, and the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.
- 6. Any appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.
- 7. Persons holding any of these positions in local government: county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$35,000 for the local governmental unit.

- 8. Officers and employees of entities serving as chief administrative officer of a political subdivision.
- 9. Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.
- 10. Employees in the office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.
- 11. The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: Secretary, Assistant or Deputy Secretary, Executive Director, Assistant or Deputy Executive Director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
- 12. The following positions in each state department or division: Director, Assistant or Deputy Director, Bureau Chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
- 13. Assistant State Attorneys, Assistant Public Defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, Public Counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.
- 14. The Superintendent or Director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.
- 15. State agency Business Managers, Finance and Accounting Directors, Personnel Officers, Grant Coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.
- 16. The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.
- 17. Each member of the governing body of a "large-hub commercial service airport," as defined in Section 112.3144(1)(c),
 Florida Statutes, except for members required to comply with the financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Article II of the State Constitution.

ATTACHMENTS: A filer may include and submit attachments or other supporting documentation when filing disclosure.

PUBLIC RECORD: The disclosure form is a public record and is required by law to be posted to the Commission's website. Your Social Security number, bank account, debit, charge, and credit card numbers, mortgage or brokerage account numbers, personal identification numbers, or taxpayer identification numbers are not required and should not be included. If such information is included in the filing, it may be made available for public inspection and copying unless redaction is required by the filer, without any liability to the Commission. If you are an active or former officer or employee listed in Section 119.071, F.S., whose home address or other information is exempt from disclosure, the Commission will maintain that confidentiality if you submit a written and notarized request.

QUESTIONS about this form or the ethics laws may be addressed to the Commission on Ethics, Post Office Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303; telephone (850) 488-7864.

Instructions for Completing Form 1

Primary Sources of Income

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)1, F.S.]

This section is intended to require the disclosure of your principal sources of income during the disclosure period. <u>You do not have to disclose any public salary or public position(s)</u>. The income of your spouse need not be disclosed; however, if there is joint income to you and your spouse from property you own jointly (such as interest or dividends from a bank account or stocks), you should disclose the source of that income if it exceeded the threshold.

Please list in this part of the form the name, address, and principal business activity of each source of your income which exceeded \$2,500 of gross income received by you in your own name or by any other person for your use or benefit.

"Gross income" means the same as it does for income tax purposes, even if the income is not actually taxable, such as interest on tax-free bonds. Examples include: compensation for services, income from business, gains from property dealings, interest, rents, dividends, pensions, IRA distributions, social security, distributive share of partnership gross income, and alimony if considered gross income under federal law, but not child support.

Examples:

- If you were employed by a company that manufactures computers and received more than \$2,500, list the name of the company, its address, and its principal business activity (computer manufacturing).
- If you were a partner in a law firm and your distributive share of partnership gross income exceeded \$2,500, list the name of the firm, its address, and its principal business activity (practice of law).
- If you were the sole proprietor of a retail gift business and your gross income from the business exceeded \$2,500, list the name of the business, its address, and its principal business activity (retail gift sales).
- If you received income from investments in stocks and bonds, list <u>each individual company</u> from which you derived more than \$2,500. Do not aggregate all of your investment income.

- If more than \$2,500 of your gross income was gain from the sale of property (not just the selling price), list as a
 source of income the purchaser's name, address and principal business activity. If the purchaser's identity is
 unknown, such as where securities listed on an exchange are sold through a brokerage firm, the source of income
 should be listed as "sale of (name of company) stock," for example.
- If more than \$2,500 of your gross income was in the form of interest from one particular financial institution
 (aggregating interest from all CD's, accounts, etc., at that institution), list the name of the institution, its address, and
 its principal business activity.

Secondary Sources of Income

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)2, F.S.]

This part is intended to require the disclosure of major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses in which you own an interest. It is not for reporting income from second jobs. That kind of income should be reported in "Primary Sources of Income," if it meets the reporting threshold. You will not have anything to report unless, during the disclosure period:

- You owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) more than 5% of the total
 assets or capital stock of a business entity (a corporation, partnership, LLC, limited partnership, proprietorship, joint
 venture, trust, firm, etc., doing business in Florida); and,
- 2. You received more than \$5,000 of your gross income during the disclosure period from that business entity.

If your interests and gross income exceeded these thresholds, then for that business entity you must list every source of income to the business entity which exceeded 10% of the business entity's gross income (computed on the basis of the business entity's most recently completed fiscal year), the source's address, and the source's principal business activity.

Examples:

- You are the sole proprietor of a dry cleaning business, from which you received more than \$5,000. If only one
 customer, a uniform rental company, provided more than 10% of your dry cleaning business, you must list the name of
 the uniform rental company, its address, and its principal business activity (uniform rentals).
- You are a 20% partner in a partnership that owns a shopping mall and your partnership income exceeded the above thresholds. List each tenant of the mall that provided more than 10% of the partnership's gross income and the tenant's address and principal business activity.

Real Property

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)3, F.S.]

In this part, list the location or description of all real property in Florida in which you owned directly or indirectly at any time during the disclosure period in excess of 5% of the property's value. You are not required to list your residences. You should list any vacation homes if you derive income from them.

Indirect ownership includes situations where you are a beneficiary of a trust that owns the property, as well as situations where you own more than 5% of a partnership or corporation that owns the property. The value of the property may be determined by the most recently assessed value for tax purposes, in the absence of a more accurate fair market value.

The location or description of the property should be sufficient to enable anyone who looks at the form to identify the property. A street address should be used, if one exists.

Intangible Personal Property

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)3, F.S.]

Describe any intangible personal property that, at any time during the disclosure period, was worth more than \$10,000 and state the business entity to which the property related. Intangible personal property includes things such as cash on hand, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, vehicle leases, interests in businesses, beneficial interests in trusts, money owed you (including, but not limited to, loans made as a candidate to your own campaign), Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) accounts, the Florida Prepaid College Plan, and bank accounts in which you have an ownership interest. Intangible personal property also includes investment products held in IRAs, brokerage accounts, and the Florida College Investment Plan. Note that the product contained in a brokerage account, IRA, or the Florida College Investment Plan is your asset—not the account or plan itself. Things like automobiles and houses you own, jewelry, and paintings are not intangible property. Intangibles relating to the same business entity may be aggregated; for example, CDs and savings accounts with the same bank. Property owned as tenants by the entirety or as joint tenants with right of survivorship, including bank accounts owned in such a manner, should be valued at 100%. The value of a leased vehicle is the vehicle's present value minus the lease residual (a number found on the lease document).

Liabilities

List the name and address of each creditor to whom you owed more than \$10,000 at any time during the disclosure period. The amount of the liability of a vehicle lease is the sum of any past-due payments and all unpaid prospective lease payments. You are not required to list the amount of any debt. You do not have to disclose credit card and retail installment accounts, taxes owed (unless reduced to a judgment), indebtedness on a life insurance policy owed to the company of issuance, or contingent liabilities. A "contingent liability" is one that will become an actual liability only when one or more future events occur or fail to occur, such as where you are liable only as a guarantor, surety, or endorser on a promissory note. If you are a "co-maker" and are jointly liable or jointly and severally liable, then it is not a contingent liability.

Interests in Specified Businesses

[Required by s. 112.3145(7), F.S.]

The types of businesses covered in this disclosure include: state and federally chartered banks; state and federal savings and loan associations; cemetery companies; insurance companies; mortgage companies; credit unions; small loan companies; alcoholic beverage licensees; pari-mutuel wagering companies, utility companies, entities controlled by the Public Service Commission; and entities granted a franchise to operate by either a city or a county government.

Disclose in this part the fact that you owned during the disclosure period an interest in, or held any of certain positions with the types of businesses listed above. You must make this disclosure if you own or owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) at any time during the disclosure period more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of one of the types of business entities listed above. You also must complete this part of the form for each of these types of businesses for which you are, or were at any time during the disclosure period, an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or agent (other than a resident agent solely for service of process).

If you have or held such a position or ownership interest in one of these types of businesses, list the name of the business, its address and principal business activity, and the position held with the business (if any). If you own(ed) more than a 5% interest in the business, indicate that fact and describe the nature of your interest.

Training Certification

[Required by s. 112.3142, F.S.]

If you are a Constitutional or elected municipal officer appointed school superintendent, a commissioner of a community redevelopment agency created under Part III, Chapter 163, or an elected local officers of independent special districts, including any person appointed to fill a vacancy on an elected special district board, whose service began on or before March 31 of the year for which you are filing, you are required to complete four hours of ethics training which addresses Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and open meetings laws of the state. You are required to certify on this form that you have taken such training.

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEMBERSHIP, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A Community Development District ("District") is a special-purpose unit of local government which is established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

The Board

The Community Development District ("District") is governed by a five (5)-member Board of Supervisors ("Board"). Member of the Board "Supervisor(s)") are elected in accordance with Section 190.006, F.S., either upon a one (1)-vote per one (1)-acre basis ("landowner voting") or through traditional elections ("resident voting"), depending upon the number of registered voters in the District and the length of time which has passed since the establishment of the District.

A CDD Board typically meets once per month, but may meet more often if necessary. Board meetings typically last from one (1) to three (3) hours, depending upon the business to be conducted by the Board. Prior to the meeting, each Supervisor is supplied with an agenda package which will contain the documents pertaining to the business to be considered by the Board at a particular meeting. A Supervisor should be willing to spend time reviewing these packages prior to each meeting, and may consult with District Staff (General Counsel, Management, Engineering, etc.) concerning the business to be addressed.

Qualifications of Supervisors

Each Supervisor must be a resident of the state of Florida and a citizen of the United States. Once a District has transitioned to resident voting, Supervisors must also be residents of the District.

Compensation

By statute, Board Members are entitled to be paid \$200 per meeting for their service, up to an annual cap of \$4,800 per year. To achieve the statutory cap, the District would have to meet twice each month, which is rare.

Sometimes Supervisors who are employees of the primary landowner waive their right to compensation, although this is not always the case.

Responsibilities of Supervisors

The position of Supervisor is that of an elected local public official. It is important to always remember that serving as an elected public official of a District carries with it certain restrictions and obligations. Each Supervisor, upon taking office, must subscribe to an oath of office acknowledging that he/she is a public officer, and as a recipient of public funds, a supporter of the constitutions of the State of Florida and of the United States of America.

Each Supervisor is subject to the same financial disclosure requirements as any other local elected official and must file a Statement of Financial Interests disclosing

sources of income, assets, debts, and other financial data, with the Supervisor of Elections in the County where he/she resides.

A Supervisor must act in accordance with the <u>Code of Ethics</u> for Public Officers and Employees, codified at Part III, Chapter 112, F.S., which addresses acceptance of gifts, conflicts of interest, etc. By law, it is not a conflict of interest for an employee of the developer to serve on a CDD Board of Supervisors.

Since a District is a unit of local government, the <u>Sunshine Law</u> (Chapter 286, F.S.) applies to Districts and to the Supervisors who govern them. In brief, the Sunshine Law states that two(2) or more Supervisors may never meet outside of a publicly noticed meeting of the Board <u>and/to</u> discuss District business.

Florida's <u>Public Records Law</u> (Chapter 119, F.S.) also applies to Districts and Supervisors. All records of the District, and the records of each individual Supervisor <u>relating</u> to the District, are public records. As such, any member of the public may inspect them upon request. Supervisors are therefore urged to keep any District records or documents in a separate file to allow ease of access by the public or press.

Conclusion

The position of Supervisor of a Community Development District is an important one, requiring both the time and the dedication to fulfill the responsibilities of a position of public trust. It should not be undertaken lightly. Each new Supervisor should enter office fully cognizant of the ethical, legal, and time requirements which are incumbent upon those who serve as Supervisors.

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS



GUIDE
to the
SUNSHINE AMENDMENT
and
CODE of ETHICS
for Public Officers and Employees

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I. HISTORY OF FLORIDA'S ETHICS LAWS

Florida has been a leader among the states in establishing ethics standards for public officials and recognizing the right of citizens to protect the public trust against abuse. Our state Constitution was revised in 1968 to require a code of ethics, prescribed by law, for all state employees and non-judicial officers prohibiting conflict between public duty and private interests.

Florida's first successful constitutional initiative resulted in the adoption of the Sunshine Amendment in 1976, providing additional constitutional guarantees concerning ethics in government. In the area of enforcement, the Sunshine Amendment requires that there be an independent commission (the Commission on Ethics) to investigate complaints concerning breaches of public trust by public officers and employees other than judges.

The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees is found in Chapter 112 (Part III) of the Florida Statutes. Foremost among the goals of the Code is to promote the public interest and maintain the respect of the people for their government. The Code is also intended to ensure that public officials conduct themselves independently and impartially, not using their offices for private gain other than compensation provided by law. While seeking to protect the integrity of government, the Code also seeks to avoid the creation of unnecessary barriers to public service.

Criminal penalties, which initially applied to violations of the Code, were eliminated in 1974 in favor of administrative enforcement. The Legislature created the Commission on Ethics that year "to serve as guardian of the standards of conduct" for public officials, state and local. Five of the Commission's nine members are appointed by the Governor, and two each are appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives. No more than five Commission members may be members of the same political party, and none may be lobbyists, or hold any public employment during their two-year terms of office. A chair is selected from among the members to serve a one-year term and may not succeed himself or herself.

II. ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In addition to its constitutional duties regarding the investigation of complaints, the Commission:

- Renders advisory opinions to public officials;
- Prescribes forms for public disclosure;
- Prepares mailing lists of public officials subject to financial disclosure for use in distributing forms and notifying delinquent filers;
- Makes recommendations to disciplinary officials when appropriate for violations of ethics and disclosure laws, since it does not impose penalties;
- Administers the Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Law;
- Maintains financial disclosure filings of constitutional officers and state officers and employees; and,
- Administers automatic fines for public officers and employees who fail to timely file required annual financial disclosure.

III. THE ETHICS LAWS

The ethics laws generally consist of two types of provisions, those prohibiting certain actions or conduct and those requiring that certain disclosures be made to the public. The following descriptions of these laws have been simplified in an effort to provide notice of their requirements. Therefore, we suggest that you also review the wording of the actual law. Citations to the appropriate laws are in brackets.

The laws summarized below apply generally to all public officers and employees, state and local, including members of advisory bodies. The principal exception to this broad coverage is the exclusion of judges, as they fall within the jurisdiction of the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Public Service Commission (PSC) members and employees, as well as members of the PSC Nominating Council, are subject to additional ethics standards that are enforced by the Commission

on Ethics under Chapter 350, Florida Statutes. Further, members of the governing boards of charter schools are subject to some of the provisions of the Code of Ethics [Sec. 1002.33(26), Fla. Stat.], as are the officers, directors, chief executive officers and some employees of business entities that serve as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.].

A. PROHIBITED ACTIONS OR CONDUCT

1. Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts

Public officers, employees, local government attorneys, and candidates are prohibited from soliciting or accepting anything of value, such as a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, that is based on an understanding that their vote, official action, or judgment would be influenced by such gift. [Sec. 112.313(2), Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file financial disclosure FORM 1 or FORM 6 (see Part III F of this brochure), and state procurement employees, are prohibited from **soliciting** any gift from a political committee, lobbyist who has lobbied the official or his or her agency within the past 12 months, or the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist or from a vendor doing business with the official's agency. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and state procurement employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly **accepting** a gift worth more than \$100 from such a lobbyist, from a partner, firm, employer, or principal of the lobbyist, or from a political committee or vendor doing business with their agency. [Sec.112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any expenditure made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Typically, this would include gifts valued at less than \$100 that formerly were permitted under Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of

the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

Also, persons required to file Form 1 or Form 6, and state procurement employees and members of their immediate families, are prohibited from accepting any gift from a political committee. [Sec. 112.31485, Fla. Stat.]

2. Unauthorized Compensation

Public officers or employees, local government attorneys, and their spouses and minor children are prohibited from accepting any compensation, payment, or thing of value when they know, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, that it is given to influence a vote or other official action. [Sec. 112.313(4), Fla. Stat.]

3. Misuse of Public Position

Public officers and employees, and local government attorneys are prohibited from corruptly using or attempting to use their official positions or the resources thereof to obtain a special privilege or benefit for themselves or others. [Sec. 112.313(6), Fla. Stat.]

4. Abuse of Public Position

Public officers and employees are prohibited from abusing their public positions in order to obtain a disproportionate benefit for themselves or certain others. [Article II, Section 8(h), Florida Constitution.]

5. Disclosure or Use of Certain Information

Public officers and employees and local government attorneys are prohibited from disclosing or using information not available to the public and obtained by reason of their public position, for the personal benefit of themselves or others. [Sec. 112.313(8), Fla. Stat.]

6. Solicitation or Acceptance of Honoraria

Persons required to file financial disclosure FORM 1 or FORM 6 (see Part III F of this brochure), and state procurement employees, are prohibited from **soliciting** honoraria related to their public offices or duties. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and state procurement employees, are prohibited from knowingly **accepting** an honorarium from a political committee, lobbyist who has lobbied the person's agency within the past 12 months, or the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist, or from a vendor doing business with the official's agency. However, they may accept the payment of expenses related to an honorarium event from such individuals or entities, provided that the expenses are disclosed. See Part III F of this brochure. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

Lobbyists and their partners, firms, employers, and principals, as well as political committees and vendors, are prohibited from **giving** an honorarium to persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6 and to state procurement employees. Violations of this law may result in fines of up to \$5,000 and prohibitions against lobbying for up to two years. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch or legislative lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any expenditure made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] This may include honorarium event related expenses that formerly were permitted under Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

B. PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

1. Doing Business With One's Agency

a) A public employee acting as a purchasing agent, or public officer acting in an official capacity, is prohibited from purchasing, renting, or leasing any realty, goods, or

- services for his or her agency from a business entity in which the officer or employee or his or her spouse or child owns more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]
- b) A public officer or employee, acting in a private capacity, also is prohibited from renting, leasing, or selling any realty, goods, or services to his or her own agency if the officer or employee is a state officer or employee, or, if he or she is an officer or employee of a political subdivision, to that subdivision or any of its agencies. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]

2. Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship

- a) A public officer or employee is prohibited from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]
- b) A public officer or employee also is prohibited from holding any employment or having a contractual relationship which will pose a frequently recurring conflict between the official's private interests and public duties or which will impede the full and faithful discharge of the official's public duties. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]
- c) Limited exceptions to this prohibition have been created in the law for legislative bodies, certain special tax districts, drainage districts, and persons whose professions or occupations qualify them to hold their public positions. [Sec. 112.313(7)(a) and (b), Fla. Stat.]
- 3. Exemptions—Pursuant to Sec. 112.313(12), Fla. Stat., the prohibitions against doing business with one's agency and having conflicting employment may not apply:
 - a) When the business is rotated among all qualified suppliers in a city or county.
 - b) When the business is awarded by sealed, competitive bidding and neither the official nor his or her spouse or child have attempted to persuade agency personnel to enter

the contract. NOTE: Disclosure of the interest of the official, spouse, or child and the nature of the business must be filed prior to or at the time of submission of the bid on Commission FORM 3A with the Commission on Ethics or Supervisor of Elections, depending on whether the official serves at the state or local level.

- c) When the purchase or sale is for legal advertising, utilities service, or for passage on a common carrier.
- d) When an emergency purchase must be made to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.
- e) When the business entity is the only source of supply within the political subdivision and there is full disclosure of the official's interest to the governing body on Commission FORM 4A.
- f) When the aggregate of any such transactions does not exceed \$500 in a calendar year.
- g) When the business transacted is the deposit of agency funds in a bank of which a county, city, or district official is an officer, director, or stockholder, so long as agency records show that the governing body has determined that the member did not favor his or her bank over other qualified banks.
- h) When the prohibitions are waived in the case of ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS by the appointing person or by a two-thirds vote of the appointing body (after disclosure on Commission FORM 4A).
- i) When the public officer or employee purchases in a private capacity goods or services, at a price and upon terms available to similarly situated members of the general public, from a business entity which is doing business with his or her agency.
- j) When the public officer or employee in a private capacity purchases goods or services from a business entity which is subject to the regulation of his or her agency where the price and terms of the transaction are available to similarly situated members of

the general public and the officer or employee makes full disclosure of the relationship to the agency head or governing body prior to the transaction.

4. Additional Exemptions

No elected public officer is in violation of the conflicting employment prohibition when employed by a tax exempt organization contracting with his or her agency so long as the officer is not directly or indirectly compensated as a result of the contract, does not participate in any way in the decision to enter into the contract, abstains from voting on any matter involving the employer, and makes certain disclosures. [Sec. 112.313(15), Fla. Stat.]

5. Legislators Lobbying State Agencies

A member of the Legislature is prohibited from representing another person or entity for compensation during his or her term of office before any state agency other than judicial tribunals. [Art. II, Sec. 8(e), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.]

6. Additional Lobbying Restrictions for Certain Public Officers and Employees

A statewide elected officer; a member of the legislature; a county commissioner; a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter; a school board member; a superintendent of schools; an elected municipal officer; an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority; or a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the federal government, the legislature, any state government body or agency, or any political subdivision of this state, during his or her term of office. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(2), Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

7. Employees Holding Office

A public employee is prohibited from being a member of the governing body which serves as his or her employer. [Sec. 112.313(10), Fla. Stat.]

8. Professional and Occupational Licensing Board Members

An officer, director, or administrator of a state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association, while holding such position, may not serve as a member of a state examining or licensing board for the profession or occupation. [Sec. 112.313(11), Fla. Stat.]

9. Contractual Services: Prohibited Employment

A state employee of the executive or judicial branch who participates in the decision-making process involving a purchase request, who influences the content of any specification or procurement standard, or who renders advice, investigation, or auditing, regarding his or her agency's contract for services, is prohibited from being employed with a person holding such a contract with his or her agency. [Sec. 112.3185(2), Fla. Stat.]

10. Local Government Attorneys

Local government attorneys, such as the city attorney or county attorney, and their law firms are prohibited from representing private individuals and entities before the unit of local government which they serve. A local government attorney cannot recommend or otherwise refer to his or her firm legal work involving the local government unit unless the attorney's contract authorizes or mandates the use of that firm. [Sec. 112.313(16), Fla. Stat.]

11. Dual Public Employment

Candidates and elected officers are prohibited from accepting public employment if they know or should know it is being offered for the purpose of influence. Further, public employment may not be accepted unless the position was already in existence or was created without the anticipation of the official's interest, was publicly advertised, and the officer had to meet the same qualifications and go through the same hiring process as other applicants. For elected public officers already holding public employment, no promotion given for the purpose of influence may be accepted, nor may promotions that are inconsistent with those given other similarly situated employees. [Sec. 112.3125, Fla. Stat.]

C. RESTRICTIONS ON APPOINTING, EMPLOYING, AND CONTRACTING WITH RELATIVES

1. Anti-Nepotism Law

A public official is prohibited from seeking for a relative any appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement in the agency in which he or she is serving or over which the official exercises jurisdiction or control. No person may be appointed, employed, promoted, or advanced in or to a position in an agency if such action has been advocated by a related public official who is serving in or exercising jurisdiction or control over the agency; this includes relatives of members of collegial government bodies. NOTE: This prohibition does not apply to school districts (except as provided in Sec. 1012.23, Fla. Stat.), community colleges and state universities, or to appointments of boards, other than those with land-planning or zoning responsibilities, in municipalities of fewer than 35,000 residents. Also, the approval of budgets does not constitute "jurisdiction or control" for the purposes of this prohibition. This provision does not apply to volunteer emergency medical, firefighting, or police service providers. [Sec. 112.3135, Fla. Stat.]

2. Additional Restrictions

A state employee of the executive or judicial branch or the PSC is prohibited from directly or indirectly procuring contractual services for his or her agency from a business entity of which a relative is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor, or in which the employee, or his or her spouse, or children own more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.3185(6), Fla. Stat.]

D. POST OFFICE HOLDING AND EMPLOYMENT (REVOLVING DOOR) RESTRICTIONS

1. Lobbying by Former Legislators, Statewide Elected Officers, and Appointed State Officers

A member of the Legislature or a statewide elected or appointed state official is prohibited for two years following vacation of office from representing another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which the individual was an officer or member. Former members of the Legislature are also prohibited for two years from lobbying the executive branch. [Art. II, Sec. 8(e), Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.]

2. Lobbying by Former State Employees

Certain employees of the executive and legislative branches of state government are prohibited from personally representing another person or entity for compensation before the agency with which they were employed for a period of two years after leaving their positions, unless employed by another agency of state government. [Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.] These employees include the following:

- a) Executive and legislative branch employees serving in the Senior Management Service and Selected Exempt Service, as well as any person employed by the Department of the Lottery having authority over policy or procurement.
- b) serving in the following position classifications: the Auditor General; the director of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA); the Sergeant at Arms and Secretary of the Senate; the Sergeant at Arms and Clerk of the House of Representatives; the executive director and deputy executive director of the Commission on Ethics; an executive director, staff director, or deputy staff director of each joint committee, standing committee, or select committee of the Legislature; an executive director, staff director, executive assistant, legislative analyst, or attorney serving in the Office of the President of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Party Office, the Senate Minority Party Office, the House Majority Party Office, or the House Minority Party Office; the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the State University System; the general counsel to the Board of Regents; the president, vice presidents, and deans of each state university; any person hired on a contractual basis and having the power normally conferred upon such persons, by whatever title; and any person having the power normally conferred upon the above positions.

This prohibition does not apply to a person who was employed by the Legislature or other agency prior to July 1, 1989; who was a defined employee of the State University System or the Public Service Commission who held such employment on December 31, 1994; or who reached normal retirement age and retired by July 1, 1991. It does apply to OPS employees.

PENALTIES: Persons found in violation of this section are subject to the penalties contained in the Code (see PENALTIES, Part V) as well as a civil penalty in an amount equal to the compensation which the person received for the prohibited conduct. [Sec. 112.313(9)(a)5, Fla. Stat.]

3. 6-Year Lobbying Ban

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a statewide elected officer or member of the legislature shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislature or any state government body or agency. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)a., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislature, the governor, the executive office of the governor, members of the cabinet, a department that is headed by a member of the cabinet, or his or her former department. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)b., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, or an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before his or her former agency or governing body. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)c., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

4. Additional Restrictions on Former State Employees

A former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee is prohibited from having employment or a contractual relationship, at any time after retirement or termination of employment, with any business entity (other than a public agency) in connection with a contract in which the employee participated personally and substantially by recommendation or decision while a public employee. [Sec. 112.3185(3), Fla. Stat.]

A former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee who has retired or terminated employment is prohibited from having any employment or contractual relationship for two years with any business entity (other than a public agency) in connection with a contract for services which was within his or her responsibility while serving as a state employee. [Sec.112.3185(4), Fla. Stat.]

Unless waived by the agency head, a former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee may not be paid more for contractual services provided by him or her to the former agency during the first year after leaving the agency than his or her annual salary before leaving. [Sec. 112.3185(5), Fla. Stat.]

These prohibitions do not apply to PSC employees who were so employed on or before Dec. 31, 1994.

5. Lobbying by Former Local Government Officers and Employees

A person elected to county, municipal, school district, or special district office is prohibited from representing another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which he or she was an officer for two years after leaving office. Appointed officers and employees of counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts may be subject to a similar restriction by local ordinance or resolution. [Sec. 112.313(13) and (14), Fla. Stat.]

E. VOTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

State public officers are prohibited from voting in an official capacity on any measure which they know would inure to their own special private gain or loss. A state public officer who abstains, or who votes on a measure which the officer knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate, must make every reasonable effort to file a memorandum of voting conflict with the recording secretary in advance of the vote. If that is not possible, it must be filed within 15 days after the vote occurs. The memorandum must disclose the nature of the officer's interest in the matter.

No county, municipal, or other local public officer shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss, or which the officer knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate. The officer must publicly announce the nature of his or her interest before the vote and must file a memorandum of voting conflict on Commission Form 8B with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days after the vote occurs disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter. However, members of community redevelopment agencies and district officers elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not required to abstain when voting in that capacity.

No appointed state or local officer shall participate in any matter which would inure to the officer's special private gain or loss, the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate, without first disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter. The memorandum of voting conflict (Commission Form 8A or 8B) must be filed with the meeting's recording officer, be provided to the other members of the agency, and be read publicly at the next meeting.

If the conflict is unknown or not disclosed prior to the meeting, the appointed official must orally disclose the conflict at the meeting when the conflict becomes known. Also, a written memorandum of voting conflict must be filed with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days of the disclosure being made and must be provided to the other members of the agency, with the disclosure being read publicly at the next scheduled meeting. [Sec. 112.3143, Fla. Stat.]

F. DISCLOSURES

Conflicts of interest may occur when public officials are in a position to make decisions that affect their personal financial interests. This is why public officers and employees, as well as candidates who run for public office, are required to publicly disclose their financial interests. The disclosure process serves to remind officials of their obligation to put the public interest above personal considerations. It also helps citizens to monitor the considerations of those who spend their tax dollars and participate in public policy decisions or administration.

All public officials and candidates do not file the same degree of disclosure; nor do they all file at the same time or place. Thus, care must be taken to determine which disclosure forms a particular official or candidate is required to file.

The following forms are described below to set forth the requirements of the various disclosures and the steps for correctly providing the information in a timely manner.

1. FORM 1 - Limited Financial Disclosure

Who Must File:

Persons required to file FORM 1 include all state officers, local officers, candidates for local elective office, and specified state employees as defined below (other than those officers who are required by law to file FORM 6).

STATE OFFICERS include:

- Elected public officials not serving in a political subdivision of the state and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form
 6.
- 2) Appointed members of each board, commission, authority, or council having statewide jurisdiction, excluding members of solely advisory bodies; but including judicial nominating commission members; directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and CareerSource Florida, and members of the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; the Executive Director, governors, and senior managers of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; governors and senior managers of Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association, board members of the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission, and members of the board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; members of the board of Florida is

for Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.

3) The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, local boards of trustees and presidents of state universities, and members of the Florida Prepaid College Board.

LOCAL OFFICERS include:

- 1) Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.
- 2) Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of any county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; a community college or junior college district board of trustees; a board having the power to enforce local code provisions; a planning or zoning board, board of adjustments or appeals, community redevelopment agency board, or other board having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within the political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; a pension board or retirement board empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or to determine entitlement to or amount of a pension or other retirement benefit.
- 3) Any other appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.
- 4) Persons holding any of these positions in local government: county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other

political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$35,000 for the local governmental unit.

- 5) Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.
- 6) The officers, directors, and chief executive officer of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity that is serving as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision, and any business entity employee who is acting as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of the political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.]

SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE includes:

- 1) Employees in the Office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.
- 2) The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: secretary or state surgeon general, assistant or deputy secretary, executive director, assistant or deputy executive director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
- 3) The following positions in each state department or division: director, assistant or deputy director, bureau chief, assistant bureau chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

- 4) Assistant state attorneys, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, public counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.
- 5) The superintendent or director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.
- 6) State agency business managers, finance and accounting directors, personnel officers, grant coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.
- 7) The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.

What Must Be Disclosed:

FORM 1 requirements are set forth fully on the form. In general, this includes the reporting person's sources and types of financial interests, such as the names of employers and addresses of real property holdings. NO DOLLAR VALUES ARE REQUIRED TO BE LISTED. In addition, the form requires the disclosure of certain relationships with, and ownership interests in, specified types of businesses such as banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, and utility companies.

When to File:

CANDIDATES for elected local office must file FORM 1 or a verification of filing in EFDMS together with and at the same time they file their qualifying papers. Candidates for City Council or Mayor must file a Form 6 or a verification of filing in EFDMS.¹

¹ During the pendency of ongoing litigation, the Commission on Ethics is enjoined from enforcing the Form 6 requirement for mayors and elected members of municipal governing bodies, and they will have to file a CE Form 1 ("Statement of Financial Interest").

STATE and LOCAL OFFICERS and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES are required to file disclosure by July 1 of each year. They also must file within thirty days from the date of appointment or the beginning of employment. Those appointees requiring Senate confirmation must file prior to confirmation.

Where to File:

File with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Form 1 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable by name or organization on the Commission's website.

2. FORM 1F - Final Form 1 Limited Financial Disclosure

FORM 1F is the disclosure form required to be filed within 60 days after a public officer or employee required to file FORM 1 leaves his or her public position. The form covers the disclosure period between January 1 and the last day of office or employment within that year.

3. FORM 2 - Quarterly Client Disclosure

The state officers, local officers, and specified state employees listed above, as well as elected constitutional officers, must file a FORM 2 if they or a partner or associate of their professional firm represent a client for compensation before an agency at their level of government.

A FORM 2 disclosure includes the names of clients represented by the reporting person or by any partner or associate of his or her professional firm for a fee or commission before agencies at the reporting person's level of government. Such representations do not include appearances in ministerial matters, appearances before judges of compensation claims, or representations on behalf of one's agency in one's official capacity. Nor does the term include the preparation and filing of forms and applications merely for the purpose of obtaining or transferring a license, so long as the

issuance of the license does not require a variance, special consideration, or a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

When to File:

This disclosure should be filed quarterly, by the end of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter during which a reportable representation was made. FORM 2 need not be filed merely to indicate that no reportable representations occurred during the preceding quarter; it should be filed ONLY when reportable representations were made during the quarter.

Where To File:

File with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145(4), Fla. Stat.]

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Form 2 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable on the Commission's website.

4. FORM 6 - Full and Public Disclosure

Who Must File:

Persons required by law to file FORM 6 include all elected constitutional officers and candidates for such office; the mayor and members of a city council and candidates for these offices²; the Duval County Superintendent of Schools; judges of compensation claims (pursuant to Sec. 440.442, Fla. Stat.); members of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board and members of expressway authorities, transportation authorities (except the Jacksonville Transportation Authority), bridge authority, or toll authorities created pursuant to Ch. 348 or 343, or 349, or other general law.

² During the pendency of ongoing litigation, the Commission on Ethics is enjoined from enforcing the Form 6 requirement for mayors and elected members of municipal governing bodies, and they will have to file a CE Form 1 ("Statement of Financial Interest").

What Must be Disclosed:

FORM 6 is a detailed disclosure of assets, liabilities, and sources of income over \$1,000 and their values, as well as net worth. Officials may opt to file their most recent income tax return in lieu of listing sources of income but still must disclose their assets, liabilities, and net worth. In addition, the form requires the disclosure of certain relationships with, and ownership interests in, specified types of businesses such as banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, and utility companies.

When and Where To File:

Officials must file FORM 6 annually by July 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Beginning January 1, 2023, all Form 6 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable by name and organization on the Commission's website.

CANDIDATES who do not currently hold a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 or Form 6 must register and use the electronic filing system to complete the Form 6, then print and file the disclosure with the officer before whom they qualify at the time of qualifying. [Art. II, Sec. 8(a) and (i), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.3144, Fla. Stat.]

5. FORM 6F - Final Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure

This is the disclosure form required to be filed within 60 days after a public officer or employee required to file FORM 6 leaves his or her public position. The form covers the disclosure period between January 1 and the last day of office or employment within that year.

6. FORM 9 - Quarterly Gift Disclosure

Each person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and each state procurement employee, must file a FORM 9, Quarterly Gift Disclosure, with the Commission on Ethics no later than the last day of any calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which he or she received a gift worth more

than \$100, other than gifts from relatives, gifts prohibited from being accepted, gifts primarily associated with his or her business or employment, and gifts otherwise required to be disclosed. FORM 9 NEED NOT BE FILED if no such gift was received during the calendar quarter.

Information to be disclosed includes a description of the gift and its value, the name and address of the donor, the date of the gift, and a copy of any receipt for the gift provided by the donor. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

7. FORM 10 - Annual Disclosure of Gifts from Government Agencies and Direct-Support Organizations and Honorarium Event Related Expenses

State government entities, airport authorities, counties, municipalities, school boards, water management districts, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, may give a gift worth more than \$100 to a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and to state procurement employees, if a public purpose can be shown for the gift. Also, a direct-support organization for a governmental entity may give such a gift to a person who is an officer or employee of that entity. These gifts are to be reported on FORM 10, to be filed by July 1.

The governmental entity or direct-support organization giving the gift must provide the officer or employee with a statement about the gift no later than March 1 of the following year. The officer or employee then must disclose this information by filing a statement by July 1 with his or her annual financial disclosure that describes the gift and lists the donor, the date of the gift, and the value of the total gifts provided during the calendar year. State procurement employees file their statements with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

In addition, a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, or a state procurement employee, who receives expenses or payment of expenses related to an honorarium event from someone who is prohibited from giving him or her an honorarium, must disclose annually the name, address, and affiliation of the donor, the amount of the expenses, the date of the event, a description of the expenses paid or provided, and the total value of the expenses on FORM 10. The donor paying the expenses must provide the officer or employee with a statement about the expenses within 60 days of the honorarium event.

The disclosure must be filed by July 1, for expenses received during the previous calendar year. State procurement employees file their statements with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat., no executive branch or legislative lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any expenditure made for the purpose of lobbying. This may include gifts or honorarium event related expenses that formerly were permitted under Sections 112.3148 and 112.3149. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Similar prohibitions apply to legislative officials and employees. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.] In addition, gifts, which include anything not primarily related to political activities authorized under ch. 106, are prohibited from political committees. [Sec. 112.31485 Fla. Stat.]

8. FORM 30 - Donor's Quarterly Gift Disclosure

As mentioned above, the following persons and entities generally are prohibited from giving a gift worth more than \$100 to a reporting individual (a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6) or to a state procurement employee: a political committee; a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency, and the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist; and vendors. If such person or entity makes a gift worth between \$25 and \$100 to a reporting individual or state procurement employee (that is not accepted in behalf of a governmental entity or charitable organization), the gift should be reported on FORM 30. The donor also must notify the recipient at the time the gift is made that it will be reported.

The FORM 30 should be filed by the last day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the gift was made. If the gift was made to an individual in the legislative branch, FORM 30 should be filed with the Lobbyist Registrar. [See page 35 for address.] If the gift was to any other reporting individual or state procurement employee, FORM 30 should be filed with the Commission on Ethics.

However, notwithstanding Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no executive branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any expenditure made for the purpose of lobbying. This may include gifts that formerly were permitted under Section 112.3148. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Similar prohibitions apply to legislative officials and employees. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.] In addition, gifts from political committees are prohibited. [Sec. 112.31485, Fla. Stat.]

9. FORM 1X AND FORM 6X - Amendments to Form 1 and Form 6

These forms are provided for officers or employees to amend their previously filed Form 1 or Form 6.

IV. AVAILABILITY OF FORMS

Beginning January 1, 2024, LOCAL OFFICERS and EMPLOYEES, and OTHER STATE OFFICERS, and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES who must file FORM 1 annually must file electronically via the Commission's Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). Paper forms will not be promulgated. Communications regarding the annual filing requirement will be sent via email to filers no later than June 1. Filers must maintain an updated email address in their User Profile in EFDMS.

ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS and other officials who must file Form 6 annually, including City Commissioners and Mayors³, must file electronically via the Commission's Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). Paper forms will not be promulgated. Communications regarding the annual filing requirement will be sent via email to filers no later than June 1. Filers must maintain an updated email address in their User Profile in EFDMS.

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³ During the pendency of ongoing litigation, the Commission on Ethics is enjoined from enforcing the Form 6 requirement for mayors and elected members of municipal governing bodies, and they will have to file a CE Form 1 ("Statement of Financial Interest").

V. PENALTIES

A. Non-criminal Penalties for Violation of the Sunshine Amendment and the Code of Ethics

There are no criminal penalties for violation of the Sunshine Amendment and the Code of Ethics. Penalties for violation of these laws may include: impeachment, removal from office or employment, suspension, public censure, reprimand, demotion, reduction in salary level, forfeiture of no more than one-third salary per month for no more than twelve months, a civil penalty not to exceed \$20,000⁴, and restitution of any pecuniary benefits received, and triple the value of a gift from a political committee.

B. Penalties for Candidates

CANDIDATES for public office who are found in violation of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics may be subject to one or more of the following penalties: disqualification from being on the ballot, public censure, reprimand, or a civil penalty not to exceed \$20,000*, and triple the value of a gift received from a political committee.

C. Penalties for Former Officers and Employees

FORMER PUBLIC OFFICERS or EMPLOYEES who are found in violation of a provision applicable to former officers or employees or whose violation occurred prior to such officer's or employee's leaving public office or employment may be subject to one or more of the following penalties: public censure and reprimand, a civil penalty not to exceed \$20,000*, and restitution of any pecuniary benefits received, and triple the value of a gift received from a political committee.

⁴ Conduct occurring prior to May 11, 2023, is subject to a recommended civil penalty of up to \$10,000. [Ch. 2023-49, Laws of Florida]

D. Penalties for Lobbyists and Others

An executive branch lobbyist who has failed to comply with the Executive Branch Lobbying Registration law (see Part VIII) may be fined up to \$5,000, reprimanded, censured, or prohibited from lobbying executive branch agencies for up to two years. Lobbyists, their employers, principals, partners, and firms, and political committees and committees of continuous existence who give a prohibited gift or honorarium or fail to comply with the gift reporting requirements for gifts worth between \$25 and \$100, may be penalized by a fine of not more than \$5,000 and a prohibition on lobbying, or employing a lobbyist to lobby, before the agency of the public officer or employee to whom the gift was given for up to two years. Any agent or person acting on behalf of a political committee giving a prohibited gift is personally liable for a civil penalty of up to triple the value of the gift.

Executive Branch lobbying firms that fail to timely file their quarterly compensation reports may be fined \$50 per day per report for each day the report is late, up to a maximum fine of \$5,000 per report.

E. Felony Convictions: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits

Public officers and employees are subject to forfeiture of all rights and benefits under the retirement system to which they belong if convicted of certain offenses. The offenses include embezzlement or theft of public funds; bribery; felonies specified in Chapter 838, Florida Statutes; impeachable offenses; and felonies committed with intent to defraud the public or their public agency. [Sec. 112.3173, Fla. Stat.]

F. Automatic Penalties for Failure to File Annual Disclosure

Public officers and employees required to file either Form 1 or Form 6 annual financial disclosure are subject to automatic fines of \$25 for each day late the form is filed after September 1, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. [Sec. 112.3144 and 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

The Commission must undertake an investigation of a public officer or employee who accrues the \$1,500 maximum fine and currently holds their filing position to determine if the failure to file was willful. If the Commission finds a willful failure to file, the only penalty that can be recommended, by law, is removal from office.

VI. ADVISORY OPINIONS

Conflicts of interest may be avoided by greater awareness of the ethics laws on the part of public officials and employees through advisory assistance from the Commission on Ethics.

A. Who Can Request an Opinion

Any public officer, candidate for public office, or public employee in Florida who is in doubt about the applicability of the standards of conduct or disclosure laws to himself or herself, or anyone who has the power to hire or terminate another public employee, may seek an advisory opinion from the Commission about himself or herself or that employee.

B. How to Request an Opinion

Opinions may be requested by letter presenting a question based on a real situation and including a detailed description of the situation. Opinions are issued by the Commission and are binding on the conduct of the person who is the subject of the opinion, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request for the opinion. Published opinions will not bear the name of the persons involved unless they consent to the use of their names; however, the request and all information pertaining to it is a public record, made available to the Commission and to members of the public in advance of the Commission's consideration of the question.

C. How to Obtain Published Opinions

All of the Commission's opinions are available for viewing or download at its website: www.ethics.state.fl.us.

VII. COMPLAINTS

A. Citizen Involvement

The Commission on Ethics cannot conduct investigations of alleged violations of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics unless a person files a sworn complaint with the Commission alleging such violation has occurred, or a referral is received, as discussed below.

As of June 21, 2024, the Commission on Ethics may only investigate complaints that are "based upon personal knowledge or information other than hearsay." In compliance with the new law, ethics complaints that are not "based upon personal knowledge or information other than hearsay" cannot be investigated and will be dismissed.

If you have knowledge that a person in government has violated the standards of conduct or disclosure laws described above, you may report these violations to the Commission by filing a sworn complaint on the form prescribed by the Commission and available for download at www.ethics.state.fl.us. The Commission is unable to take action based on learning of such misdeeds through newspaper reports, telephone calls, or letters.

You can download a complaint form (FORM 50) from the Commission's website: www.ethics.state.fl.us, or contact the Commission office at the address or phone number shown on the inside front cover of this booklet.

B. Referrals

The Commission may accept referrals from: the Governor, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, a State Attorney, or a U.S. Attorney. A vote of six of the Commission's nine members is required to proceed on such a referral.

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⁵ Ch. 24-253, § 6, Laws of Fla. (codified at § 112.324(1)(a), Fla. Stat. (2024)).

C. Confidentiality

The complaint or referral, as well as all proceedings and records relating thereto, is confidential until the accused requests that such records be made public or until the matter reaches a stage in the Commission's proceedings where it becomes public. This means that unless the Commission receives a written waiver of confidentiality from the accused, the Commission is not free to release any documents or to comment on a complaint or referral to members of the public or press, so long as the complaint or referral remains in a confidential stage.

A COMPLAINT OR REFERRAL MAY NOT BE FILED WITH RESPECT TO A CANDIDATE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION, OR WITHIN THE 30 CALENDAR DAYS PRECEDING THE ELECTION DATE, UNLESS IT IS BASED ON PERSONAL INFORMATION OR INFORMATION OTHER THAN HEARSAY.

D. How the Complaint Process Works

Complaints which allege a matter within the Commission's jurisdiction are assigned a tracking number and Commission staff forwards a copy of the original sworn complaint to the accused within five working days of its receipt. Any subsequent sworn amendments to the complaint also are transmitted within five working days of their receipt.

Once a complaint is filed, it goes through three procedural stages under the Commission's rules. The first stage is a determination of whether the allegations of the complaint are legally sufficient: that is, whether they indicate a possible violation of any law over which the Commission has jurisdiction. If the complaint is found not to be legally sufficient, the Commission will order that the complaint be dismissed without investigation, and all records relating to the complaint will become public at that time.

In cases of very minor financial disclosure violations, the official will be allowed an opportunity to correct or amend his or her disclosure form. Otherwise, if the complaint is found to be legally sufficient, a preliminary investigation will be undertaken by the investigative staff of the Commission. The second stage of the Commission's proceedings involves this preliminary investigation and a decision by the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to believe that

there has been a violation of any of the ethics laws. If the Commission finds no probable cause to believe there has been a violation of the ethics laws, the complaint will be dismissed and will become a matter of public record. If the Commission finds probable cause to believe there has been a violation of the ethics laws, the complaint becomes public and usually enters the third stage of proceedings. This stage requires the Commission to decide whether the law was actually violated and, if so, whether a penalty should be recommended. At this stage, the accused has the right to request a public hearing (trial) at which evidence is presented, or the Commission may order that such a hearing be held. Public hearings usually are held in or near the area where the alleged violation occurred.

When the Commission concludes that a violation has been committed, it issues a public report of its findings and may recommend one or more penalties to the appropriate disciplinary body or official.

When the Commission determines that a person has filed a complaint with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations, the complainant will be liable for costs plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the person complained against. The Department of Legal Affairs may bring a civil action to recover such fees and costs, if they are not paid voluntarily within 30 days.

E. Dismissal of Complaints At Any Stage of Disposition

The Commission may, at its discretion, dismiss any complaint at any stage of disposition should it determine that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further, in which case the Commission will issue a public report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissal. [Sec. 112.324(12), Fla. Stat.]

F. Statute of Limitations

All sworn complaints alleging a violation of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics must be filed with the Commission within five years of the alleged violation or other breach of the public trust. Time starts to run on the day AFTER the violation or breach of public trust is committed. The statute of limitations is tolled on the day a sworn complaint is filed with the Commission. If a

complaint is filed and the statute of limitations has run, the complaint will be dismissed. [Sec. 112.3231, Fla. Stat.]

VIII. EXECUTIVE BRANCH LOBBYING

Any person who, for compensation and on behalf of another, lobbies an agency of the executive branch of state government with respect to a decision in the area of policy or procurement may be required to register as an executive branch lobbyist. Registration is required before lobbying an agency and is renewable annually. In addition, each lobbying firm must file a compensation report with the Commission for each calendar quarter during any portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were registered to represent a principal. As noted above, no executive branch lobbyist or principal can make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 can knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any expenditure made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.]

Paying an executive branch lobbyist a contingency fee based upon the outcome of any specific executive branch action, and receiving such a fee, is prohibited. A violation of this prohibition is a first degree misdemeanor, and the amount received is subject to forfeiture. This does not prohibit sales people from receiving a commission. [Sec. 112.3217, Fla. Stat.]

Executive branch departments, state universities, community colleges, and water management districts are prohibited from using public funds to retain an executive branch (or legislative branch) lobbyist, although these agencies may use full-time employees as lobbyists. [Sec. 11.062, Fla. Stat.]

Online registration and filing is available at www.floridalobbyist.gov. Additional information about the executive branch lobbyist registration system may be obtained by contacting the Lobbyist Registrar at the following address:

Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration

Room G-68, Claude Pepper Building
111 W. Madison Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1425

Phone: 850/922-4990

IX. WHISTLE-BLOWER'S ACT

In 1986, the Legislature enacted a "Whistle-blower's Act" to protect employees of agencies and government contractors from adverse personnel actions in retaliation for disclosing information in a sworn complaint alleging certain types of improper activities. Since then, the Legislature has revised this law to afford greater protection to these employees.

While this language is contained within the Code of Ethics, the Commission has no jurisdiction or authority to proceed against persons who violate this Act. Therefore, a person who has disclosed information alleging improper conduct governed by this law and who may suffer adverse consequences as a result should contact one or more of the following: the Office of the Chief Inspector General in the Executive Office of the Governor; the Department of Legal Affairs; the Florida Commission on Human Relations; or a private attorney. [Sec. 112.3187 - 112.31895, Fla. Stat.]

X. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As mentioned above, we suggest that you review the language used in each law for a more detailed understanding of Florida's ethics laws. The "Sunshine Amendment" is Article II, Section 8, of the Florida Constitution. The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees is contained in Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

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Additional information about the Commission's functions and interpretations of these laws may be found in Chapter 34 of the Florida Administrative Code, where the Commission's rules are published, and in The Florida Administrative Law Reports, which until 2005 published many of the Commission's final orders. The Commission's rules, orders, and opinions also are available at www.ethics.state.fl.us.

If you are a public officer or employee concerned about your obligations under these laws, the staff of the Commission will be happy to respond to oral and written inquiries by providing information about the law, the Commission's interpretations of the law, and the Commission's procedures.

XI. TRAINING

Constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs), commissioners of community development districts, and elected local officers of independent special districts are required to receive a total of four hours training, per calendar year, in the areas of ethics, public records, and open meetings. The Commission on Ethics does not track compliance or certify providers. Officials indicate their compliance with the training requirement when they file their annual Form 1 or Form 6.

Visit the training page on the Commission's website for up-to-date rules, opinions, audio/video training, and opportunities for live training conducted by Commission staff.

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE Board of Supervisors				
MAILING ADDRESS		THE BOARD, COUNCI WHICH I SERVE IS A L		IORITY OR COMMITTEE ON		
CITY	COUNTY	□ CITY	□ COUNTY	☑ OTHER LOCAL AGENCY		
		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: Sorrento Pines Community Development District				
ongoing basis and from	, 20	MY POSITION IS:	₫ ELECTIVE	□ APPOINTIVE		

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office MUST ABSTAIN from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also MUST ABSTAIN from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

• You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- · The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- · You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

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inured to the special gain or loss of my relative,	;
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is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a pri	ncipal which has retained me.
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If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privileg who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of the as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.	
Date Filed	Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING AND REMOVING OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Sorrento Pines Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors desires to elect and remove certain Officers of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The following	is/are elected as Officer(s) of the District effective April
_	_ is elected Chair
	is elected Vice Chair
	_ is elected Assistant Secretary
	_ is elected Assistant Secretary
	_ is elected Assistant Secretary
Felix Rodriguez	is elected Assistant Secretary
Seth Bennett	Officer(s) shall be removed as Officer(s) as of April 16, 20 Chair
Quint Noordstar	Vice Chair

Assistant Secretary

Taryn Galvin

Resolut	<u> </u>	ior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this				
	Craig Wrathell	_ is Secretary				
	Ernesto Torres	is Assistant Secretary				
	Craig Wrathell	is Treasurer				
	Jeff Pinder	_ is Assistant Treasurer				
	PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2025.					
ATTEST	:	SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT				
Secreta	ary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors				

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET(S) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO FUND THE PROPOSED BUDGET(S) PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 170, 190 AND 197, FLORIDA STATUTES; SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS; ADDRESSING PUBLICATION; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Sorrento Pines Community Development District ("District") prior to June 15, 2025, a proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026 ("Fiscal Year 2026"); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to fund the administrative and operations services (together, "Services") set forth in the Proposed Budget by levy of special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes ("Assessments"), as set forth in the preliminary assessment roll included within the Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that benefits would accrue to the properties within the District, as outlined within the Proposed Budget, in an amount equal to or in excess of the Assessments, and that such Assessments would be fairly and reasonably allocated as set forth in the Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Budget, including the Assessments, and desires to set the required public hearings thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED. The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2026 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.
- 2. DECLARING ASSESSMENTS. Pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, the Assessments shall defray the cost of the Services in the total estimated amounts set forth in the Proposed Budget. The nature of, and plans and specifications for, the Services to be funded by the Assessments are described in the Proposed Budget and in the reports (if any) of the District Engineer, all of which are on file and available for public inspection at the "District's Office," Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. The Assessments shall be levied within the District on all benefitted lots and lands, and shall be apportioned, all as described in the Proposed Budget and the preliminary assessment roll included therein. The preliminary assessment roll is also on file and available for public inspection at the District's Office. The Assessments shall be paid in one or more installments

pursuant to a bill issued by the District in November of 2025, and pursuant to Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, or, alternatively, pursuant to the *Uniform Method* as set forth in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes.

3. SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS. Pursuant to Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes, public hearings on the approved Proposed Budget and the Assessments are hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

Date:	
Time:	
Location:	

- 4. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to Lake County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.
- **5. POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET.** In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 3 and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.
- **6. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.** The District shall cause this Resolution to be published once a week for a period of two weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Lake County. Additionally, notice of the public hearings shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.
- **7. SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.
 - **8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL 2025.

ATTEST:	SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Exhibit A: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026

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SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026

	Fiscal Year 2025							
	Adopted	Actual			Projected		Total	Proposed
	Budget	through		through		Actual &		Budget
	FY 2025	02/2	02/28/2025		9/30/2025		rojected	FY 2026
REVENUES								
Assessment levy: on-roll - gross	\$38,744							\$ 38,744
Allowable discounts (4%)	(1,550)							(1,550)
Assessment levy: on-roll - net	37,194	\$	37,003	\$	191	\$	37,194	37,194
Assessment levy: off-roll	62,871		47,153		15,718		62,871	62,871
Landowner contribution	-		200		-		200	-
Total revenues	100,065		84,356		15,909		100,265	100,065
EXPENDITURES								
Professional & administrative								
Management/accounting/recording	48,000		20,000		28,000		48,000	48,000
Legal	25,000		258		24,742		25,000	25,000
Engineering	2,000		88		1,912		2,000	2,000
Audit	5,500		-		5,500		5,500	5,500
Arbitrage rebate calculation	500		-		500		500	500
Dissemination agent	1,000		417		583		1,000	1,000
Trustee	5,500		-		5,500		5,500	5,500
Telephone	200		83		117		200	200
Postage	500		45		455		500	500
Printing & binding	500		208		292		500	500
Legal advertising	1,750		-		1,750		1,750	1,750
Annual special district fee	175		175		-		175	175
Insurance	5,500		5,200		-		5,200	5,500
Contingencies/bank charges	750		21		729		750	750
Website hosting & maintenance	705		705		-		705	705
Website ADA compliance	210		210		-		210	210
EMMA software services	1,500		1,500		-		1,500	1,500
Tax collector	775		740		35		775	775
Total professional & administrative	100,065		29,650		70,115		99,765	100,065
Total expenditures	100,065		29,650		70,115		99,765	100,065
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues								
over/(under) expenditures	-		54,706		(54,206)		500	-
Fund halance beginning (unaudited)	20.000		7 222		62.020		7 222	7 000
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	30,980		7,322		62,028	-	7,322	7,822
Fund balance - ending (projected) Assigned								
Working capital	30,000		20.000		30 000		30,000	20 000
3 .	30,000 980		30,000		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		•	30,000
Unassigned Fund balance - ending	\$30,980	\$	32,028 62,028	•	(22,178) 7,822	<u></u>	7,822	(22,178) \$ 7,822
i und balance - chully	ψ 30,300	Ψ	02,020	\$	1,022	\$	1,022	Ψ 1,022

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES	
Professional & administrative	
Management/accounting/recording	\$ 48,000
Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community	
development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of	
professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements.	
WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond	
financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community.	
Legal	25,000
General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public	
finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property	
dedications, conveyances and contracts.	0.000
Engineering The Districts Facility and the second second second in a continue to a content the second secon	2,000
The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the	
District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the	
community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities.	
Audit	5,500
Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its	3,300
books, records and accounting procedures.	
Arbitrage rebate calculation	500
To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are	000
necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability.	
Dissemination agent	1,000
The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the	1,000
requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell,	
Hunt & Associates serves as dissemination agent.	
Trustee	5,500
Annual fee for the service provided by trustee, paying agent and registrar.	0,000
Telephone	200
Telephone and fax machine.	
Postage	500
Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.	
Printing & binding	500
Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages	
Legal advertising	1,750
The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public	1,100
bids, etc.	
EXPENDITURES (continued)	
Annual special district fee	175
Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.	
Insurance	5,500
The District will obtain public officials and general liability insurance.	0,000
Contingencies/bank charges	750
Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and	730
automated AP routing etc.	
Website hosting & maintenance	705
Website ADA compliance	210
EMMA software services	1,500
Tax collector	775
Total expenditures	\$100,065
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SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET - SERIES 2023 FISCAL YEAR 2026

	Adopted				Projected	Total		Proposed	
		Budget		ual through	through	P	Actual &	Budget	
		FY 2025	02	/28/2025	9/30/2025	Projected		F	Y 2026
REVENUES									
Special assessment - on-roll	\$	303,164						\$	303,164
Allowable discounts (4%)		(12,127)							(12,127)
Assessment levy: net		291,037	\$		\$ -	\$	-		291,037
Special assessment: off-roll		-		289,553	-		289,553		-
Lot closings		-		1,199	-		1,199		-
Interest				4,602			4,602		-
Total revenues		291,037		295,354			295,354		291,037
EVDENDITUDES									
EXPENDITURES Debt service									
Principal		65,000			65,000		65,000		65,000
Interest		219,288		109,644	109,644	219,288			216,444
Total debt service		284,288		109,644	174,644	-	284,288		281,444
Total debt service		204,200	-	103,044	174,044		204,200		201,444
Other fees & charges									
Tax collector		6,063		5,791	272		6,063		6,063
Total other fees & charges		6,063		5,791	272		6,063		6,063
Total expenditures		290,351		115,435	174,916		290,351		287,507
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues									
over/(under) expenditures		686		179,919	(174,916)		5,003		3,530
Beginning fund balance (unaudited)		259,946		293,408	473,327		293,408		298,411
Ending fund balance (driaddited)	\$	260,632	\$	473,327	\$ 298,411	\$	298,411		301,941
Ending fund balance (projected)	Ψ	200,032	Ψ_	473,327	Ψ 230,411	Ψ	230,411		301,341
Use of fund balance:									
Debt service reserve account balance (requ	uired'	١							(142,488)
Principal and Interest expense - November									(106,800)
Projected fund balance surplus/(deficit) as			. 202	6				\$	52,653
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SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SERIES 2023 AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

					Bond
	Principal	Coupon Rate	Interest	Debt Service	Balance
11/01/25			108,221.88	108,221.88	4,080,000.00
05/01/26	65,000.00	4.375%	108,221.88	173,221.88	4,015,000.00
11/01/26			106,800.00	106,800.00	4,015,000.00
05/01/27	70,000.00	4.375%	106,800.00	176,800.00	3,945,000.00
11/01/27			105,268.75	105,268.75	3,945,000.00
05/01/28	75,000.00	4.375%	105,268.75	180,268.75	3,870,000.00
11/01/28			103,628.13	103,628.13	3,870,000.00
05/01/29	75,000.00	4.375%	103,628.13	178,628.13	3,795,000.00
11/01/29	00 000 00	4.0750/	101,987.50	101,987.50	3,795,000.00
05/01/30	80,000.00	4.375%	101,987.50	181,987.50	3,715,000.00
11/01/30	05 000 00	5.0500/	100,237.50	100,237.50	3,715,000.00
05/01/31	85,000.00	5.250%	100,237.50	185,237.50	3,630,000.00
11/01/31	00 000 00	F 0500/	98,006.25	98,006.25	3,630,000.00
05/01/32	90,000.00	5.250%	98,006.25	188,006.25	3,540,000.00
11/01/32	05 000 00	F 0F00/	95,643.75	95,643.75	3,540,000.00
05/01/33	95,000.00	5.250%	95,643.75	190,643.75	3,445,000.00
11/01/33	400 000 00	F 0F00/	93,150.00	93,150.00	3,445,000.00
05/01/34	100,000.00	5.250%	93,150.00	193,150.00	3,345,000.00
11/01/34	405 000 00	F 0F00/	90,525.00	90,525.00	3,345,000.00
05/01/35	105,000.00	5.250%	90,525.00	195,525.00	3,240,000.00
11/01/35	110 000 00	E 2500/	87,768.75	87,768.75	3,240,000.00
05/01/36 11/01/36	110,000.00	5.250%	87,768.75	197,768.75	3,130,000.00
05/01/37	115,000.00	5.250%	84,881.25 84,881.25	84,881.25 199,881.25	3,130,000.00 3,015,000.00
11/01/37	115,000.00	5.250%	81,862.50	81,862.50	3,015,000.00
05/01/38	120,000.00	5.250%	81,862.50	201,862.50	2,895,000.00
11/01/38	120,000.00	5.250 /6	78,712.50	78,712.50	2,895,000.00
05/01/39	130,000.00	5.250%	78,712.50	208,712.50	2,765,000.00
11/01/39	130,000.00	3.230 /6	75,300.00	75,300.00	2,765,000.00
05/01/40	135,000.00	5.250%	75,300.00	210,300.00	2,630,000.00
11/01/40	100,000.00	0.20070	71,756.25	71,756.25	2,630,000.00
05/01/41	145,000.00	5.250%	71,756.25	216,756.25	2,485,000.00
11/01/41	1 10,000.00	0.20070	67,950.00	67,950.00	2,485,000.00
05/01/42	150,000.00	5.250%	67,950.00	217,950.00	2,335,000.00
11/01/42	.00,000.00	0.20070	64,012.50	64,012.50	2,335,000.00
05/01/43	160,000.00	5.250%	64,012.50	224,012.50	2,175,000.00
11/01/43	,		59,812.50	59,812.50	2,175,000.00
05/01/44	170,000.00	5.500%	59,812.50	229,812.50	2,005,000.00
11/01/44	,		55,137.50	55,137.50	2,005,000.00
05/01/45	175,000.00	5.500%	55,137.50	230,137.50	1,830,000.00
11/01/45			50,325.00	50,325.00	1,830,000.00
05/01/46	185,000.00	5.500%	50,325.00	235,325.00	1,645,000.00
11/01/46			45,237.50	45,237.50	1,645,000.00
05/01/47	200,000.00	5.500%	45,237.50	245,237.50	1,445,000.00
11/01/47			39,737.50	39,737.50	1,445,000.00

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SERIES 2023 AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

				5116	Bond
1	Principal	Coupon Rate	Interest	Debt Service	Balance
05/01/48	210,000.00	5.500%	39,737.50	249,737.50	1,235,000.00
11/01/48			33,962.50	33,962.50	1,235,000.00
05/01/49	220,000.00	5.500%	33,962.50	253,962.50	1,015,000.00
11/01/49			27,912.50	27,912.50	1,015,000.00
05/01/50	235,000.00	5.500%	27,912.50	262,912.50	780,000.00
11/01/50			21,450.00	21,450.00	780,000.00
05/01/51	245,000.00	5.500%	21,450.00	266,450.00	535,000.00
11/01/51			14,712.50	14,712.50	535,000.00
05/01/52	260,000.00	5.500%	14,712.50	274,712.50	275,000.00
11/01/52			7,562.50	7,562.50	275,000.00
05/01/53	275,000.00	5.500%	7,562.50	282,562.50	-
Total	4,080,000.00		3,943,125.00	8,023,125.00	

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENT COMPARISON PROJECTED FISCAL YEAR 2026 ASSESSMENTS

On-Roll												
FY 2026 O&M FY 2026 DS FY 2026 Total Total									FY 2025 Total sessment			
Product/Parcel	Units	р	per Unit		per Unit per Ui		per Unit		per Unit	per Unit		
SF 60'	190	\$	203.91	\$	1,595.60	\$	1,799.51	\$	1,799.51			
Total	190											

Off-Roll Assessments										
								F	Y 2025	
		FY 2	2026 O&M	FY 2	2026 DS	FY 2	026 Total	l Total		
		Ass	Assessment		essment	Assessment		Ass	essment	
Product/Parcel	Units	р	per Unit		per Unit		er Unit	per Unit		
SF 60'	328	\$	191.68	\$	-	\$	191.68	\$	191.68	
Total	328									

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2025-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Sorrento Pines Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the District is required by Section 189.015, *Florida Statutes*, to file quarterly, semi-annually, or annually a schedule (including date, time, and location) of its regular meetings with local governing authorities; and

WHEREAS, further, in accordance with the above-referenced statute, the District shall also publish quarterly, semi-annually, or annually the District's regular meeting schedule in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county in which the District is located.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. **ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE.** The Fiscal Year 2025/2026 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.
- 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:	SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 MEETING SCHEDULE** LOCATION TBDDATE POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS TIME AM/PM October , 2025 **Regular Meeting** November 2025 **Regular Meeting** AM/PM December 2025 **Regular Meeting** AM/PM **Regular Meeting** AM/PM January _ 2026 , 2026 **Regular Meeting** AM/PM **February** March **Regular Meeting** 2026 AM/PM 2026 April **Regular Meeting** AM/PM 2026 **Regular Meeting** AM/PM May 2026 **Regular Meeting** AM/PM June 2026 **Regular Meeting** AM/PM July _ August , 2026 **Regular Meeting** AM/PM September_ 2026 **Regular Meeting** AM/PM

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Sorrento Pines Community Development District ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT September 30, 2023

Sorrento Pines Community Development District

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

September 30, 2023

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors Sorrento Pines Community Development District Lake County, Florida

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Sorrento Pines Community Development District (the "District"), as of and for the 10 months ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Sorrento Pines Community Development District as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the 10 months then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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



To the Board of Supervisors
Sorrento Pines Community Development District

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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



To the Board of Supervisors
Sorrento Pines Community Development District

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 13, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts.

The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Sorrento Pines Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank Certified Public Accountants PL

Fort Pierce, Florida

December 13, 2024

Management's discussion and analysis of Sorrento Pines Community Development District's (the "District") financial performance provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities. The analysis provides summary financial information for the District and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

Financial Highlights

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the 10 months ended September 30, 2023.

- ◆ The District's liabilities exceeded assets by \$(251,138) (net position). Restricted net position was \$20,310 and unrestricted net position was \$(271,448).
- ♦ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$157,439, while governmental activities expenses totaled \$408,577.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District

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

Net Position

	Governmental Activities			
	2023			
Current assets	\$	70,166		
Restricted assets		342,640		
Capital assets		3,616,644		
Total Assets		4,029,450		
		_		
Current liabilities		172,004		
Non-current liabilities		4,108,584		
Total Liabilities		4,280,588		
Net Position				
Restricted		20,310		
Unrestricted		(271,448)		
Total Net Position	\$	(251,138)		

This is the initial period of the District.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District (Continued)

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

Change In Net Position

	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ernmental activities
		2023
Program Revenues Special assessments	\$	100,478
Contributions General Revenues		51,689
Investment income		5,272
Total Revenues		157,439
Expenses General government Interest and other charges Total Expenses		62,097 346,480 408,577
Change in Net Position		(251,138)
Net Position - Beginning of Period		
Net Position - End of Period	\$	(251,138)

This is the initial period of the District.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets Activity

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

	 Governmental					
	 Activities					
Description	2023					
Construction in progress	\$ 3,616,644					

The activity for the year includes additions to construction in progress of \$3,616,644.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Actual expenditures were less than the final budget because there were less insurance and legal fee expenditures than were anticipated.

The September 30, 2023 budget was not amended.

Debt Management

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

♦ In April 2023, the District issued \$4,205,000 Series 2023 Special Assessment Bonds. These bonds were issued to provide funds for the 2023 Project. The balance outstanding at September 30, 2023 was \$4,205,000.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Sorrento Pines Community Development District will continue the capital project in the next fiscal year. The District cannot determine the effect on operations or financial position at this time.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Sorrento Pines Community Development District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Sorrento Pines Community Development District's Finance Department at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

Sorrento Pines Community Development District STATEMENT OF NET POSITION September 30, 2023

	ernmental ctivities
ASSETS	 _
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 4,904
Due from developer	 65,262
Total Current Assets	70,166
Non-current Assets	
Restricted Assets	
Investments	342,640
Capital Assets, not being depreciated	
Construction in progress	 3,616,644
Total Non-current Assets	 3,959,284
Total Assets	 4,029,450
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	21,054
Due to developer	9,726
Accrued interest payable	81,224
Bonds payable	 60,000
Total Current Liabilities	 172,004
Non-current Liabilities	 _
Bonds payable, net	 4,108,584
Total Liabilities	 4,280,588
NET POSITION	
Restricted for debt service	19,998
Restricted for capital projects	312
Unrestricted	(271,448)
Net Position	\$ (251,138)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Sorrento Pines Community Development District STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the 10 Months Ended September 30, 2023

				Program	Reven	iues	Rev Cł	(Expenses) renues and nanges in t Position
				arges for		perating		ernmental
Functions/Programs	E	xpenses	Services		Contributions		Activities	
Governmental Activities								
General government	\$	(62,097)	\$	-	\$	51,689	\$	(10,408)
Interest and other charges		(346,480)		100,478		-		(246,002)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	(408,577)	\$	100,478	\$	51,689		(256,410)
	General Revenues Investment income							5,272
	Change in Net Position Net Position - December 6, 2022 Net Position - September 30, 2023							(251,138)
						\$	- (251,138)	

Sorrento Pines Community Development District BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS September 30, 2023

	General		Debt Service		Capital Projects		Total Governmenta Funds	
ASSETS								
Cash	\$	4,904	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,904
Due from developer		17,667		47,595		-		65,262
Restricted Assets								
Investments		-		342,328		312		342,640
Total Assets	\$	22,571	\$	389,923	\$	312	\$	412,806
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES LIABILITIES	•	04.054						04.054
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	21,054	\$		\$	-	\$	21,054
Due to developer		6,000		3,726				9,726
Total Liabilities		27,054		3,726				30,780
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Unavailable revenues		4,167						4,167
FUND BALANCES Restricted								
Debt service		-		386,197		-		386,197
Capital projects		-		-		312		312
Unassigned		(8,650)						(8,650)
Total Fund Balances		(8,650)		386,197		312		377,859
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$	22,571	\$	389,923	\$	312	\$	412,806

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 377,859
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets, construction in progress, used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	3,616,644
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, \$(4,205,000), net of bond discount, net, \$(36,416), are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	(4,168,584)
Unavailable revenues are recognized as deferred inflows of resources at the fund level, however, revenues are recognized when earned at the government-wide level.	4,167
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use and therefore, is not reported at the governmental fund level.	(81,224)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ (251,138)

Sorrento Pines Community Development District STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the 10 Months Ended September 30, 2023

	General		Debt Service		Capital Projects		Gov	Total vernmental Funds
Revenues	_		_		_			
Special assessments	\$	-	\$	100,478	\$	-	\$	100,478
Developer contributions		47,522		-		<u>-</u>		47,522
Investment income				4,420		852		5,272
Total Revenues		47,522		104,898		852		153,272
Expenditures Current								
General government		56,172		5,925		-		62,097
Capital outlay		-		-		3,616,644		3,616,644
Debt service								
Other		-		264,801				264,801
Total Expenditures		56,172		270,726		3,616,644		3,943,542
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures		(8,650)		(165,828)		(3,615,792)		(3,790,270)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)								
Issuance of long-term debt		-		588,896		3,616,104		4,205,000
Bond discount		-		(36,871)		-		(36,871)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)		-		552,025		3,616,104		4,168,129
Net change in fund balances		(8,650)		386,197		312		377,859
Fund Balances - December 6, 2022								
Fund Balances - September 30, 2023	\$	(8,650)	\$	386,197	\$	312	\$	377,859

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Sorrento Pines Community Development District RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES HANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL F

AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the 10 Months Ended September 30, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	377,859
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount of capital outlay in the current year.		3,616,644
The proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt, \$(4,205,000), net of bond discount, \$36,871, is recognized as an other financing source/(use) at the fund level, however, increases liabilities at the government-wide.		(4,168,129)
Bond discount is amortized as interest over the life of the debt. This is the amount of the current year amortization.		(455)
Unavailable revenues are recognized as a deferred inflow of resources at the fund level, however, revenues are recognized when earned at the government-wide level. This is the current year change in unavailable revenues.)	4,167
In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds; whereas at the fund level, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest.		(81,224)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	(251,138)

Sorrento Pines Community Development District STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND For the 10 Months Ended September 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Developer contributions	\$ 75,515	\$ 75,515	\$ 47,522	\$ (27,993)
Expenditures Current General government	75,515	75,515	56,172	19,343
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	(8,650)	(8,650)
Fund Balances - December 6, 2022				
Fund Balances - September 30, 2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (8,650)	\$ (8,650)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1. Reporting Entity

The District was established on December 6, 2022, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), and by Ordinance 2022-54 of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, as a Community Development District. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the infrastructure necessary for community development within its jurisdiction. The District is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding, planning, establishing, acquiring, constructing district roads, landscaping, and other basic infrastructure projects within or outside the boundaries of Sorrento Pines Community Development District. The District is governed by a five member Board of Supervisors. All the Supervisors are employed by the Developer. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

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

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

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

a. Government-wide Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

b. Fund Financial Statements

The underlying accounting system of the District is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

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

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds

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

The District has various policies governing the fund balance classifications.

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon thereafter, to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

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

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be a measure of "available spendable resources".

Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

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

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

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

3. Basis of Presentation

a. Governmental Major Funds

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

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

a. Governmental Major Funds (Continued)

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> – The Debt Service Fund accounts for the certain preliminary costs associated with the issuance of new debt.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the construction of infrastructure improvements within the District.

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

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

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

a. Cash and Investments

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

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

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

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

a. Cash and Investments (Continued)

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

b. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include construction in progress, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column.

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

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

c. Budgets

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

d. Unamortized Bond Discount

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

e. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future reporting period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The District only has one time that qualifies for reporting in the category. Unavailable revenues are reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that amounts become available.

NOTE B - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

"Total fund balances" of the District's governmental funds, \$377,859, differs from "net position" of governmental activities, \$(251,138), reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the statement of net position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheet. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

Capital related items

When capital assets, that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the cost of those assets is reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, the Statement of Net Position included those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole.

Construction in progress

\$ 3,616,644

Long-term debt transactions

Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities (both current and long-term) are reported in the Statement of Net Position. Balances at September 30, 2023 were:

Bonds payable	\$ (4,205,000)
Note discount, net	 36,416
Total	\$ (4,168,584)

Accrued interest

Accrued liabilities in the Statement of Net Position differ from the amount reported in governmental funds due to accrued interest on bonds.

Accrued interest on bonds payable \$\((81,224)\)

Unavailable revenues

Unavailable revenues are recognized as deferred inflows of resources at the fund level, however, revenues are recognized when earned at the government-wide level.

Unavailable revenues

\$ 4,167

NOTE B - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities

The "net change in fund balances" for government funds, \$377,859, differs from the "change in net position" for governmental activities, \$(251,138), reported in the Statement of Activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds. The effect of the differences is illustrated below:

Capital related items

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net position decrease by the amount of depreciation charged for the year.

Capital outlay <u>\$ 3,616,644</u>

Long-term debt transactions

The proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt net of bond discount is reflected as an other financing source/(use) at the fund level, however, it increases liabilities at the government-wide level.

Issuance of long-term debt	\$ (4,205,000)
Bond discount	 36,871
Total	\$ (4.168.129)

Some revenues and expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources, therefore, are not reported as revenues or expenditures in governmental funds.

Net change in accrued interest payable	<u>\$</u>	(81,224)
Bond premium/note discount amortization	<u>\$</u>	(455)
Change in unavailable revenues	\$	4.167

NOTE C - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

<u>Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits</u>

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk, however, they follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2023, the District's bank balance was \$6,000 and the carrying value was \$4,904. Exposure to custodial credit risk was as follows. The District maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by Federal Depositors Insurance or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

<u>Investments</u>

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

Investment	Maturities	Fair Value		
First American Government Obligation	24 Days*	\$	342,640	

^{*}Weighted Average Maturity

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

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

Based on the criteria in the preceding paragraph, the investments listed above are Level 1 assets.

NOTE C - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Interest Rate Risk

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

Credit Risk

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

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund. The District's investment in First American Government Obligation represent 100% of the District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2023 were typical. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary.

NOTE D - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

Balance						Balance
December 6,					Se	ptember 30,
2022		Additions	Deletior	าร		2023
					•	
\$ -	\$	3,616,644	\$	-	\$	3,616,644
	December 6, 2022	December 6, 2022	December 6, 2022 Additions	December 6, 2022 Additions Deletion	December 6, 2022 Additions Deletions	2022 Additions Deletions

NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT

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

Governmental Activities

Long-term debt at December 6, 2022	\$ -
Issuance of long-term debt	 4,205,000
Long-term debt at September 30, 2023	4,205,000
Less: Bond discount, net	 (36,416)
Long-term Debt, Net at September 30, 2023	\$ 4,168,584

Special Assessment Debt

Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

\$4,205,000 Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2023 due in annual principal installments, beginning May 1, 2024. Interest is due semi-annually on November 1 and May 1, beginning November 1, 2023 at rates between 4.375% and 5.500% with a final maturity date of May 1, 2053. Current portion is \$60,000.

\$ 4,205,000

Sorrento Pines Community Development District NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2023

NOTE E - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

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

Year Ending September 30,	Principal		Interest		Total
<u> </u>				•	_
2024	\$ 60,000	\$ 5	211,433		\$ 271,433
2025	65,000		219,288		284,288
2026	65,000		216,444		281,444
2027	70,000		213,600		283,600
2028	75,000		210,538		285,538
2029-2033	425,000		999,007		1,424,007
2034-2038	550,000		876,375		1,426,375
2039-2043	720,000		715,463		1,435,463
2044-2048	940,000		500,500		1,440,500
2049-2053	 1,235,000		211,200		1,446,200
Totals	\$ 4,205,000	\$ 3	4,373,848		\$ 8,578,848

Summary of Significant Resolution Terms and Covenants

Significant Bond Provisions

The Series 2023 Special Assessment Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, on any date, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Series 2023 Special Assessment Bonds to be redeemed, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption. The Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Trust Indenture.

The Trust Indenture established certain amounts be maintained in a reserve account. In addition, the Trust Indenture has certain restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements.

Sorrento Pines Community Development District NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2023

NOTE E - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Depository Funds

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

Reserve Funds – The Series 2023 Reserve Account was funded from the proceeds of the Series 2023 Special Assessment Bonds in amounts equal to the maximum annual debt service of the Series 2023 Special Assessment Bonds until Reserve Account Release Conditions have been met. Upon receipt by the Trustee of the Reserve Release Certifications and thereafter, the Series 2023 Reserve Account Requirement shall mean an amount equal to fifty percent of the maximum annual debt service of the Series 2023 Special Assessment Bonds and then ten percent of the maximum annual debt service of the Series 2023 Special Assessment Bonds. Monies held in the reserve accounts will be used only for the purposes established in the Trust Indenture.

The following is a schedule of required reserve balances as of September 30, 2023:

	ı	Reserve	Г	Reserve
		Balance	Re	quirement
Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2023	\$	284,975	\$	284,975

NOTE F - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All voting members of the Board of Supervisors are affiliated with the Developer. The District received \$47,522 in contributions and \$100,478 in assessments from the Developer for the year ended September 30, 2023. Additionally, the District has a balance due to the Developer of \$9,726 and a balance due from the Developer of \$65,262.

During the fiscal year, the District spent \$5,579, with an engineering firm in which a board member's relative is employed as an engineer. The engineering firm provided various services to the District. The board member, who is related to the engineer, abstained from voting on any matters related to the engineering services provided by the firm to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

NOTE G - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

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

NOTE H - RISK MANAGEMENT

The government is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance. The District has not filed any claims under this commercial coverage.



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

To the Board of Supervisors Sorrento Pines Community Development District Lake 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, as listed in the table of contents, of Sorrento Pines Community Development District, as of and for the 10 months ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Member FICPA



To the Board of Supervisors Sorrento Pines Community Development District

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank Certified Public Accountants PL

Fort Pierce, Florida

December 13, 2024



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors Sorrento Pines Community Development District Lake County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Sorrento Pines Community Development District as of and for the 10 months ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2024.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and our Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA Professionals Standards, AT-C Section 315 regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in that report, which is dated December 13, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been made to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. This is the initial financial audit report.

Financial Condition and Management

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



To the Board of Supervisors
Sorrento Pines Community Development District

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

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

Specific Information

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

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

- 1) The total number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year: 0
- 2) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 2
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$0
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$6,483
- 5) Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, 2022, together with the total expenditures for such project: The District spent \$3,616,644 on the 2023 Project.
- 6) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the District amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes: The budget was not amended.

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

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District. The Debt Service Fund, \$528.83.
- 2) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District: Total special assessments collected was \$100,478.
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds. Series 2023 Bond \$4,205,000 maturing May 2053.



To the Board of Supervisors Sorrento Pines Community Development District

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we noted no such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

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

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Fort Pierce, Florida

December 13, 2024



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT/COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 218.415 FLORIDA STATUTES

To the Board of Supervisors Sorrento Pines Community Development District Lake County, Florida

We have examined Sorrento Pines Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the 10 months ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for Sorrento Pines Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Sorrento Pines Community Development District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about Sorrento Pines Community Development District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Sorrento Pines Community Development District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, Sorrento Pines Community Development District's complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the 10 months ended September 30, 2023.

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Fort Pierce. Florida

December 13, 2024

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT HEREBY ACCEPTING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

WHEREAS, the District's Auditor, Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board, for accepting, the District's Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT;

- 1. The Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2023, heretofore submitted to the Board, is hereby accepted for Fiscal Year 2023, for the period ending September 30, 2023; and
- 2. A verified copy of said Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be attached hereto as an exhibit to this Resolution, in the District's "Official Record of Proceedings".

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:	SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY
	DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2025-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, APPROVING THE FLORIDA STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, authorizes the state and its political subdivisions to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Sorrento Pines Community Development District desires to move forward and approve an agreement with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management, concerning the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity requires an independent special district to participate in the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement to be eligible for funds under Administrative Rule 9G-1 9, Base Funding for County Emergency Management Agencies and Municipal Competitive Grant and Loan Programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

- 1. **RECITALS.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and are hereby ratified and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.
- 2. **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT.** The execution of the attached Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement is hereby authorized, and the Agreement is hereby approved.
- 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:	SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors		

<u>Exhibit A</u> Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement





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STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT - 2023

This Agreement is an acknowledgment of receipt by the Florida Division of Emergency Management ("the Division") and the local government ("Participating Party") signing this Agreement. Execution of this agreement replaces all previous iterations and is active until a new agreement is drafted and requested by The Division.

This Agreement is based on the existence of the following conditions:

- A. The State of Florida is vulnerable to a wide range of emergencies and disasters that are likely to cause the disruption of essential services and the destruction of the infrastructure needed to deliver those services.
- B. Such emergencies and disasters often exceed the emergency response and recovery capabilities of any one county or local government.
- C. Such incidents may also give rise to unusual and unanticipated physical and technical needs which a local government cannot meet with existing resources, but that other local governments within the State of Florida may be able to provide.
- D. The Emergency Management Act, chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, provides each local government of the state the authority to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements within the state for reciprocal emergency aid in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted, and through such agreements ensure the timely reimbursement of costs incurred by the local governments which render such assistance.
- E. Pursuant to chapter 252.32, *Florida Statutes*, the Division renders mutual aid among the political subdivisions of the state to carry out emergency management functions and responsibilities.
- F. Pursuant to chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, the Division has the authority to coordinate and direct emergency management assistance between local governments and concentrate available resources where needed.

Based on the existence of the foregoing conditions, the Parties agree to the following articles:

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

A. The "Agreement" is this Agreement, which shall be referred to as the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement ("SMAA").





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- B. The "Division" is the Florida Division of Emergency Management.
- C. A "Requesting Party" to this Agreement is a Participating Party who requests assistance under this agreement.
- D. An "Assisting Party" to this Agreement is a Participating Party who provides assistance to a Requesting Party under this agreement.
- E. The "Period of Assistance" is the time during which an Assisting Party renders assistance to a Requesting Party under this agreement and includes the time necessary for the resources and personnel of the Assisting Party to travel to the place specified by the Requesting Party and the time necessary to return to their place of origin.
- F. A "Mission" is a documented emergency response activity performed during a Period of Assistance, usually in reference to one operational function or activity.
- G. A "local government" is any educational district, special district, or any entity that is a "local governmental entity" within the meaning of section 11.45(1)(g), *Florida Statutes*.
- H. An "educational district" is any school district within the meaning of section 1001.30, *Florida Statutes*, and any Florida College System Institution or State University within the meaning of section 1000.21, *Florida Statutes*.
- I. A "special district" is any local or regional governmental entity which is an independent special district within the meaning of section 189.012(3), *Florida Statutes*, established by local, special, or general act, or by rule, ordinance, resolution, or interlocal agreement.
- J. A "tribal council" is the respective governing bodies of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Miccosukee Tribe of Indians recognized as special improvement district by section 285.18(1), *Florida Statutes*.
- K. An "interlocal agreement" is any agreement between local governments within the meaning of section 163.01(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*.
- L. A "Resource Support Agreement" as used in this Agreement refers to a supplemental agreement of support between a Requesting Party and an Assisting Party.
- M. "Proof of work" as used in this Agreement refers to original and authentic documentation of a single individual or group of individuals' emergency response activity at a tactical level.





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- N. "Proof of payment" as used in this Agreement refers to original and authentic documentation of an emergency response expenditure made by an Assisting Party.
- O. A "Reimbursement Package" as used in this Agreement refers to a full account of mission response documentation supported by proof of work and proof of payment.
- P. Any expressions not assigned definitions elsewhere in this Agreement shall have the definitions assigned them by the Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*.

ARTICLE II: APPLICABILITY OF THE AGREEMENT

Any Participating Party, including the Division, may request assistance under this Agreement for a "major disaster" or "catastrophic disaster" as defined in section 252.34, *Florida Statutes*, minor disasters, and other such emergencies as lawfully determined by a Participating Party.

ARTICLE III: INVOCATION OF THE AGREEMENT

In the event of an emergency or anticipated emergency, a Participating Party may request assistance under this Agreement from any other Participating Party or the Division if, in the judgement of the Requesting Party, its own resources are inadequate to meet the needs of the emergency or disaster.

- A. Any request for assistance under this Agreement may be oral, but within five (5) calendar days must be confirmed in writing by the Requesting Party. All requests for assistance under this Agreement shall be transmitted by the Requesting Party to another Participating Party or the Division. If the Requesting Party transmits its request for Assistance directly to a Participating Party other than the Division, the Requesting Party and Assisting Party shall keep the Division advised of their activities.
- B. The Division shall relay any requests for assistance under this Agreement to such other Participating Parties as it may deem appropriate and coordinate the activities of the Assisting Parties to ensure timely assistance to the Requesting Party. All such activities shall be carried out in accordance with the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

ARTICLE IV: RESPONSIBILITIES OF REQUESTING PARTIES

To the extent practicable, all Requesting Parties shall provide the following information to their respective county emergency management agency, the Division, and the intended Assisting Party or Parties. In providing such information, Requesting Parties should utilize Section I of the





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Resource Support Agreement (RSA) Form, available via the <u>Division approved documents</u> SharePoint site¹.

- A. A description of the Mission to be performed by the Assisting Party;
- B. A description of the resources and capabilities needed to complete the Mission successfully;
- C. The location, date, and time personnel and resources from the Assisting Party should arrive at the incident site, staging area, facility, or other location designated by the Requesting Party;
- D. A description of the health, safety, and working conditions expected for deploying personnel;
- E. Lodging and meal availability;
- F. Any logistical requirements;
- G. A description of any location or facility outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Requesting Party needed to stage incoming resources and personnel;
- H. The location date, and time for personnel of the Requesting Party to meet and receive the personnel and equipment of the Assisting Party; and
- I. A technical description of any communications equipment needed to ensure effective information sharing between the Requesting Party, any Assisting Parties, and all relevant responding entities.

ARTICLE V: RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSISTING PARTIES

Each Party shall render assistance under this Agreement to any Requesting Party to the extent practicable that its personnel, equipment, resources, and capabilities can render assistance. If upon receiving a request for assistance under this Agreement a Party determines that it has the capacity to render some or all of such assistance, it shall provide the following information without delay to the Requesting Party, the Division, and the Assisting Party's County emergency management agency. In providing such information, the Assisting Party should utilize the Section II of the Resource Support Agreement (RSA) Form, available via the Division approved documents SharePoint site.

¹ FDEM approved documents such as activity logs and mutual aid forms can be found at: https://portal.floridadisaster.org/projects/FROC/FROC_Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?View=%7B6F3CF7BD%2DC0A4%2D4BE2%2DB809%2DC8009D7D068





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- A. A description of the personnel, equipment, supplies, services and capabilities it has available, together with a description of the qualifications of any skilled personnel;
- B. An estimate of the time such personnel, equipment, supplies, and services will continue to be available;
- C. An estimate of the time it will take to deliver such personnel, equipment, supplies, and services to the location(s) specified by the Requesting Party;
- D. A technical description of any communications and telecommunications equipment available for timely communications with the Requesting Party and other Assisting Parties;
- E. The names and contact information of all personnel whom the Assisting Party has designated as team leaders or supervisors; and
- F. An estimated cost for the provision of assistance.

ARTICLE VI: RENDITION OF ASSISTANCE

The Requesting Party shall afford the emergency response personnel of all Assisting Parties, while operating within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Requesting Party, the same powers, duties, rights, and privileges, except that of arrest unless specifically authorized by the Requesting Party, as are afforded the equivalent emergency response personnel of the Requesting Party. Emergency response personnel of the Assisting Party will remain under the command and control of the Assisting Party, but during the Period of Assistance, the resources and responding personnel of the Assisting Party will perform response activities under the operational and tactical control of the Requesting Party.

A. Unless otherwise agreed upon between the Requesting and Assisting Party, the Requesting Party shall be responsible for providing food, water, and shelter to the personnel of the Assisting Party. For Missions performed in areas where there are insufficient resources to support responding personnel and equipment throughout the Period of Assistance, the Assisting Party shall, to the fullest extent practicable, provide their emergency response personnel with the equipment, fuel, supplies, and technical resources necessary to make them self-sufficient throughout the Period of Assistance. When requesting assistance, the Requesting Party may specify that Assisting Parties send only self-sufficient personnel and resources but must specify the length of time self-sufficiency should be maintained.





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- B. Unless the Requesting Party has specified the contrary, it shall, to the fullest extent practicable, coordinate all communications between its personnel and the responding personnel of the Assisting Parties, and shall determine and share the frequencies and other technical specifications of all communications equipment to be used, as appropriate, with the deployed personnel of the Assisting Parties.
- C. Personnel of the Assisting Party who render assistance under this Agreement shall receive the usual wages, salaries, and other compensation as are normally afforded to personnel for emergency response activities within their home jurisdiction, and shall have all the immunities, rights, interests, and privileges applicable to their normal employment. If personnel of the Assisting Party hold local licenses or certifications limited to the jurisdiction of issue, then the Requesting Party shall recognize and honor those licenses or certifications for the duration of the Period of Assistance.

ARTICLE VII: REIMBURSEMENT

After the Period of Assistance has ended, the Assisting Party shall have 45 days to develop a full reimbursement package for services rendered and resources supplied during the Period of Assistance. All expenses claimed to the Requesting Party must have been incurred in direct response to the emergency as requested by the Requesting Party and must be supported by proof of work and proof of payment.

To guide the proper documentation and accountability of expenses, the Assisting Party should utilize the Claim Summary Form, available via the <u>Division approved documents SharePoint site</u> as a guide and summary of expense to collect information to then be formally submitted for review by the Requesting Party.

To receive reimbursement for assistance provided under this agreement, the Assisting Party shall provide, at a minimum, the following supporting documentation to the Requesting Party unless otherwise agreed upon between the Requesting and Assisting Parties:

- A. A complete and authentic description of expenses incurred by the Assisting Party during the Period of Assistance;
- B. Copy of a current and valid Internal Revenue Service W-9 Form;
- C. Copies of all relevant payment and travel policies in effect during the Period of Assistance:
- D. Daily personnel activity logs demonstrating emergency response activities performed for all time claimed (for FDEM reimbursement Division approved activity logs will be required for personnel activity claims);





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- E. Official payroll and travel reimbursement records for all claimed personnel expenses;
- F. Neat and comprehensive fringe benefit calculations for each position class or category of claimed personnel;
- G. Written justification for all additional expenses/purchases incurred during the Period of Assistance;
- H. Proof of payment for additional/miscellaneous expenses incurred during the Period of Assistance
- Equipment activity logs demonstrating equipment use and operation in support of emergency response activities for all time claimed (for FDEM reimbursement Division approved forms will be required for equipment activity claims);
- J. Proof of reimbursement to all employees who incurred emergency response expenses with personal money;
- K. Justification for equipment repair expenses; and
- L. Copies of any applicable supporting agreements or contracts with justification.

If a dispute or disagreement regarding the eligibility of any expense arises, the Requesting Party, Assisting Party, or the Division may elect binding arbitration. If binding arbitration is elected, the Parties must select as an arbitrator any elected official of another Participating Party, or any other official of another Participating Party whose normal duties include emergency management, and the other Participating Party shall also select such an official as an arbitrator, and the arbitrators thus chosen shall select another such official as a third arbitrator.

The three (3) arbitrators shall convene by teleconference or videoconference within thirty (30) calendar days to consider any documents and any statements or arguments by the Division, the Requesting Party, or the Assisting Party concerning the protest, and shall render a decision in writing not later than ten (10) business days after the close of the hearing. The decision of a majority of the arbitrators shall bind the parties and shall be final.

If the Participating Parties do not elect binding arbitration, this agreement and any disputes arising thereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and venue shall be in Leon County, Florida. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a partnership or joint venture between the participating parties. Furthermore, nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver by either Party of its sovereign immunity or the provisions of section 768.28, Florida Statutes. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by either Party to be sued by third parties.





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ARTICLE VIII: COST ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

The costs incurred by the Assisting Party under this Agreement shall be reimbursed as needed to make the Assisting Party whole to the fullest extent practicable.

- A. Employees of the Assisting Party who render assistance under this Agreement shall be entitled to receive from the Assisting Party all their usual wages, salaries, and any and all other compensation for mobilization, hours worked, and demobilization. Such compensation shall include any and all contributions for insurance and retirement, and such employees shall continue to accumulate seniority at the usual rate. As between the employees and the Assisting Party, the employees shall have all the duties, responsibilities, immunities, rights, interests, and privileges incident to their usual employment. The Requesting Party shall reimburse the Assisting Party for these costs of employment.
- B. The costs of equipment supplied by the Assisting Party shall be reimbursed at the rental rate established in FEMA's Schedule of Equipment, or at any other rental rate agreed to by the Requesting Party. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, equipment must be in actual operation performing eligible work. The labor costs of the operator are not included in the rates and should be approved separately from equipment costs. The Assisting Party shall pay for fuels, other consumable supplies, and repairs to its equipment as needed to keep the equipment in a state of operational readiness. Rent for the equipment shall be deemed to include the cost of fuel and other consumable supplies, maintenance, service, repairs, and ordinary wear and tear. With the consent of the Assisting Party, the Requesting Party may provide fuels, consumable supplies, maintenance, and repair services for such equipment at the site. In that event, the Requesting Party may deduct the actual costs of such fuels, consumable supplies, maintenance, and services from the total costs otherwise payable to the Assisting Party. If the equipment is damaged while in use under this Agreement and the Assisting Party receives payment for such damage under any contract of insurance, the Requesting Party may deduct such payment from any item or items billed by the Assisting Party for any of the costs for such damage that may otherwise be payable.
- C. The Requesting Party shall pay the total costs for the use and consumption of any and all consumable supplies delivered by the Assisting Party for the Requesting Party under this Agreement. In the case of perishable supplies, consumption shall be deemed to include normal deterioration, spoilage, and damage notwithstanding the exercise of reasonable care in its storage and use. Supplies remaining unused shall be returned to the Assisting Party in usable condition upon the close of the Period of Assistance, and the Requesting Party may deduct the cost of such returned supplies from the total costs billed by the Assisting Party for such supplies. If the Assisting Party agrees, the Requesting Party may also replace any and all used consumable supplies with like





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supplies in usable condition and of like grade, quality and quantity within the time allowed for reimbursement under this Agreement.

D. The Assisting Party shall keep records to document all assistance rendered under this Agreement. Such records shall present information sufficient to meet the audit requirements specified in the regulations of FEMA and any applicable circulars issued by the State of Florida. Upon reasonable notice, the Assisting Party shall make its records available the Requesting Party for inspection or duplication between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays, except for official holidays.

ARTICLE IX: INSURANCE

Each Participating Party shall determine for itself what insurance to procure, if any. With the exceptions in this Article, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require any Participating Party to procure insurance.

- A. Each Participating Party shall procure employers' insurance meeting the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Act, as amended, affording coverage for any of its employees who may be injured while performing any activities under the authority of this Agreement, and shall be provided to each Participating Party.
- B. Participating Parties may elects additional insurance affording liability coverage for any activities that may be performed under the authority of this Agreement .
- C. Subject to the limits of such liability insurance as any Participating Party may elect to procure, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive, in whole or in part, any immunity any Participating Party may have in any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding.
- D. Each Participating Party which renders assistance under this Agreement shall be deemed to stand in the relation of an independent contractor to all other Participating Parties and shall not be deemed to be the agent of any other Participating Party.
- E. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to relieve any Participating Party of liability for its own conduct and that of its employees.
- F. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to obligate any Participating Party to indemnify any other Participating Party from liability to third parties.





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ARTICLE X: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, all Participating Parties shall be subject to the following requirements in the performance of this Agreement:

- A. All Participating Parties shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other materials subject to the requirements of the Public Records Act, as amended, and made or received by any Participating Party in conjunction with this Agreement.
- B. No Participating Party may hire employees in violation of the employment restrictions in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.
- C. No costs reimbursed under this Agreement may be used directly or indirectly to influence legislation or any other official action by the Legislature of the State of Florida or any of its agencies.
- D. Any communication to the Division under this Agreement shall be sent via either email, the Division of Emergency Managements Enterprise System (DEMES), or mail to the Response Bureau, Florida Division of Emergency Management, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100.
- E. Any communication to a Participating Party shall be sent to the official or officials specified by that Participating Party. For the purpose of this section, any such communication may be sent by the U.S. Mail, e-mail, or other electronic platforms.

ARTICLE XI: EFFECTS OF AGREEMENT

Upon its execution by a Participating Party, this Agreement shall have the following effect with respect to that Participating Party:

- A. The execution of this Agreement by any Participating Party which is a signatory to the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement of 1994 shall terminate the rights, interests, duties, responsibilities, and obligations of that Participating Party under the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement of 1994, but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Participating Party for the reimbursement of any costs due under the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement of 1994, regardless of whether such costs are billed or unbilled.
- B. The execution of this Agreement by any Participating Party which is a signatory to the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement shall terminate the rights, interests, duties, responsibilities and obligations of that Participating Party under the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Participating Party for the reimbursement of any costs due under the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement,





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regardless of whether such costs are billed or unbilled.

- C. Upon the activation of this Agreement by the Requesting Party, this Agreement shall supersede any other existing agreement between it and any Assisting Party to the extent that the former may be inconsistent with the latter.
- D. Upon its execution by any Participating Party, this Agreement will continue in effect for one (1) year from its date of execution by that Participating Party, and it shall automatically renew each year after its execution, unless within sixty (60) calendar days before the renewal date the Participating Party notifies the Division, in writing, of its intent to withdraw from the Agreement.
- E. The Division shall transmit any amendment to this Agreement by sending the amendment to all Participating Parties not later than five (5) business days after its execution by the Division. Such amendment shall take effect not later than sixty (60) calendar days after the date of its execution by the Division and shall then be binding on all Participating Parties. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Participating Party who objects to the amendment may withdraw from the Agreement by notifying the Division in writing of its intent to do so within that time in accordance with section F of this Article.
- F. A Participating Party may rescind this Agreement at will after providing the other Participating Party a written SMAA withdrawal notice. Such notice shall be provided at least 30 days prior to the date of withdrawal. This 30-day withdrawal notice must be: written, signed by an appropriate authority, duly authorized on the official letterhead of the Participating Party, and must be sent via email, the Division of Emergency Managements Enterprise System (DEMES), or certified mail.

ARTICLE XII: INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF AGREEMENT

The interpretation and application of this Agreement shall be governed by the following conditions:

- A. The obligations and conditions resting upon the Participating Parties under this Agreement are not independent, but dependent.
- B. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement, and of the performance of all conditions, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and promises under it.
- C. This Agreement states all the conditions, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and promises of the Participating Parties with respect to the subject of this Agreement, and there are no conditions, obligations, duties, responsibilities, or promises other than those expressed in this Agreement.





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- D. If any sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Agreement is ruled unenforceable or invalid, every other sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, it being the intent of the Division and the other Participating Parties that every portion of the Agreement shall be severable from every other portion to the fullest extent practicable. The Division reserves the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, to change, modify, add, or remove portions of any sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Agreement that conflicts with state law, regulation, or policy. If the change is minor, the Division will notify the Participating Party of the change and such changes will become effective immediately; therefore, please check these terms periodically for changes. If the change is substantive, the Participating Parties may be required to execute the Agreement with the adopted changes. Any continued or subsequent use of this Agreement following the posting of minor changes to this Agreement shall signify implied acceptance of such changes.
- E. The waiver of any obligation or condition in this Agreement by a Participating Party shall not be construed as a waiver of any other obligation or condition in this Agreement.

NOTE: This iteration of the State of Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement will replace all previous versions.

The Division shall provide reimbursement to Assisting Parties in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Article for missions performed at the direct request of the Division. Division reimbursement eligible expenses must be in direct response to the emergency as requested by the State of Florida. All required cost estimations and claims must be executed through the DEMES Mutual Aid Portal and assisting agencies must use all required <u>FDEM forms</u> for documentation and cost verification. If a Requesting Party has not forwarded a request through the Division, or if an Assisting Party has rendered assistance without being requested to do so by the Division, the Division shall not be liable for the costs of any such assistance.

FDEM reserves the right to deny individual reimbursement requests if deemed to not be in direct response to the incident for which asset was requested.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have duly executed this Agreement on the date specified below:





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FOR ADOPTION BY A COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
By: Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or lan Guidicelli, Authorized Designee	Date:
ATTEST: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA
By: Clerk or Deputy Clerk	By:Chair
	Date:Approved as to Form:
	By: County Attorney





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Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY A CITY

STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
By: Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or lan Guidicelli, Authorized Designee	Date:
ATTEST: CITY CLERK	CITY OF STATE OF FLORIDA
By:	By:
Title:	Title:
	Date:
	Approved as to Form:
	By:
	City Attorney





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FOR ADOPTION BY A COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
By:	Date:
Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or lan Guidicelli, Authorized Designee	
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, STATE OF FL	LORIDA
By:	By:
Title:	Title:
	Date:
	Approved as to Form:
	By:
	Attorney for Entity





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FOR ADOPTION BY A COUNTY OR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT/DISTRICT OFFICE

STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
By:	Date:
Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or lan Guidicelli, Authorized Designee	
COUNTY OR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT/DIS	TRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA
By:	By:
Title:	Title:
	Date:
	Approved as to Form:
	By:





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Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

FOR ADOPTION BY AN EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT

STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMEN	Т
By:	Date:
Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee	
	SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA
By:	By:
Title:	Title:
	Date:
	Approved as to Form:
	Ву:
	Attorney for District





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FOR ADOPTION BY STATE COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR STATE UNIVERSITY

STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
By: Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee	Date:
ATTEST:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, or STATE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF UNIVERISTY, STATE OF FLORIDA
By:	By: Chairman Date: Approved as to Form:
	By:Attorney for Board





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FOR ADOPTION BY A SPECIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
By:	Date:
Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee	
	SPECIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA
By:	By:
Title:	Title:
	Date:
	Approved as to Form:
	By:
	Attorney for District





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FOR ADOPTION BY AN AUTHORITY

STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
By:	Date:
Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee	
ATTEST:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFAUTHORITY,
	STATE OF FLORIDA
By:	By:
Clerk	Chairman
	Date:
	Approved as to Form:
	By:
	Attorney for Board





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FOR ADOPTION BY A NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE

STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
By: Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or lan Guidicelli, Authorized Designee	Date:
ATTEST:	TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE TRIBE OF FLORIDA
By: Council Clerk	By:Chairman
	Date:
	Approved as to Form:
	By: Attorney for Council





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FOR ADOPTION BY A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
By: Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee	Date:
SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, S	
By:	By:
	Approved as to Form: By: Attorney for District





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SAMPLE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO
WHEREAS, the State of Florida Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency; and
WHEREAS the statutes also authorize the State to coordinate the provision of any equipment, services, or facilities owned or organized by the State or it political subdivisions for
use in the affected area upon the request of the duly constituted authority of the area; and WHEREAS this Resolution authorizes the request, provision, and receipt of interjurisdictional mutual assistance in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, among political subdivisions within the State; and
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by
maximize the prompt, full and effective use of resources of all participating governments in the event of an emergency or disaster we hereby adopt the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement which
is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
ADOPTED BY:
ADOPTED BY:
ADOPTED BY: DATE: I certify that the foregoing is an accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by
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STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – SAMPLE ATTACHMENT Encompassed Entities

This notice is an acknowledgment of an amendment to the 2023 SMAA by the Florida Division of Emergency Management ("the Division") which allows parent entities to include individual departments and subdivisions, within their authority, to be listed as SMAA designees eligible for SMAA request and assistance procedures.

By our authority and adoption of the attached 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid agreement, as the parent entity, the following departments and subdivisions will be included as SMAA signatories for all asset request, assistance, and applicable reimbursement processes:

All entities listed herein will still require access to the DEMES Mutual Aid System for EDEM

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RESOLUTION 2025-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION FOR LANDOWNERS' MEETING; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Sorrento Pines Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within Lake County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") is statutorily authorized to exercise the powers granted to the District; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and governed by provisions of Chapter 286, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of Lake County Ordinance No. 2022-54 creating the District (the "Ordinance") December 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing Board of Supervisors for the District, which shall be noticed pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(a), Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. In accordance with section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the meeting of the landowners to elect three (3) supervisors of the District, shall be set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE:	 , 2025
HOUR:	 <u>-</u>
LOCATION:	

SECTION 2. The District's Secretary is hereby directed to publish notice of this landowners meeting in accordance with the requirements of Section 190.006(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), Florida Statutes, the landowners' meeting and election is hereby announced by the Board at its April 16, 2025 meeting. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the at the office of the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

ATTEST:	SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors		

Exhibit A

INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING:	, 2025
TIME: :m.	
LOCATION:	
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Pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and after a Community Development District ("District") has been established and the landowners have held their initial election, there shall be a subsequent landowners' meeting for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Supervisors ("Board") every two years until the District qualifies to have its board members elected by the qualified electors of the District. The following instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election are intended to comply with Section 190.006(2)(b), Florida Statutes.

A landowner may vote in person at the landowners' meeting, or the landowner may nominate a proxy holder to vote at the meeting in place of the landowner. Whether in person or by proxy, each landowner shall be entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her and located within the District, for each position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one (1) acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Please note that a particular parcel of real property is entitled to only one vote for each eligible acre of land or fraction thereof; therefore, two or more people who own real property in common, that is one acre or less, are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

At the landowners' meeting, the first step is to elect a chair for the meeting, who may be any person present at the meeting. The landowners shall also elect a secretary for the meeting who may be any person present at the meeting. The secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the meeting. The chair shall conduct the nominations and the voting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and make and second motions. Candidates must be nominated and then shall be elected by a vote of the landowners. Nominees may be elected only to a position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term.

Three (3) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

A proxy is available upon request. To be valid, each proxy must be signed by <u>one</u> of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy does not need to be notarized.

LANDOWNER PROXY

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _______, 2025

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the Community Development District to be held at:_	meeting m.,	of the landov	("Proxy Holder") for and wners of the Sorrento Pines
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Printed Name of Legal Owner	_		
Signature of Legal Owner	_	Date	2
Parcel Description		<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Authorized Votes</u>
[Insert above the street address of each parcel, the legal des of each parcel. If more space is needed, identification of pattachment hereto.]			
Total Number of Authorized Votes:			
NOTES: Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), Florida Statu	utes, a fra	ction of an ac	cre is treated as one (1) acre

entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

If the fee simple landowner is not an individual, and is instead a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or other entity, evidence that the individual signing on behalf of the entity has the authority to do so should be attached hereto (e.g., bylaws, corporate resolution, etc.).

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA LANDOWNERS' MEETING - 2025

		LANDOWNERS' MEETING –	, 2025	
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RESOLUTION 2025-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Sorrento Pines Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to designate its primary administrative office as the location where the District's public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested, for the purposes of prominently posting the contact information of the District's Record's Custodian in order to provide citizens with the ability to access the District's records and ensure that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the District additionally desires to specify the location of the District's principal headquarters for the purpose of establishing proper venue under the common law home venue privilege applicable to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. The District's primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.
- **2. PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS.** The District's principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located within Lake County, Florida.
 - **3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:	DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION 2025-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Sorrento Pines Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within Lake County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a local district records office location for the purposes of affording citizens the ability to access the District's records, promoting the disclosure of matters undertaken by the District, and ensuring that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119 and Section 190.006(7), Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1.	The District's local record	ds office shall be located at:
Section 2.	This Resolution shall take	e effect immediately upon adoption.
Passed and A	ADOPTED this day of	, 2025.
ATTEST:		SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
	t Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair Board of Supervisors

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UNAUDITED FEBRUARY 28, 2025

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FEBRUARY 28, 2025

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS	4 75 6 6 6	•	•	Φ 75.000
Cash	\$ 75,693	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,693
Investments		222 225		222 225
Revenue	-	336,835	-	336,835
Reserve	-	139,019	-	139,019
Construction	-	-	209	209
Interest	4 000	1	-	1 000
Undeposited funds	1,699	40.400	-	1,699
Due from Individual Lots	2,196	16,498	-	18,694
Due from general fund	4 700	1,500	-	1,500
Due from debt service fund Total assets	1,796 \$ 81,384	\$ 493,853	\$ 209	1,796 \$ 575,446
Total assets	Ф 01,304	Ψ 493,003	5 209	\$ 575,446
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:				
Due to Landowner	\$ 106	\$ 5,522	\$ -	\$ 5,628
Due to DR Horton	5,388	41,982	-	47,370
Due to general fund	-	1,796	-	1,796
Due to debt service fund	1,500	-	-	1,500
Landowner advance	6,000	-	-	6,000
Total liabilities	12,994	49,300		62,294
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred receipts	6,362	16,498		22,860
Total deferred inflows of resources	6,362	16,498		22,860
Fund balances: Restricted for:				
Debt service	-	428,055	-	428,055
Capital projects	-	-	209	209
Unassigned	62,028			62,028
Total fund balances	62,028	428,055	209	490,292
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources				
and fund balances	\$ 81,384	\$ 493,853	\$ 209	\$ 575,446

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,

AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Assessment levy: on-roll - net	\$ -	\$ 37,003	\$ 37,194	99%
Assessment levy: off-roll	15,718	47,153	62,871	75%
Lot closings	200	200		N/A
Total revenues	15,918	84,356	100,065	84%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Management/accounting/recording	4,000	20,000	48,000	42%
Legal	, -	258	25,000	1%
Engineering	-	88	2,000	4%
Audit	-	-	5,500	0%
Arbitrage rebate calculation	-	-	500	0%
Dissemination agent	83	417	1,000	42%
EMMA Software services	-	1,500	1,500	100%
Trustee	-	-	5,500	0%
Telephone	17	83	200	42%
Postage	24	45	500	9%
Printing & binding	42	208	500	42%
Legal advertising	-	-	1,750	0%
Annual special district fee	-	175	175	100%
Insurance	-	5,200	5,500	95%
Contingencies/bank charges	6	22	750	3%
Website hosting & maintenance	-	705	705	100%
Website ADA compliance	-	210	210	100%
Total professional & administrative	4,172	28,911	99,290	29%
Other fees & charges				
Tax collector	_	740	775	95%
Total other fees & charges		740	775	95%
Total expenditures	4,172	29,651	100,065	30%
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Excess/(deficiency) of revenues				
over/(under) expenditures	11,746	54,705	-	
Fund balances - beginning	50,282	7,323	30,980	
Fund balances - ending	\$ 62,028	\$ 62,028	\$ 30,980	

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025

	Current Month	Year To Date
REVENUES Assessment levy: on-roll - net	\$ -	\$ 289,553
Lot closings	1,500	1,500
Interest	1,007	4,603
Total revenues	2,507	295,656
EXPENDITURES Debt service		
Principal	-	-
Interest	-	109,644
Tax collector		5,791
Total debt service		115,435
Net change in fund balances	2,507	180,221
Fund balances - beginning	425,548	247,834
Fund balances - ending	\$ 428,055	\$ 428,055

SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025

	Current Month	Year To Date	
REVENUES Interest Total revenues	\$ 1 1	\$ 4 4	
EXPENDITURES Total expenditures			
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	1	4	
Fund balances - beginning Fund balances - ending	208 \$ 209	205 \$ 209	

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1 2 3		MINUTES OF MEETING SORRENTO PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
4		The Board of Supervisors of the Sorrento Pines Community Development District held		
5	Public	Hearing and Regular Meeting on June 26, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., at the Fruitland Park Library		
6	604 W	/. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731.		
7 8		Present:		
9 10 11 12		Seth Bennett Robert "Quint" Noordstar Alex Gross	Chair Vice Chair Assistant Secretary	
13 14 15		Also were: Ernesto Torres	District Manager	
16 17 18		Ashley Ligas (via telephone) Steve Saha (via telephone)	District Manager District Counsel Interim District Engineer	
19 20 21	FIRST	ORDER OF BUSINESS Mr. Torres called the meeting to order a	Call to Order/Roll Call t 3:15 p.m. Supervisors Bennett, Noordstar and	
22	Gross	were present. Two seats were vacant.	t 3.13 p.m. Supervisors bermett, Noordstar and	
23	0.000	were present. Two seats were vacant.		
24 25	SECO	ND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Comments	
26 27		No members of the public spoke.		
28 29 30	THIRE	O ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget	
31	A.	Affidavit of Publication		
32	В.	Consideration of Resolution 2024-09,	Relating to the Annual Appropriations and	
33		Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, and Ending		
34	September 30, 2025; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective			
35		Date		
36		Mr. Torres presented Resolution 2024-09	and the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget.	
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38 39 40		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seco Public Hearing was opened.	nded by Mr. Gross, with all in favor, the	

No affected property owners or members of the public spoke.

On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Gross, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.

On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Gross, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-09, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, and Ending September 30, 2025; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2024-10, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; Providing for the Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments, Including but Not Limited to Penalties and Interest Thereon; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

On MOTION by Mr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Noordstar, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-10, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; Providing for the Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments, Including but Not Limited to Penalties and Interest Thereon; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2024-08, Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters of the District and Providing an Effective Date

This item was deferred.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2024-03, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date

	SORR	ENTO PINES CDD	DRAFT	June 26, 2024		
86 87		This item was deferred.				
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89 90 91	SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS		Acceptance Statements as	of Unaudited Financial of May 31, 2024		
92 93		On MOTION by Mr. Noordstar and seconded by Mr. Gross with all in favor, Unaudited Financial Statements as of May 31, 2024, were accepted.				
94 95 96 97 98	EIGHT	TH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Approval of A Minutes	pril 22, 2024 Regular Meeting		
99 100		•	dstar and seconded by Mr. Groseting Minutes, as presented, we	,		
101 102 103 104	NINTI	H ORDER OF BUSINESS	Staff Reports			
104	A.	District Counsel: Kutak Ro	ock, LLP			
106		There was no report.				
107	В.	District Engineer: Poulos	& Bennett			
108		Mr. Saha stated that he turned in the Annual Inspection Report.				
109	c.	District Manager: Wrathe	ll, Hunt and Associates, LLC			
110		NEXT MEETING DA	ATE: August 19, 2024 at 3:00 PM			
111		o QUORUM	CHECK			
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113	TENT	H ORDER OF BUSINESS	Board Membe	ers' Comments/Requests		
114 115		There were no Board Mer	nbers' comments or requests.			
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117 118	ELEVE	ENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Comme	ents		
119		No members of the public	spoke.			
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121 122	TWEL	FTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Adjournment			
123 124		On MOTION by Mr. Noor meeting adjourned at 3:0	dstar and seconded by Mr. Gross 8 p.m.	s, with all in favor, the		

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130	Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair	