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CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY  
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
December 31, 1999

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## UNQUALIFIED OPINION ON GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners  
Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8

I have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on my audit.

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

In my opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated April 3, 2000, on my consideration of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

My audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information listed as additional information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

*Elliott & Assoc. "APAC"*

Leesville, Louisiana  
April 3, 2000

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## REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Commissioners  
Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8

I have audited the financial statements of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, and have issued my report thereon dated April 3, 2000. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, others within the organization, the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

*Elliott & Assoc. "APAC"*

Leesville, Louisiana

April 3, 2000

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year ended December 31, 1999

I have audited the financial statements of Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, and have issued my report thereon dated April 3, 2000. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 1999 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance  
Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses ( ) Yes (X) No  
Reportable Conditions ( ) Yes (X) No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial  
Statements ( ) Yes (X) No

b. Federal Awards

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses ( ) Yes ( ) No (X) N/A  
Reportable Conditions ( ) Yes ( ) No (X) N/A

Type of Opinion On Compliance For Major Programs

Unqualified ( ) Qualified ( )  
Disclaimer ( ) Adverse ( )  
N/A (X)

Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)?

( ) Yes ( ) No (X) N/A

c. Identification of Major Programs

CFDA Number(s)

Name of Federal Program

None

None

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs:

\$ N/A

Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee, as defined by OMB Circular A-133?

Yes     No     N/A

Section II Financial Statement Findings

N/A

Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

N/A

See independent auditor's report.



CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8  
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
 December 31, 1999

ASSETS	Governmental Fund Types	
	General Fund	Debt Service
Cash (Note 2)	\$ 38,902	\$ 29,346
Investments - time certificates of deposit, at cost (Note 2)	75,000	---
Receivables, (net where applicable, of allowances for uncollectibles)(Note 3)		
Ad valorem tax	---	88,485
Due from debt service fund	1,291	---
Organization costs, net of amortization	5,324	---
Amount available in Debt Service Fund	---	---
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long- term debt	---	---
Fixed assets (Note 4)	---	---
Total assets	<u>\$120,517</u>	<u>\$117,831</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ ---	\$ ---
Ad valorem deduction payable	---	2,267
Due to general fund	---	1,291
General obligations bonds payable (Note 5)	---	---
Total liabilities	---	3,558
Fund equity:		
Investment in general fixed assets (Note 4)	---	---
Fund Balances -		
Reserved for debt service	---	114,273
Unrestricted - undesignated	120,517	---
Total fund equity	<u>120,517</u>	<u>114,273</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$120,517</u>	<u>\$117,831</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

<u>Account Groups</u>		
<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
\$     ---	\$     ---	\$   68,248
---	---	75,000
---	---	88,485
---	---	1,291
---	---	5,324
---	114,273	114,273
---	225,727	225,727
<u>535,037</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>535,037</u>
<u>\$ 535,037</u>	<u>\$ 340,000</u>	<u>\$1,113,385</u>
\$     ---	\$     ---	\$     ---
---	---	2,267
---	---	1,291
<u>---</u>	<u>340,000</u>	<u>340,000</u>
<u>---</u>	<u>340,000</u>	<u>343,558</u>
535,037	---	535,037
---	---	114,273
<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>120,517</u>
<u>535,037</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>769,827</u>
<u>\$ 535,037</u>	<u>\$ 340,000</u>	<u>\$1,113,385</u>

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN  
 FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	General Fund	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes (Note 3)	\$ ---	\$ 71,754	\$ 71,754
Licenses and permits	4,279	---	4,279
Interest	4,193	2,435	6,628
Miscellaneous	---	---	---
Total revenues	<u>8,472</u>	<u>74,189</u>	<u>82,661</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Per diem	3,250	---	3,250
Amortization expense	1,183	---	1,183
Operating expenditures	6,368	---	6,368
Other expenses	---	525	525
Debt service:			
Principal payments (Note 5)	---	60,000	60,000
Interest expense (Note 5)	---	19,093	19,093
Capital outlay (Note 4)	---	---	---
Total expenditures	<u>10,801</u>	<u>79,618</u>	<u>90,419</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(2,329)	(5,429)	(7,758)
Fund balances, beginning	<u>122,846</u>	<u>119,702</u>	<u>242,548</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$120,517</u>	<u>\$114,273</u>	<u>\$ 234,790</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND TYPE

For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Taxes	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---
Licenses and permits	4,200	4,279	79
Interest	3,400	4,193	793
Miscellaneous	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
Total revenues	<u>7,600</u>	<u>8,472</u>	<u>872</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
Per diem	3,250	3,250	---
Amortization expense	---	1,183	(1,183)
Operating expenditures	6,472	6,368	104
Capital outlay	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
Total expenditures	<u>9,722</u>	<u>10,801</u>	<u>(1,079)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(2,122)	(2,329)	(207)
Fund balances, beginning	<u>122,846</u>	<u>122,846</u>	<u>---</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$120,724</u>	<u>\$120,517</u>	<u>\$ (207)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 1999

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. Cameron Parish Police Jury is the reporting entity for Cameron Parish as defined by NCGA Statement 3, (Defining the Governmental Reporting Entity).

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transaction of state and local governments. In November of 1984, the GASB issued a codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. This codification is recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments.

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 (the District) is a component unit of Cameron Parish Police Jury as defined by GASB codification Section 2100. The District was created by the Cameron Parish Police Jury as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 38:1751. The District is governed by a board of five commissioners appointed by Cameron Parish Police Jury and is authorized to construct, maintain and improve the system of drainage within the District.

A. FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered 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. Revenues are 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. The funds presented in the financial statements are described as follows:

General Fund - Maintenance Fund

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

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(CONTINUED)

B. FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when purchased. Public domain or infrastructures are capitalized by the District. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are stated at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair market value on the date donated.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group, not in the governmental funds.

The two account groups are not "funds". They are concerned only with measurement of financial position, not with measurement of results of operations.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The District's records are maintained on a cash basis of accounting. However, the funds reported in the accompanying financial statements have been converted to a modified accrual basis of accounting utilizing the following practices.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(Continued)

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONTD.)

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and the related State Revenue Sharing (which is based on population and homesteads in the parish) are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed.

Federal and State grants are recorded when the district is entitled to the funds.

Interest income on investments is recorded when the investments have matured and the income is available.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. An exception to this general rule is principal and interest on long-term debt is recognized when due.

D. BUDGETARY PRACTICES

The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 utilizes the following budgetary practice:

Annually the District adopts a budget for each governmental fund type as a management device for control of revenues and expenses. The budget is amended at various times during the year as the need arises.

E. INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at cost. These investments are time deposits which are fully secured through the pledge of bank-owned securities or federal deposit insurance.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(Continued)

F. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE WRITE-OFF METHOD

The District has adopted a write off policy wherein any account that is deemed uncollectible is written off directly when the account's collection efforts have been deemed unsuccessful.

G. TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW

Total columns on the combined statements - overview are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operation, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2--CASH AND INVESTMENT COLLATERAL

Under state law, the District may deposit funds with a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, time certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the State of Louisiana, investments as stipulated in state law, or any other federally insured investment.

At December 31, 1999, the carrying amount of the District's cash and cash equivalents was \$143,247 and the bank balance was \$143,313. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

NOTE 3--RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 1999 consist of ad valorem taxes receivable. Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied to the taxpayer in November. Billed taxes



CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 3 -- RECEIVABLES (Contd.)

become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed.

The Cameron Parish Sheriff bills and collects property taxes using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of Cameron Parish.

For the year ended December 31, 1999 taxes of 7.75 mils were levied on property with assessed valuation totaling \$9,259,372 and were dedicated entirely for the specified purpose of the District. Furthermore, collections of delinquent taxes and other adjustments resulted in total collections of \$71,754.

NOTE 4 -- FIXED ASSETS

For the year ended December 31, 1999, the activity in general fixed assets was as follows:

	<u>Drainage System</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance - 12/31/98	\$534,837	\$ 200	\$535,037
Additions	---	---	---
Deletions	---	---	---
Balance - 12/31/99	<u>\$534,837</u>	<u>\$ 200</u>	<u>\$535,037</u>

NOTE 5 -- CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of bond transactions of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 for the year ended December 31, 1999:

	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>
Bonds payable, January 1, 1999	\$ 400,000
Bonds issued	---
Bonds retired	<u>(60,000)</u>
Bonds payable, December 31, 1999	<u>\$ 340,000</u>

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 5 -- CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Bonds payable at December 31, 1999 are comprised of the following individual issues:

General obligation bonds:

\$600,000 of General Obligation  
Bonds dated June 1, 1994; due  
in annual installments of \$45,000  
to \$75,000 through June 1, 2004;  
interest at 4.85% - 5.75% \$ 340,000

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation bonds outstanding as of December 31, 1999, including interest payments of \$46,373 are as follows:

Year ending

2000	\$ 76,138
2001	77,964
2002	79,470
2003	75,813
2004	<u>76,988</u>
Total	<u>\$386,373</u>

NOTE 6--RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft or damage and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The District carries commercial insurance as outlined in the following table. Settled claims did not exceed commercial coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 6--RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

	<u>LIMITS OF COVERAGE</u>
Workmen's compensation	\$ 225,000
Auto liability	1,000,000
Commercial general liability	2,000,000
District-owned buildings and equipment	NONE

The District covers all other losses, claim settlements, and judgments from operating resources. Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

The District is not involved in any type litigation nor does it have any asserted claims against it.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

For the year ended December 31, 1999

The schedule of per diem paid to board members was prepared in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 session of the Legislature.

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4564, the board members received \$65 per diem for attendance at meetings of the board.

	<u>Number Attended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Albert Guidry	14	\$ 910
Glenn Harris	8	520
Patrick Hebert	14	910
Brent Nunez	14	910
Charles Precht, Jr.	8	---
		<u>\$3,250</u>

\* Charles Precht, Jr. attended 8 meetings but did not collect per diem.

See independent auditor's report.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8  
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

**SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The audit report for the year ended December 31, 1997, contained a finding related to the report not being issued within the six months of the close of its' year-end. This was a violation of LA R.S. #24:513 (A)(5)(a), but did not effect the financial statements. The current report will be issued to the Legislative Auditor within the statutory period.

**SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO  
FEDERAL AWARDS**

There were no prior year findings relating to internal control and compliance material to federal awards.

**SECTION III MANAGEMENT LETTER**

There was no management letter with prior year audit report.

See independent auditor's report.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8  
MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

**SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

N/A

**SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO  
FEDERAL AWARDS**

N/A

**SECTION III MANAGEMENT LETTER**

N/A

See independent auditor's report.