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***SUNSET DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF ST. CHARLES PARISH
ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL
Paradis, Louisiana***

***Component Unit Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Report
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 1995
With Supplemental Information Schedule***

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE
COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUNSET DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF ST. CHARLES PARISH
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Paradis, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying component unit financial statements of the Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish, a component unit of the St. Charles Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995, as listed in the foregoing table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the component unit financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish as of December 31, 1995, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the component unit financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information schedule listed in the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the component unit financial statements of the Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish. Such information has been subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the component unit financial statements and, in our opinion, is stated fairly in all material respects in relation to the component unit financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated June 4, 1996 on our consideration of the Sunset Drainage District's internal control and a report dated June 4, 1996 on its compliance with laws and regulations.



June 4, 1996

SUNSET DRAINAGE DISTRICT
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ALL FUND TYPES & ACCOUNT GROUPS

Statement A

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1995

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND	ACCOUNT GROUPS		
	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS	TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 74,930			\$ 74,930
Investments	125,000			125,000
Receivables:				
Maintenance taxes	42,967			42,967
Interest	2,656			2,656
Other	40			40
Equipment		\$ 400,525		400,525
Buildings		14,101		14,101
Real estate & improvements		1,138,560		1,138,560
Other debits				
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term obligations			\$ 6,208	6,208
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$ 245,593</u>	<u>\$1,553,186</u>	<u>\$ 6,208</u>	<u>\$1,804,987</u>
LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS				
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 3,089			\$ 3,089
Total current liabilities	<u>3,089</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,089</u>
Long-term obligations				
Compensated absences payable			\$ 6,208	6,208
Total liabilities	<u>3,089</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,208</u>	<u>9,297</u>
Equity and other credits				
Investment in general fixed assets		\$1,553,186		1,553,186
Fund balances:				
Unreserved-undesignated	242,504			242,504
Total equity and other credits	<u>242,504</u>	<u>1,553,186</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,795,690</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	<u>\$ 245,593</u>	<u>\$1,553,186</u>	<u>\$ 6,208</u>	<u>\$1,804,987</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND

Statement B

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 1995

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Maintenance taxes	\$ 43,026	\$ 51,600	\$ 8,574
Other:			
Oil & gas royalties	34,090	34,094	4
Interest	13,102	6,974	(6,128)
Grants:			
St. Charles Parish	153,227	153,000	(227)
 Total revenue	243,445	245,668	2,223
 EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Advertisisng	0	97	(97)
Contract labor	10,794	10,514	280
Equipment repairs	13,189	13,413	(224)
Fuel	16,423	16,430	(7)
Insurance	27,674	29,128	(1,454)
Maintenance tax expenditures	5,703	8,652	(2,949)
Medical	0	249	(249)
Material & supplies	15,770	15,949	(179)
Miscellaneous	3,740	1,300	2,440
Office supplies	395	507	(112)
Per diem	4,420	4,420	0
Professional services	7,880	4,580	3,300
Salaries	74,520	74,518	2
Secretary/Treasurer	3,600	7,200	(3,600)
Taxes - payroll	0	5,703	(5,703)
Telephone	870	936	(66)
Utilities	1,895	2,084	(189)
Capital outlay:			
Purchases of equipment	14,794	16,294	(1,500)
 Total expenditures	201,667	211,974	(10,307)
 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	41,778	33,694	\$ 8,084
 FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	None	208,810	=====
 FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ None	\$ 242,504	=====

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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INTRODUCTION

The Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish was established May 16, 1924. It is comprised of a board of controll consisting of five members appointed by the St. Charles Parish Council. Sunset Drainage District funds are dedicated to operating and maintaining drainage facilities within the district boundries. Financing is provided primarily by maintenance taxes, mineral royalties, and interest on investments. For the year ended December 31, 1995 financing was also provided by a grant from the St. Charles Parish Council. At year end the board employed three employees.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Sunset Drainage 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.

B. Reporting entity

Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification) established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Oversight responsibility by the parish council is determined on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Appointment of governing board
2. Designation of management
3. Ability to significantly influence operations
4. Accountability for fiscal matters
5. Scope of public service

Based on the above criteria the District was determined to be a component unit of the St. Charles Parish Council, the governing body of the parish and the governing body with oversight responsibility. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the parish council, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the governmental reporting entity.

C. Fund accounting

The District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund

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accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

The only fund of the District is classified as a governmental fund. Governmental funds account for the District's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. The governmental fund of the District includes:

General Fund - the general operating fund of the District that accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

This fund is reported as a special revenue fund in the general purpose financial statements of the St. Charles Parish Council.

D. Basis of accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The General Fund is accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The operating statement presents increases and decreases in net current assets. The District's records are maintained on the cash basis of accounting. However, the general fund reported in the financial statements has been converted to the modified accrual basis of accounting using the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues -

Maintenance taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed. Maintenance taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

Interest income on time deposits is recorded when earned.

All other revenue are recorded when received.

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Expenditures -

Principal and interest on general long-term obligations are recorded when due.

Compensated absences are recognized as expenditures when leave is actually taken or when employees (or their heirs) are paid for accrued leave upon retirement or death, while the cost of leave privileges not requiring current resources is recorded in the general long-term obligations account group.

All other expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. Budgets

The District adopted a budget for the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 1995 as required by Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1303-1305. The budget was adopted on December 13, 1994 at the District's regular monthly meeting, and was amended December 12, 1995. Budget integration was employed as a management control device during the year. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year end, and must be reappropriated in the next year's budget to be expended. The board of commissions reserves all authority to make changes to the budget. When actual revenues fail to meet budgeted revenues by five per cent or more and/or actual expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by five per cent or more, a budget amendment to reflect such change is adopted by the District. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent amendments. The District did not budget beginning or ending fund balance for the calendar year ended December 31, 1995.

F. Encumbrances

The District does not use encumbrance accounting.

G. Cash and cash equivalents, and investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits. Investments include amounts in obligations of the United States of America. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Under state law, the board may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as

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investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are stated at cost.

H. Inventories

Physical inventories consist of expendible supplies held for consumption. Because inventories are expended within one operating cycle they are recorded as expenditures when paid for and are not recorded as an inventory asset.

I. Fixed assets

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased or constructed, and the related assets are capitalized in the general fixed assets account group. Public domain or infrastructures are not capitalized. Interest cost incurred during construction are not capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical costs or estimated cost if historical cost is not available.

J. Compensated absences

The District has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

Employees of the District earn from 10 to 15 days of vacation leave each year, depending on their length of service. Unused vacation leave may not be accumulated. Employees earn 6 days of sick leave each year, depending on their length of service. Sick leave may be accumulated to a maximum of 30 days. Upon retirement or death, unused accumulated sick leave is paid to the employee or to the employee's estate at the employee's current rate of pay. The cost of leave privileges, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized as a current-year expenditure in the General Fund when leave is actually taken or when employees or their heirs are paid for accrued leave upon retirement or death. The cost of leave privileges not requiring current resources is recorded in the general long-term obligations account group.

K. Long-term obligations

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds are reported in the general long-term obligations account group. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term obligations are recognized in the governmental fund when due.

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L. Fund equity

Reserves - Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditures or legally segregated for a specific future use.

Designated fund balance - Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources.

M. Total columns on statement

The total columns on the statements are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

NOTE 2. LEVIED TAXES

Maintenance taxes attach as enforceable liens on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the Parish of St. Charles in November and are actually billed to the taxpayers in December. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year.

The Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish is authorized under L.S.A. R.S. 38:1674.14 to levy an annual acreage tax in an amount not to exceed \$20.00 per acre on each acre of land within the boundaries of the District for the purpose of improving, operatin and maintaining drainage facilities. For the year ending December 31, 1995 the District levied an acreage tax of \$5.00 per acre of land. The tax roll is prepared by the Assessor's office. The taxes are collected and remitted by the Tax Collector. Maintenance taxes are recorded at the total amount assessed plus prior year taxes collected during the current year. Prior to remitting the taxes, the Tax Collector deducts an amount for the Assessor's office pension fund and deducts 14% commission on collected taxes charged by the Tax Collector. In 1995 the expenditure for the pension fund was \$1,409 and the 14% commission was \$7,247. These expenditures less the net prior year taxes collected of \$4 are reported as Maintenance Tax Expenditures in the general fund.

The District records as a receivable the total maintenance taxes assessed for the year less charges by the Assessor and Tax Collector. An Allowance for Doubtful Accounts is not recorded by the District because the amount of uncollected taxes is immaterial and written off in the year following the year of assessment.

The total taxable acreage for 1995 was 10,320 acres.

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The following are the principal taxpayers for the district:

Taxpayer -----	Total acreage assessed -----	Total tax assessed -----	Percentage of total acreage assessed -----
Texaco, Inc.	8,451	\$ 42,255	81.89%
Margaret D. Summers, et als	301	1,506	2.92%
Huey Rivet, et als	237	1,184	2.30%
M/M Alvie C. Summers, et als	153	767	1.48%
Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, et als	140	700	1.36%
Elizabeth K. Summers, et als	102	509	0.99%
Total	----- 9,384 =====	----- \$ 46,921 =====	----- 90.94% =====

NOTE 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 1995, the board has cash and cash equivalents (book balance) totaling \$ 74,930, as follows:

Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 64,875
Money market	10,055

Total	\$ 74,930
	=====

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities must be held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 1995, the board has \$ 82,707 in deposits (collected bank balance). These deposits are fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

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NOTE 4. INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 1995, the district has investments totaling \$125,000, as follows:

	Carrying Value	Market Value
	-----	-----
United States Treasury Notes	\$125,000	\$125,000
	=====	=====

These investments are stated on the balance sheet at amortized cost.

NOTE 5. RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 1995:

Class of Receivable	General Fund
-----	-----
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 42,967
Interest	2,656
Other	40
Total	----- \$ 45,663 =====

NOTE 6. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance January 1, 1995	Additions	Retirements	Balance December 31, 1995
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Equipment	\$ 384,231	\$ 16,294	\$ -0-	\$ 400,525
Buildings	14,101	-0-	-0-	14,101
Real Estate & Improvements	1,138,560	-0-	-0-	1,138,560
Total	----- \$1,536,892 =====	----- \$ 16,294 =====	----- \$ -0- =====	----- \$1,553,186 =====

NOTE 7. PENSION PLAN

All employees of the Sunset Drainage District contribute to the Department of the Treasury, Division of Social Security.

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Contributions to the system are made by both the employees and the District as a percentage of salaries. For the year ended December 31, 1995, the District contributed \$5,703 (7.65% of salaries) to the system as its share of the contributions. Other than the annual contributions required by the system and recorded as expenditures annually, Sunset Drainage District does not guarantee any of the benefits granted by the retirement system.

NOTE 8. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District provides no other postretirement benefits.

NOTE 9. LEASES

The District had no capital leases to be recorded as assets and obligations in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 10. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

At December 31, 1995, employees of the District have accumulated and vested \$6,208 of employee leave benefits, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60. This amount is recorded in the general long-term obligations account group.

NOTE 11. CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions during the year:

	Compensated Absences
Long-term obligations payable at December 31, 1994	\$5,732
Additions	476
Deductions	-0-

Long-term obligations payable at December 31, 1995	\$6,208 =====

NOTE 12. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

At December 31, 1995 the board had no litigation or claims pending.

NOTE 13. GRANTS

The grant from St. Charles Parish is to subsidize the operations of the district in order to adequately maintain the drainage system.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Schedule 1

Schedule of Per Diem - Board of Commissioners
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1995

MEMBER -----	TITLE -----	PER DIEM -----	NO. OF DAYS -----	TOTAL PER DIEM -----
Eric Matherne	President	\$ 65	15	\$ 975
Troy Sampey	Vice-Pres.	65	14	910
Richard Dufrene	Member	65	8	520
Curtis Matherne	Member	65	15	975
Eugene Cunningham	Member	65	16	1,040

Total				\$ 4,420 =====

OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The following pages contain reports on internal control structure and compliance with laws and regulations required by Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The report on internal control structure is based solely on the audit of the financial statements and includes, where appropriate, any reportable conditions and/or material weaknesses. The report on compliance with laws and regulations is, likewise, based solely on the audit of the presented financial statements and presents, where applicable, compliance matters that would be material to the presented financial statements.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUNSET DRAINAGE DISTRICT
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Paradis, Louisiana

We have audited the component unit financial statements of the Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995, and have issued our report thereon dated June 4, 1996.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the component unit financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgements by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related cost of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of component unit financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors and irregularities may, *nevertheless, occur and not be detected*. Also, *projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate*.

In planning and performing our audit of the component unit financial statements of the Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the component unit financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

We noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to *significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our*

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
THE COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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We have audited the component unit financial statements of the Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995, and have issued our report thereon dated June 4, 1996.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish is the responsibility of the District's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the district's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our audit of the component unit financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended for the information of the Board and those governments for which reporting is required. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



June 4, 1996