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CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1995
(See Accountant's Compilation Report)

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Board of Commissioners
Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage
District No. 8
Lake Charles, Louisiana:

I have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 8 as of December 31, 1995, and the related statements of income, retained earnings and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Elliott & Assoc. "APAC"
Leesville, Louisiana
April 26, 1996

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE

December 31, 1995

Governmental Fund Type

ASSETS

Cash (Note 2)	\$ 2,162
Investments - time certificates of deposit, at cost (Note 2)	570,000
Receivables, (net where applicable, of allowances for uncollectibles)(Note 3)	<u>101,826</u>
Ad valorem tax	<u>673,988</u>
Total current assets	
Restricted assets:	
Cash (Note 2)	<u>13,545</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>13,545</u>
Organizational costs, net of amortization	10,056
Construction in progress	<u>27,500</u>
Total assets	<u>\$725,089</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ ---
Retirement payable	3,164
General obligation bonds payable -- current (Note 4)	<u>50,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>53,164</u>
Long-term liabilities	
General obligation bonds payable --(net of current portion)--(Note 4)	<u>505,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>558,164</u>
Fund equity:	
Fund Balance:	
Reserved for general obligation bond indentures	13,545
Unreserved	<u>153,380</u>
Total fund equity	<u>166,925</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$725,089</u>

See accountant's compilation report.

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

For the Year Ended December 31, 1995

Revenues:	
Ad valorem taxes (Note 3)	\$ 97,418
Interest	<u>31,200</u>
Total revenues	<u>128,618</u>
Expenditures:	
Amortization	1,183
Interest (Note 4)	30,562
Board member per diem	780
Legal and professional	1,675
Recording fees	244
Trustee fees	603
Travel expense	359
Insurance	1,860
Retirement expense	<u>3,164</u>
Total expenditures	<u>40,430</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	88,188
Fund balances, beginning	<u>78,737</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$166,925</u>

See accountant's compilation report.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1995

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

The fixed assets and long-term liabilities of the district are accounted for on the balance sheet of the Enterprises Fund.

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.

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.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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.

NOTE 2--CASH AND INVESTMENT COLLATERAL

At December 31, 1995, the carrying amount of the District's cash and cash equivalents, consisting entirely of certificates of deposit, was \$585,707 and the bank balance was \$585,837. Of the bank balance, \$14,837 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$571,000 was covered by collateral held in the District's name by the pledging bank's safekeeping agent.

NOTE 3--RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 1995 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 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, 1995 taxes of 10.00 mils were levied on property with assessed valuation totaling \$9,431,420 and were dedicated entirely for the specified purpose of the District.

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 4 -- 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, 1995:

General Obligation Bonds

Bonds payable, January 1, 1995	\$ 600,000
Bonds issued	---
Bonds retired	<u>(45,000)</u>
Bonds payable, December 31, 1995	<u>\$ 555,000</u>

Bonds payable at December 31, 1995 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%	<u>\$ 555,000</u>
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The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation bonds outstanding as of December 31, 1995, including interest payments of \$140,284 are as follows:

<u>Year ending</u>	
1996	
1997	\$ 77,830
1998	74,955
1999	77,033
2000	79,093
2001-2004	76,138
	<u>310,235</u>
Total	<u>\$695,284</u>

NOTE 5--LITIGATION

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, 1995

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 in 1995.

	<u>Number Attended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Albert Guidry	3	\$ 195
Patrick Hebert	3	195
Brent Nunez	3	195
Charles Precht, Jr.	1	65
Steve Thomas	<u>2</u>	<u>130</u>
Total	<u>12</u>	<u>\$ 780</u>

Schedule 2

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

EXIT CONFERENCE

For the year ended December 31, 1995

An exit conference was held with Mr. Pat Hebert, Chief Fiscal Officer on April 28, 1996 to discuss the proposed report and the fact that no questioned costs were discovered during my examination.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Commissioners
Cameron Gravity Drainage District No. 8

I have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Cameron Gravity Drainage District No. 8 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about Cameron Gravity Drainage District No. 8's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 1995, included in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

PUBLIC BID LAW

No expenditures were made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$5,000 and no expenditures were made for public works exceeding \$50,000.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS
AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Management provided me with the required list of immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124, and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

There were no employees paid during the period under examination.

BUDGETING

The Cameron Gravity Drainage District No. 8 did not adopt a budget for the year ended December 31, 1995; therefore, there are no variances to report upon.

Management did not adopt a budget in 1995 due to the fact that they were waiting on U. S. Army Corp of Engineers drainage plan permit approvals and did not anticipate approval until late in the fiscal year.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

I examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

All of the payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approvals from the accountant and the chairman of the Board of Commissioners. In addition, each of the disbursements were traced to the district's minute book where they were approved by the full commission.

MEETINGS

Cameron Gravity Drainage District No. 8 is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the district's office building. Although management has asserted that such documents were properly posted, I could find no evidence supporting such assertion other than an unmarked copy of the notices and agendas.

DEBT

I inspected copies of all bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

I inspected payroll records for the year and noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

I was not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Cameron Gravity Drainage District No. 8 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Elliott & Assoc. "APAC"
Icesville, Louisiana
April 26, 1996

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

March 6, 1996 (date)

Elliott & Associates, Inc.
P. O. Box 1287
Leesville, LA 71496-1287
(Auditors)

In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of December 31, 1995 and for the period then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, we make the following representations to you. These representations are based on the information available to us as of March 6, 1996 (date).

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes [X] No []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes [X] No []

State Laws Relating to Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:43.

Yes [X] No []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [X] No []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:463, and/or 39:92, as applicable.

Yes [X] No []

We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.

Yes [X] No []

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Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12.

Yes [X] No []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 47:1410.60.

Yes [X] No []

Payments

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [X] No []

We accept responsibility for our compliance with the foregoing matters, as well our responsibility for the controls over compliance. The foregoing representations are made to you based upon our evaluation of our activities as of 12-31-95 and for the year then ended, as well as the controls relating to the compliance issues.

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

<u>Patricia Nelson</u>	Secretary	<u>March 6, 1996</u>	Date
<u>Patricia Nelson</u>	Treasurer	<u>March 6, 1996</u>	Date
<u>Albert Gaudin</u>	President	<u>March 6, 1996</u>	Date

Note-Quasi-public entities should delete reference to the above statutes, unless required to follow such laws by contract with their public funding agencies. The quasi-public entities should include a representation that they have complied with the contractual provisions under which they have received state and/or local funds.