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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Westwego, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the City of Westwego, Louisiana, as of December 31, 1998, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Westwego's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our 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 we 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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Westwego, Louisiana, at December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types and similar trust fund for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 23, 1999 on our consideration of the City of Westwego's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

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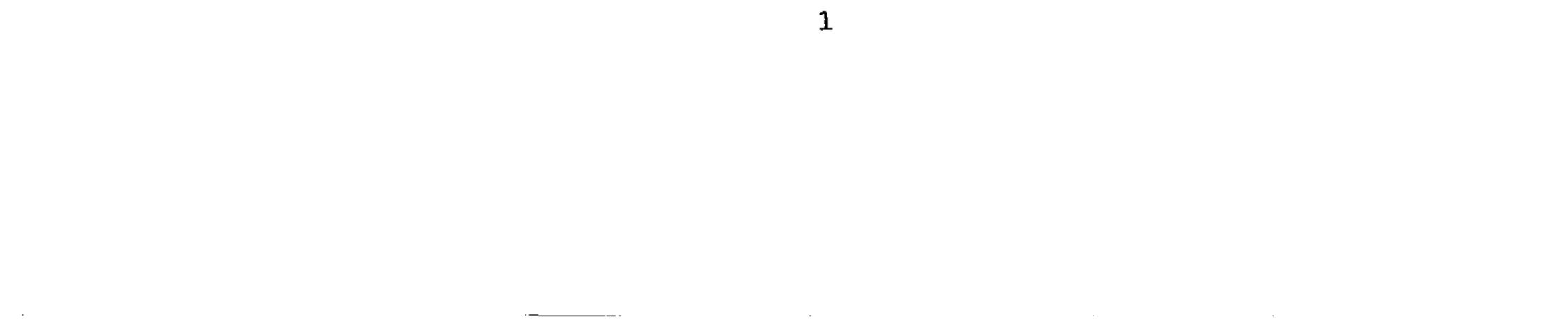
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Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and supplementary information listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the City of Westwego, Louisiana. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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Harvey, Louisiana June 23, 1999

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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Totals (<u>Memorandum Only</u>) og	\$ 667.387	1.127.635 806.126	321.727	789,502	393, 562	26.700	359,645	11.926.238
T(<u>Memor</u>	\$ 662,546	670,298 837,179	375,786	1.201,318	411.192	29,946	374,264	12,933,375
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	Governmental Fund Type	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type Domion		Tomony	(V)
LIABILITIES	General	Enterprise	eris i uri rust	Account Group	1998	거
þ	\$ 416.212 50,843 -0-	<pre>\$ 45,601 14,620 1,201,318</pre>	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		<pre>\$ 461.813 65.463 1.201.318</pre>	\$ 383.012 59.339 789.502
from restricted assets ferred revenue	-0- 856,259	89,103 -0-	¢ ¢	4 4	89.103 856,259	86.874 813,418
Total líabilitíes	1, 323, 314	1,350,642	-0,	-0-	2,673,956	2,132,145
FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS DVestment in general fixed						
assets	Ϋ́	-0-	ċ,	4,473,981	473.	493.
<u> </u>	•0-	8,126,409	-0,	-0-	8,126,409	8,126,409
maintenance	-0- -	315.107	-0,	- -	315,107	299.471
Unreserved	-0-	(407,084)	-0-	-0-	(407,084)	(324
Reserved	1.987.645	-0-	157,157	-0-	2,144,802	1.697.176
Unreserved - undesignated	168.733	-0-	ċ	¢	168,733	994, 437
Total fund equity and other credits	2.156.378	8,034,432	157,157	4,473,981	14,821.948	14.286,377
Total líabílítíes. fund equity and other credits	\$ 3,479,692	\$ 9,385,074	\$ 157,157	\$ 4,473,981	\$17,495,904	\$ 16.418.522

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	1998	1997
Revenues: Taxes Licenses and permits	\$2,314,355 414,043	\$2,365,216 380,587
Intergovernmental Charges for services	2,297,468 210,141	1,933,030 209,570
Fines Miscellaneous	315,388 	171,745 <u>204,786</u>
Total revenues	5,765,386	5,264,934

Expenditures: Current:

General government Public safety	1,953,595 1,879,951	1,505,181 1,687,813
Public works	1,195,375	821,840
Sanitation	514,849	394,343
Health	68,926	71,164
Recreation	308,258	333,772
Total expenditures	5,920,954	4,814,113
Transfers to other funds	203,108	206,525
Total expenditures and transfers	6,124,062	5,020,638
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over		
expenditures and transfers	(358,676)	244,296
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,515,054	2,270,758
Fund balance at end of year	\$ <u>2,156,378</u>	<u>\$2,515,054</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL -GENERAL FUND Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenues:	Budget	<u>Actual (U</u>	Variance- Favorable nfavorable)
	\$2,337,807	\$2 214 255	\$ (22 152)
Taxes	••••	\$2,314,355	\$(23,452)
Licenses and permits	366,139	414,043	47,904
Intergovernmental	2,380,942	2,297,468	(83,474)
Charges for services	209,339	210,141	802
Fines	315,000	315,388	388
Miscellaneous	190,645	213,991	23,346
Total revenues	<u>5,799,872</u>	<u>5,765,386</u>	(34,486)
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Expenditures: Current:

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General government	2,252,398	1,953,595	298,803
Public safety	1,772,137	1,879,951	(107,814)
Public works	1,313,432	1,195,375	118,057
Sanitation	518,871	514,849	4,022
Health	67,719	68,926	(1,207)
Recreation	357,590	308,258	49,332
Total expenditures	6,282,147	5,920,954	361,193
Transfers to other funds	203,108	203,108	-0-
Total expenditures and			
transfers	<u>6,485,255</u>	6,124,062	<u>361,193</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and			
transfers	(685,383)	(358,676)	326,707
Fund balance at			
beginning of year	2,515,054	2,515,054	-0-
Fund balance at end of			
year	\$1,829,671	\$2,156,378	\$326,707

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCE - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE AND SIMILAR TRUST FUND Year Ended December 31, 1998

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(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 1997)

	Proprietary <u>Fund Type</u>	Fiduciary <u>Fund Type</u>		otals
		Pension	<u>(Memora</u>	<u>ndum Only)</u>
	<u>Enterprise</u>	Trust	1998	<u> </u>
Operating revenues: Charges for services Interest	\$1,229,425 \$ 	-0- \$ 8,549	1,229,425	\$ 1,223,610 <u>8,408</u>
Total operating revenues	1,229,425	8,549	1,237,974	<u>1,232,018</u>
Operating expenses: Salaries, wages and				
personal services	452,076	-0-	452,076	416,694
Maintenance	229,826	-0-	229,826	338,160
Power	185,176	-0-	185,176	217,281
Chemicals	79,410	-0-	79,410	88,337
Medical insurance	42,035	-0-	42,035	41,074
General insurance	166,826	-0-	166,826	163,176
Truck expenses	18,115	-0-	18,115	19,675
Office supplies, expense		•		1
and postage	15,485	-0-	15,485	14,484
Employees' pension plan	20,036	-0-	20,036	19,833
Bad debts	3,302	-0- 27,951	3,302	9,207 38,042
Other Molenhone	6,588 1,764	-0-	34,539 1,764	1,709
Telephone Tenure awards	5,050	-0-	5,050	3,255
Professional fees	33,070	-0-	33,070	25,560
Depreciation	266,709	-0-	266,709	254,292
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Total operating				
expenses	1,525,468	27,951	1,553,419	1,650,779
Net operating loss	(296,043)	(19,402)	(315,445)	(418,761)
Nonoperating revenues:				
Interest on investments	25,811	-0-	25,811	25,047
Transfer from other funds	203,108	-0-	203,108	206,525
Total nonoperating		-0-	000 010	221 520
revenues	228,919	-0	228,919	231,572

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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCE - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE AND SIMILAR TRUST FUND Year Ended December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Totals for Year Ended December 31, 1997) (continued)

	Proprietary <u>Fund Type</u> <u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Fund Type</u> Pension	ĩ	otals ndum Only) 1997
Net loss	\$ (67,124)	\$(19,402)	\$ (86,526)	\$ (187,189)
Retained earnings (deficit)/fund balance at beginning of year	<u>(24,853)</u>	176,559	151,706	338,895

Retained earnings

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(deficit)/fund balance
 at end of year \$

(91,977) \$157,157 \$ 65,180 \$ 151,706

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE AND SIMILAR TRUST FUND Year Ended December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Totals for The Year Ended December 31, 1997)

	Proprietary <u>Fund Type</u> <u>Enterprise</u>	Fiduciary <u>Fund Type</u> Pension <u>Trust</u>	Total <u>(Memorandu</u> 1998	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Net operating loss Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	\$ (296,043)	\$ (19,402)	\$ (315,445)\$	(418,761)
Depreciation	266,709	-0-	266,709	254,292
Decrease in accounts receivable	15,915	-0-	15,915	11,606
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(109,220)	-0-	(109,220)	128,667
Increase in accrued wages	682	-0-	682	1,679
Increase in due to other funds	411,816	-0-	411,816	100,884
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	289,859	(19,402)	270,457	78,367
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Increase in customers' deposits	2,229	-0-	2.229	2,989

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING

ACTIVITIES				
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(293,073)	-0-	(293,073)	(480,924)
Transfer from other funds	203,108	-0-	203,108	206.525
			·····	
NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED				
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(89,965)</u>	-0-	(89,965)	(274,399)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Redemption of certificates of deposit				
and investments	5,419,497	2,086,162	7,505,659	6,019,141
Purchase of certificates of deposit	(5,440,703)	(2,074,325)	(7,515,028)	(6,047,531)
Interest on investments	25.811	-0-	25.811	25.047
file fest off investments		¥		62,041
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED)				
BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	4,605	11,837	16,442	(3,343)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	206,728	(7,565)	199,163	(196,386)
Cash at beginning of year	85,137	20,209	105,346	301.732
bush at bughtening of year				
Cash at end of year	\$ <u>291,865</u>	\$ 12,644	\$ 304,509	<u>\$ 105,346</u>
SUMMARY OF CASH				
Current Asset - Cash	\$ 261,919	\$ 12,644	\$ 274,563	\$ 78,646
Restricted Assets:		-		
Reserve fund cash	33	-0-	33	31
Depreciation and contingencies fund cash	42	-0-	42	40
Customers' deposits cash	29,871	-0-	29.871	26,629
	\$ <u>291,865</u>	¢ 17 4//	¢ 70% too	e 105 7/4
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

(1) GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Westwego was incorporated January 18, 1919, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:321 et. seq., which provisions are commonly known as the Lawrason Act. The City operates under a Mayor and City Council form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), streets, drainage, sanitation, health, social services, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The accounting policies of the City of Westwego conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements include all funds and account groups of the City of Westwego. There are no component units which are controlled by or fiscally dependent on the City which should be included to form the reporting entity. Control by or fiscal dependence on the City was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and financial accountability.

The following organizations conduct an activity entirely within the City for the benefit of the City's residents but are not considered a part of the reporting entity because the City does not exercise control over them and they are fiscally independent of the City.

> Westwego Housing Authority Westwego Volunteer Fire Company #1 Westwego Council on Aging

B. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the City are organized on the basis of funds and an account group, 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, or expenses, as appropriate. Government 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.

The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into three generic fund types and three broad fund categories as follows:



B. Continued

GOVERNMENTAL FUND

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

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Enterprise Funds - Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

FIDUCIARY FUND

Pension Trust Fund - The Police Pension Trust Fund is used to

account for assets held by the City in a trustee capacity. The Pension Trust Fund is accounted for in essentially the same manner as proprietary funds since capital maintenance is critical.

ACCOUNT GROUP

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This account group is used to account for fixed assets which are not accounted for in the respective governmental funds.

C. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Property, plant, and equipment of all funds acquired by purchase or construction are stated at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are stated at their fair market value on the date donated. Governmental fund fixed assets are recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group and are not depreciated. The City has elected not to report public domain or infrastructure fixed assets that are immovable and of value only to the City government. Proprietary fund fixed assets are recorded in the respective fund and depreciated using the straight-line method.

D. <u>Basis of Accounting</u>

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Taxpayer-assessed revenues, such

D. Continued

as sales taxes, are considered "measurable" when in the hands of intermediary collecting governments and are recognized as revenue of the period in which collected by merchants. Anticipated refunds of such taxes are recorded as liabilities and reductions of revenue when they are measurable and their validity seems certain. Property taxes are recognized as revenue of the year for which budgeted. The primary revenue sources that have been treated as "susceptible to accrual" under the modified accrual basis are sales taxes and various fees. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Unpaid vacation and sick pay does not accumulate for the employee and therefore is not accrued. Materials and supplies are recognized as expenditures at the time of purchase. Inventory of such items on hand at year-end would not be material to the financial statements.

All proprietary funds and pension trust fund are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred. Unbilled Water and Sewer Fund utility service receivables are recorded at year-end.

E. <u>Budgets and Budgetary Accounting</u>

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data presented in the financial statements:

- A general summary of the proposed budget is published 10 days prior to a public hearing.
- A public hearing is conducted at City Hall to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior to December 31, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance. In the event the budget is not adopted by December 31, the temporary budget for the ensuing year is based on 50% of the expenditures of the prior year. The budget for the year ended December 31, 1998 is as adopted on December 8, 1997, or as amended on December 28, 1998.
- 4. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- 5. The adopted operating budget of expenditures operates as an appropriation and amounts are available for expenditure only to the extent included within the budget. At the end of the fiscal year, the unexpended balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and is subject to future appropriation. Outstanding encumbrances which are not canceled are included as part of

the next year's budget.

E. Continued

6. The adopted operating budget may be amended in an open meeting of the Mayor and City Council. The budget amendment cannot be adopted proposing expenditures which exceed the total of estimated funds available for the fiscal year.

F. <u>Allowance for Uncollectible Receivables</u>

An allowance for estimated uncollectible receivables was established in prior years based on historical collection experience and other relevant circumstances. At December 31, 1998, all receivables are considered collectible and therefore an allowance was not required.

G. <u>Capitalization of Interest Costs</u>

Interest incurred during the period of construction and preparation for use of proprietary fund fixed assets is capitalized as part of those assets. No interest costs were capitalized for the year ended December 31, 1998.

H. <u>Comparative Data</u>

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the City's financial position and operations. However, comparative data (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type) have not been presented in each of the statements since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to understand.

I. Total Columns on Combined Statements

Total columns on the general purpose financial 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, results of operations, or cash flows 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.

J. <u>On-behalf Payments</u>

Supplemental pay which is paid directly to employees of the City of Westwego by the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety, are recognized as intergovernmental revenue and salaries expenditure in the year in which paid. For the year ended December 31, 1998, the amount recognized as revenue and expenditure was

\$89,364.

(2) <u>CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u>

For financial reporting purposes, cash includes petty cash and demand deposits.

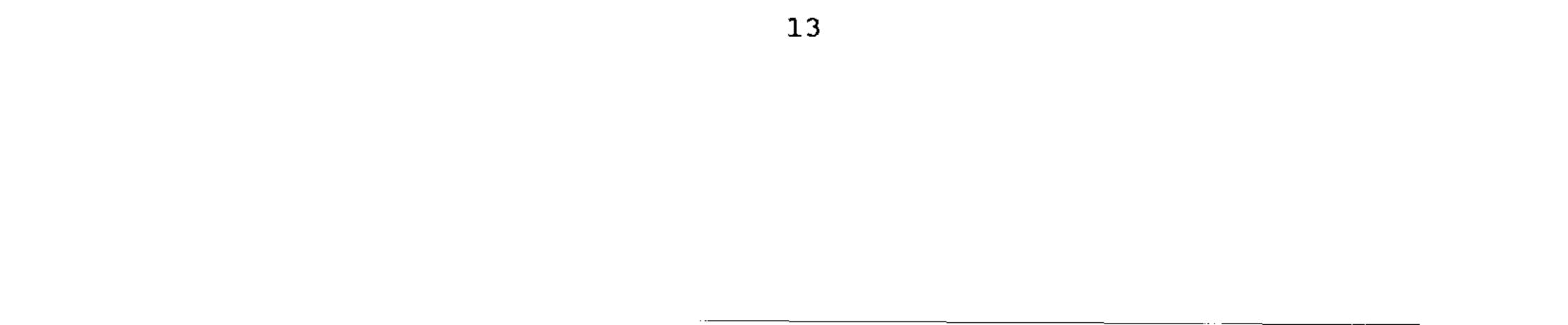
Under state law, the City of Westwego may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. Further, the City may invest in time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks or savings and loans organized under Louisiana law and national banks or savings and loans having principal offices in Louisiana, or any other federally-insured investment.

As shown in the combined balance sheet, the City had cash totaling \$692,492 and certificates of deposit totaling \$1,044,562 at December 31, 1998. Cash and certificates of deposit are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance, federal savings and loan insurance, or the pledge of securities owned by the financial institutions. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the financial institution.

The following is a summary of the carrying value of cash and certificates of deposit at December 31, 1998.

Unrestricted: Petty cash and demand deposits Certificates of deposit Restricted:	\$662,546 <u>670,298</u> <u>1,332,844</u>
Petty cash and demand deposits Certificates of deposit	29,946 <u>374,264</u> 404,210
Total	\$ 1,737,054

The bank balances at December 31, 1998 were \$1,798,949, of which \$200,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, and \$1,598,949 was covered by collateral held by the Federal Reserve bank in the City's name.



(3) WATERWORKS -

Restricted Assets Α.

The assets remaining in the Reserve Fund and the Depreciation and Contingencies Fund are restricted and may be used only for the repair and maintenance of the water treatment plant and the water distribution system.

в. Customers

As of December 31, 1998, there was a total of 3,232 customers, based on unaudited data.

(4) FIXED ASSETS

A summary of the changes in general fixed assets is as follows:

	Balance		Dele-	Balance
	<u>12-31-97</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>tions</u>	<u>12-31-98</u>
Land & building	\$ 844,374	\$ 470,295	\$ -0-	\$1,314,669
Machinery & equipment	<u>2,648,834</u>	649,912	<u>139,434</u>	<u>3,159,312</u>
Total	\$ <u>3,493,208</u>	\$ <u>1,120,207</u>	\$ <u>139,434</u>	\$ <u>4,473,981</u>

A summary of fixed assets of the Enterprise Funds follows:

WATERWORKS ENTERPRISE FUND

Est	imated Useful Life in	L	Accumulated		Depre- ciation
<u>Description</u>	<u>Years</u>	Cost	<u>Depreciation</u>	Net	<u>in 1998</u>
Land	Ś	\$ 49,211	\$ -0-\$	49,211	
Purification			·	•	
Plant	50	930,156	680,075	250,081	20,578
River intake	50	190,042	101,313	88,729	3,801
Pipeline		-	•	•	,
system	100	973,303	266,310	706,993	9,710
Elevated tanks	50	122,274	100,189	22,085	2,445
Meter and boxes	33 1/3	330,294	237,750	92,544	9,813
Office building	50	76,714	36,488	40,226	1,534
Office			·	•	- ,
equipment	10	33,183	33,183	-0-	-0-
Equipment	10	304,280	208,520	95,760	14,774
Fences	5	1.681	1,635	46	

\$ <u>3,011,138</u> \$1,665,463 \$ <u>1,345,675</u> \$ <u>62,663</u>

(4) FIXED ASSETS - continued

SEWERAGE ENTERPRISE FUND

	Estimated Usef Life in	ul	Accumulate	d	Depre- ciation
Description	Years	Cost	<u>Depreciati</u>		<u>in 1998</u>
Land		\$ 42,222	\$ -0-	\$ 42,222	\$ -0-
Treatment pla	int 50	7,333,105	2,036,489	5,296,616	145,944
Collection					
lines	100	1,997,029	594,065	1,402,964	20,179
Lift system	50	342,679	206,075	136,604	7,457
Equipment	10	412,722	289,903	122,819	26,618
EPA improveme	ent	·			·
expenditure	es 50	<u> 192,388</u>	79,894	112,494	3,848
-		\$ <u>10,320,145</u>	\$3,206,426	\$7,113,719	\$ 204,046
Total ent	erprise				
funds	▲	\$13,331,283	\$4,871,889	\$8,459,394	\$ 266,709

A summary of changes in fixed assets follows:

WATERWORKS ENTERPRISE FUND

Total enterprise funds

	Cost	Accumulate <u>Depreciati</u>	
Balance January 1	\$ 2,932,749	\$1,602,800	\$1,329,949
Additions: Pipeline system Meters and boxes Equipment River intake Depreciation	4,118 5,668 32,171 36,432 -0-	-0- -0- -0- -0- 62,663	4,118 5,668 32,171 36,432 (62,663)
SEWERAGE ENTERPRISE FUND	\$ <u>3,011,138</u>	\$1,665,463	51,345,675
Balance January 1	\$10,105,461	\$3,002,380	\$7,103,081
Additions: Treatment plant Equipment Depreciation	189,179 25,505 <u>-0-</u> \$10,320,145		189,179 25,505 (204,046) \$7,113,719

\$13,331,283 \$4,871,889 \$8,459,394

(5) <u>RETIREMENT PLANS</u>

Prior to 1975, Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:2220 provided for the establishment of a police pension and relief fund for the Police Department of municipalities having more than 7,500 inhabitants. Since the City had more than 7,500, it adopted Ordinance 734 on December 13, 1971, establishing "The City of Westwego Police Pension and Relief Fund".

In 1975 the Louisiana legislature set up a statewide municipal police retirement system giving police employees the option of that plan or the City's. On September 15, 1983 the City's plan was merged with the state pension plan which is currently known as the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana. Since then, the City of Westwego Police Pension and Relief Fund has been used to account for the accumulation of resources for the payment of (1) the actuarially determined liability at the time of the merger and (2) any liability arising due to differences between the two plans. At the time of the merger, the actuarially determined liability was \$348,317 and this amount was being paid to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System in quarterly installments of \$7,827, including interest at 7% per annum. During 1988 a lump-sum payment was made to the State Retirement System in full payment of the balance due. Additional liability for pensions to be paid from The City of Westwego Police Pension and Relief Fund would arise if any of the 4 employees who were merged into the state system on September 15, 1983 qualified for and elected to retire at an age younger than the minimum set by the state plan (50 years old). During 1998 two of the four former employees were receiving a pension benefit payable by the City.

All other full-time City employees participate in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System, State of Louisiana.

The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana and the Municipal Employees' Retirement System, State of Louisiana are costsharing multiple employer public employees retirement systems. In addition to normal retirement benefits, both plans also provide for death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by State statutes.

Participants in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System who attain 20 years of creditable service can retire at age 50, or at age 55 with 12 years of creditable service. Benefit rates are 3 1/3 percent of final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100%. Membership in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System is mandatory for all full-time police officers employed by the City.

(5) <u>RETIREMENT PLANS</u> - continued

Participants in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System who attain 30 or more years of creditable service can retire at any age, or at age 55 with 25 years of service, or at age 60 with ten years of service. Generally, the monthly retirement benefit is equal to 3 percent of the participants' final compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service not to exceed 100%. Final compensation is the average monthly earnings during the highest 36 months or joined months if service was interrupted. Membership in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System is mandatory for permanent employees who work at least 35 hours per week and do not participate in another public funded retirement system and are under age 60 at date of employment.

The City's total payroll for all employees for the year ended December 31, 1998 was \$2,047,368. The payrolls of employees covered by the pension plans, number of employees covered, contribution rates, and the actuarially determined contributions required for the two plans for the year ended December 31, 1998 were as follows:

	Pol Empl Reti	cipal ice oyees' rement stem	Em Re	unicipal ployees' tirement <u>System</u>
Payroll of employees				
covered by the plan	\$5	24,020	\$1	,137,093
Number of employees				
covered by the plan		23		60
Contribution rates:				
Employee		7.50%		9.25%
Employer (City)		9.00%		5.75%
Contributions required:				
Employee	\$	39,302	\$	105,181
Employer (City)	\$	47,162	\$	65,383

The City's total pension contribution of \$113,044 for the year ended December 31, 1998 is recorded as an expenditure or expense in the following funds: General Fund, \$93,008 Enterprise Funds, \$20,036. The City has no further liability for pension contributions after it has made the required contributions which are based upon a percent of salaries paid to covered employees. The City's 1998 contribution represented approximately .4% and 1.0%, respectively, of total contributions required of all employers participating in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System and the Municipal Employees' Retirement System.



(5) <u>RETIREMENT PLANS</u> - continued

The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System and the Municipal Employees' Retirement System do not make separate measurement of assets and pension benefit obligations for individual employers. The pension benefit obligation and net assets available for benefits, valued at cost or amortized cost, for each of the two Systems as a whole, determined through actuarial valuation as of June 30, 1998, follows:

Pension benefit	Municipal Police Employees' Retirement <u>System</u>	Municipal Employees' Retirement <u>System</u>
obligation	\$ <u>950,227,811</u>	\$ <u>392,335,456</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$1,018,384,354	\$408,685,269

The "pension benefit obligation" is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and step-rate benefits, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure, which is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits, is intended to help users assess the System's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons among public employees' retirement systems and employers.

Historical trend information showing the Systems' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Systems' June 30, 1998 annual financial reports.

(6) <u>PROPERTY TAXES</u>

The City bills and collects its own property taxes using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of Jefferson Parish.

Property taxes are levied by the City in October to finance the budget for the following fiscal year. Thus the 1997 taxes were levied in October, 1997 to finance the budget for the year 1998. In the governmental fund, property taxes are recognized as revenue of the year for which budgeted. Taxes levied in 1998 but budgeted for 1999 are recorded as deferred revenue in the governmental funds.



(6) <u>PROPERTY TAXES</u> - continued

The tax bills are mailed to the taxpayers on approximately January 1 and become an enforceable lien on the property at that time. Billed taxes become delinquent on March 31. Interest at the rate of 15% per annum is added to the uncollected balance from April 1 to the date of collection.

The number of mills levied in 1997 and 1998 and the purposes for which levied are shown below:

		<u>of mills</u>	Collection year in which dedicated
	<u> 1997 </u>	<u> 1998 </u>	<u>tax expires</u>
General corporate purposes	4.29	4.29	
Dedicated to:			
Street lighting	2.81	2.81	2002
Park maintenance and lighting	2.91	2.91	2002
Fire protection and maintenance	5.00	5.00	2002
Police Department maintenance			
and operations	5.00	5.00	2002
Emergency medical service			
maintenance and operations	6.92	6,92	2009
Total	26.93	26.93	

For the years 1997 and 1998 all property tax revenues were accounted for in the General Fund.

(7) <u>LITIGATION AND CLAIMS</u>

The City is a defendant in several lawsuits claiming damages of various amounts. In the estimation of the legal advisor to the City, the ultimate resolution of these suits would not materially affect the financial statements.

Claims and litigation costs of \$ 64,841, determined in accordance with FASB Statement 5, were incurred during the current year, all of which have been recorded as a current expenditure in the General Fund.

(8) SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The City maintains two Enterprise Funds which provide water and sewerage services. Segment information for the year ended December 31, 1998 follows:

				Total
	7	Vaterworks	Sewerage	Enterprise
		<u> </u>	 Fund	Funds
Operating revenues	\$	530,424	\$ 699,001	\$ 1,229,425

Depreciation Operating loss Net income (loss) 62,663204,046266,709(97,708)(198,335)(296,043)16,584(83,708)(67,124)

(8) <u>SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u> - continued

	Waterworks Fund	Sewerage Fund	Total Enterprise <u>Funds</u>
Property, plant and equipment: Additions	78,389	214,684	293,073
Net working capital Total equity Total assets	(64,079) 1,596,703 1,966,123	(675,990) 6,437,729 7,418,951	(740,069) 8,034,432 9,385,074

(9) FUND BALANCE AND DEFICIT IN RETAINED EARNINGS

As of December 31, 1998, the General Fund fund balance was reserved for the following:

Noncurrent receivable from the Sewerage Enterprise Fund \$ 956,216 Future expenditures for: Sala Avenue restoration 365,854 Riverboat landing 127,179 Public works 295,233 Other projects 243,163

\$<u>1,987,645</u>

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At December 31, 1998, there was a deficit of \$1,647,763 in retained earnings of the Sewerage Enterprise Fund. This deficit is expected to be reduced in future years by increases in sewerage service charges and subsidies from the General Fund.

(10) INTERFUND RECEIVABLE AND PAYABLE BALANCES

The individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances as of December 31, 1998 are as follows:

	Interfund <u>Receivables</u>		terfund ayables
General Fund Enterprise Funds:	\$ 1,201,318	\$	-0-
Waterworks Sewerage	-0- -0-		45,102 <u>56,216</u>
	\$ 1,201,318	\$1,2	01,318

(11) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The land on which one of the fire stations of the Westwego Volunteer Fire Company is located is leased by the City to the Volunteer Fire Company for a period of ninety-nine years beginning September 13, 1954 at a rental of \$1.00 per year. The City also provides the Volunteer Fire Company the free use of several fire trucks and other vehicles and pays for certain expenditures of the Volunteer Fire Company. During 1998, the City incurred approximately \$450,000 of expenditures for salaries and related benefits, insurance, auto and truck expense, and maintenance and operation of the Volunteer Fire Company. 20

(12) <u>YEAR 2000 ISSUE</u>

The Year 2000 Issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data processing systems and other electronic equipment that may adversely affect the government's operations.

The City of Westwego, State of Louisiana has completed an inventory of computer systems and other electronic equipment that may be affected by the Year 2000 Issue and that are necessary to conducting the City's operations. Based on this inventory, the City is in the remediation stage for the financial reporting systems. Testing and validation of the systems will need to be completed after the hardware and software are installed.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 Issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure that the City is or will be year 2000 ready, that the City's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the City does business will be year 2000 ready.

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COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



GENERAL FUND

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To account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.



CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1998 and 1997

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ASSETS	1998	 1997
Cash	\$ 387,983	\$ <u>588,741</u>
Certificates of deposit	472,673	 924,760
Receivables: Property taxes Accounts	837,179 <u>169,347</u> 1,006,526	 806,126 <u>99,373</u> 905,499
Due from other funds: Waterworks Enterprise Fund Sewerage Enterprise Fund Due from other governments: Parish of Jefferson State of Louisiana U.S. Department of Justice	245,102 956,216 1,201,318 288,989 80,441 41,762 411,192	 195,844 593,658 789,502 292,190 65,178 36,194 393,562
Total assets	\$ 3,479,692	\$ 3,602,064
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued wages payable Deferred revenue Total liabilities	\$ 416,212 50,843 <u>856,259</u> 1,323,314	 228,191 45,401 813,418 1,087,010
Fund balance: Reserved Unreserved - undesignated	1,987,645 	1,520,617 994,437
Total fund balance	<u>2,156,378</u>	<u>2,515,054</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 3,479,692	\$ 3,602,064

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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL Year Ended December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 1997)

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	Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 2,337,807	\$ 2,314,355	\$(23,452)	\$ 2,365,216
Licenses and permits	366,139	414,043	47,904	380,587
Intergovernmental	2,380,942	2,297,468	(83,474)	1,933,030
Charges for services	209,339	210,141	802	209,570
Fines	315,000	315,388	388	171,745
Miscellaneous	190,645	213,991	23,346	204,786
Total revenues	5,799,872	5,765,386	(34,486)	5,264,934
Expenditures:				
General government	2,252,398	1,953,595	298,803	1,505,181
Public safety	1,772,137	1,879,951	(107,814)	1,687,813
Public works	1,313,432	1,195,375	118,057	821,840
Sanitation	518,871	514,849	4,022	394,343
Health	67,719	68,926	(1,207)	71,164
Recreation	<u> </u>	308,258	49,332	333,772
Total expenditures	6,282,147	5,920,954	361,193	4,814,113
Transfers to other funds	s 203,108	203,108	-0-	206,525
Total expenditures and transfers	<u>6,485,255</u>	6,124,062	361,193	<u>5,020,638</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures				
and transfers	(685,383)	(358,676)	326,707	244,296
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>2,515,054</u>	2,515,054	-0-	2,270,758
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 1,829,671	\$ 2,156,378	\$326,707	\$ 2,515,054

CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, COMPARED TO BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) Year Ended December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 1997)

<u>1998</u> Variance -Favorable 1997 EXPENDITURES Budget (Unfavorable) <u>Actual</u> Actual <u>General Government</u> Personal services: \$ City Council 42,878 \$ 42,996 **Ş** (118) \$ 38,584 Accounting and auditing 33,079 31,197 (1, 882)25,569 City administrator (74) 26,978 27,052 27,052 City superintendent 55,353 52,721 40,956 2,632 Legal 40,000 42,173 (2, 173)34,957 Magistrate 6,382 6,365 (17)6,382 Mayor 6,000 6,000 6,000 -0-Office 139,340 141,342 (2,002)152,266 Tourism 29,377 <u>29,688</u> (311)10,058 Total <u>377,488</u> <u>381,433</u> <u>(3,945)</u> 341,824 Other: Advertising 6,713 9,026 (2,313)6,119 Automobile expense 41,533 39,940 1,593 57.305

Aucomonate expense	41,000	59,940	1,093	57,305
Bad debts	-0-	77,173	(77, 173)	88,660
Capital outlays	867,440	490,902	376,538	188,832
Casualty insurance	383,751	390,227	(6,476)	332,753
Contribution to employees'	-,	· · · , · · <u>-</u> ·	(-,,	,
pension plan	45,726	45,846	(120)	46,630
Convention travel, dues	-	-		·
and public relations	-0-	-0-	-0-	233
Hospitalization insurance				
for employees	267,580	242,768	24,812	217,085
Office supplies, expense	-	·	•	•
and postage	103,454	123,002	(19,548)	96,187
Other	63,250	60,480	2,770	66,546
Tenure awards	5,370	9,575	(4, 205)	5,370
Election expense	-0-	·~0-	`´−o−´	15,710
Lawsuit - settlement				
and legal fees	42,848	33,467	9,381	35,168
Donations needy families	7,600	6,120	1,480	6,759
Sala Avenue project	39,645	43,636	(3,991)	-0-
Total	1,874,910	1,572,162	302,748	1,163,357
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Total general				
government	2,252,398	<u>1,953,595</u>	298,803	1,505,181
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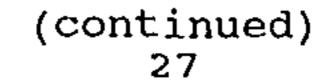


CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, COMPARED TO BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) Year Ended December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 1997) (continued) <u> 1998 </u> Variance -Favorable 1997 <u>Budget</u> Actual <u>(Unfavorable)</u> EXPENDITURES Actual Public Safety Personal services: Air condition and \$ 2,400 \$ heating inspector \$ 2,400 \$ 2,400 -0-Arson investigator 1,200 1,200 -0-1,200 Building inspector 3,000 3,000 -0-3,000 Electrical inspector 2,640 2,400 240 2,400 Fire chief 3,163 3,136 27 3,000 Firemen 237,970 272,475 (34,505) 241,543

Fire prevention chief 1,200 1,200 -0-1,200 Plumbing inspector 4,800 4,800 -0-4,800 Police chief's salary and expense 30,720 32,202 (1, 482)41,399 Policemen 571,416 633,778 (62, 362)610,177 Emergency medical

technicians Code enforcer	171,097 <u>1,200</u>	171,804	(707) <u>-0-</u>	163,158 <u>1,200</u>
Total	<u>1,030,806</u>	1,129,595	(98,789)	<u>1,075,477</u>
Other:				
Auto and truck expenses,				
Fire Department Auto expenses, Police	24,138	30,528	(6,390)	28,283
Department	66,135	71,765	(5,630)	60,692
Capital outlays	183,085	183,411	(326)	67,620
Fire Department	100,000	105,411	(520)	07,020
maintenance and				
_	09 770	101 076	(2 107)	107 600
operation Delige Department	98,779	101,976	(3,197)	107,608
Police Department				
maintenance and	152 460	146 440	7 010	100 547
operation	153,468	146,449	7,019	128,547
Police pension				
contributions	44,902	47,162	(2,260)	44,245
Police witness fees	8,340	8,125	215	7,425
Signs	6,666	2,110	4,556	8,949
Street and flood light				
electricity	73,169	66,581	6,588	71,122
Emergency medical			·	-
service expense	36,565	34,735	1,830	34,785
Parish jail	46,084	57,514	(11,430)	53,060
Total	741,331	750,356	(9,025)	612,336
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Total public safety 1,772,137 1,879,951 (107,814) 1,687,813



CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, COMPARED TO BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) Year Ended December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 1997) (continued) <u> 1998 </u> Variance -Favorable 1997 (Unfavorable) Actual Actual Budget EXPENDITURES Public Works Personal Services: 23,920 \$ 23,986 \$ (66) \$ 23,211 \$ Maintenance shop 150,499 <u>138,558</u> <u>5,301</u> <u>155,800</u> Labor crews 5,235 161,769 174,485 179,720 Total Other: Auto, truck and 56,154 986 26,648 27,634 equipment expenses Materials, supplies and 8,512 26,399 54,220 45,708 pipe 34,245 80,974 (2,944) 78,030 Miscellaneous maintenance 543,273 106,268 867,560 <u>973,828</u> Capital expenditures

Total	1,133,712	1,020,890	112,822	660,071
Total public works	<u>1,313,432</u>	1,195,375	118,057	<u>821,840</u>
<u>Sanitation</u> Personal Services: Garbage and trash crews	8,000	8,000	-0-	8,000
Other:				
Solid waste disposal expenses	<u>510,871</u>	506,849	4,022	386,343
Total sanitation	<u>518,871</u>	514,849	4,022	394,343
<u>Health</u> Other:				
Social services	62,631	57,375	5,256	47,365
Capital expenditures	-0- 5 000	5,559	(5,559)	22,489 <u>1,310</u>
Other	5,088	5,992		
Total health	67,719	68,926	(1,207)	<u>71,164</u>

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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, COMPARED TO BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) Year Ended December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended December 31, 1997) (continued)

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		1998					
					Variance Favorable		1997
EXPENDITURES	_	Budget		Actual	<u>(Unfavorab</u>		Actual
<u>Recreation</u> Personal Services: Playground							
directors Playground upkeep	\$	25,752 57,183	\$	24,960 61,248	\$	\$	22,770 52,912
Summer Camp Counselor		<u>-0-</u>		-0-	-0-		6,249
Total		82,935		86,208	(3,273)		81,931
Other: Capital outlays	-	164,487		112,832	51,655		102,645
Park maintenance and lighting Playground sports		84,359		85,390	(1,031)		119,999
equipment Summer Camp Program		25,809 -0-		23,828	1,981 		25,339 <u>3,858</u>
Total	•	274,655		222,050	52,605		251,841
Total recreation		<u>357,590</u>		308,258	49,332		333,772
Total Expenditures	s <u>6,</u> 2	<u>282,147</u>		5,920,954	361,193	4,	,814,113
Transfers to other funds		<u>203,108</u>		203,108	-0-		206,525
Total expenditures and transfers	\$6,4	485,255	\$	6,124,062	\$ 361,193	\$5,	,020,638
Total expenditures		•	\$	•		\$5,	



ENTERPRISE FUNDS

<u>Waterworks and Sewerage Funds</u> - to account for the provision of water and sewer services to the residents of the City. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in these funds, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collection.

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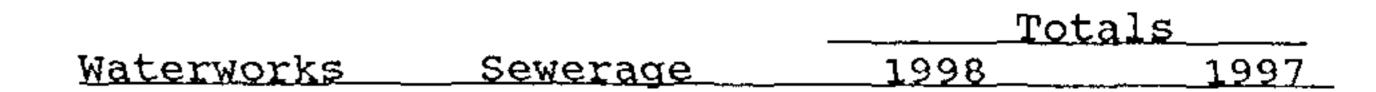
CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Totals for December 31, 1997)

				Ţ	otals			
	<u>Wa</u>	terworks		<u>Sewerage</u>		1998		1997
<u>Assets</u>								
CURRENT ASSETS								
Cash	\$	66,400	\$	195,519	\$	261,919	\$	58,437
Certificates of	•	/.00	т	100,010	Ŷ	201,719	Ŷ	50,457
deposit		53,112		-0-		53,112		46,525
Accounts receivable		96,726		109,713		205,439		222,354
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Total curren	t							
assets		216,238		305,232		521,470		<u>327,316</u>
RESTRICTED ASSETS								
Revenue bonds reserve	e							
fund:	-							
Cash		33		-0-		33		31
Certificate of						•••		~ L
deposit		77,314		-0-		77,314		73,478
Revenue bonds								
depreciation and	_							
contingencies fund Cash	:			<u>^</u>				
Certificate of		42		-0-		42		40
deposit		237,718		-0-		222 210		225 022
Customers' deposits		23/1/10		-0-		237,718		225,922
fund:								
Cash		29,871		0-		29,871		26,629
Certificate of						•		,
deposit	_	59,232				59,232		60,245
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Total restricted								
assets		101 210		0		404 010		
assets		404.210	<u> </u>			404,210		386,345
PROPERTY, PLANT AND								
EQUIPMENT, AT COST -								
NET OF ACCUMULATED								
DEPRECIATION	1	,345,675	•	7,113,719		8,459,394	8	433.030
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Total assets	\$1	,966,123	\$ `	7,418,951	\$	9,385,074	<b>\$</b> 9,	,146,691
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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Totals for December 31, 1997) (continued)

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## LIABILITIES AND FUND EOUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES (Payable from current assets) Accounts payable Accrued wages payable Due to other funds	\$	28,936 6,279 245,102	\$ 16,665 8,341 956,216	\$	45,601 14,620 1,201,318	\$ 154,821 13,938 789,502
Total	_	280,317	 981,222	<u> </u>	1,261,539	 958,261
CURRENT LIABILITIES (Payable from restricted assets) Customers' deposits		89,103	 -0-		89,103	 <u>    86,874</u>

Total liabilities	369,420	981,222	1,350,642	1,045,135
FUND EQUITY				
Contributed capital:				
City grants	-0-	1,851,632	1,851,632	1,851,632
Federal grants	40,917	4,997,596	5,038,513	5,038,513
State grants	-0-	347,308	347,308	347,308
Property owners	-0-	862,956	862,956	862,956
Parish grants	-0-	26,000	26,000	26,000
Total contributed				
capital	<u>    40,917  </u>	8,085,492	8,126,409	8,126,409
Retained earnings				
(deficit):				
Reserved for water-				
works maintenance	315,107	-0-	315,107	299,471
Unreserved	1,240,679	(1,647,763)	(407,084)	(324,324)
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Total retained				
earnings				
(deficit)	1,555,786	(1,647,763)	(91,977)	(24,853)
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Total fund equity	<u>1,596,703</u>	6,437,729	8,034,432	8,101,556
Total liabilities				
and fund				
equity	\$1,966,123	\$ 7,418,951	\$ 9,385,074	\$ 9,146,691

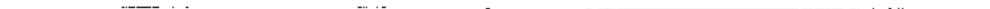
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## CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS Year Ended December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Totals for Year Ended December 31,1997)

			Tota	als
	<u>Waterworks</u>	Sewerage	1998	1997
Operating revenues: Charges for services and other	\$ <u>530,424</u>	\$ 699,001	<u>\$ 1,229,425</u>	<u>\$ 1,223,610</u>
Operating expenses: Salaries, wages and				
personal services	204,790	247,286	452,076	416,694
Maintenance	83,659	146,167	229,826	338,160
Power	79,382	105,794	185,176	217,281
Chemicals	58,408	21,002	79,410	88,337
Medical insurance	15,373	26,662	42,035	41,074
General insurance	84,250	82,576	166,826	163,176
Truck expense	3,442	14,673	18,115	19,675
Office supplies, expense and				
postage	6,250	9,235	15,485	14,484
Employees' pension				
plan	9,562	10,474	20,036	19,833
Bad debts	731	2,571	3,302	9,207
Other	741	5,847	6,588	10,091
Telephone	346	1,418	1,764	1,709
Tenure awards	2,000	3,050	5,050	3,255
Professional fees	16,535	16,535	33,070	25,560
Depreciation	62,663	204,046	266,709	254,292
Total operating expenses	628,132	897,336	1,525,468	1,622,828
Net operating loss	(97,708)	(198,335)	(296,043)	(399,218)
Nonoperating revenues: Interest on investment: Transfer from other	s 24,375	1,436	25,811	25,047
funds	89,917	113,191	203,108	206,525
Motol nenementing				
Total nonoperating revenues		114,627	228,919	231,572
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## CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS Year Ended December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Totals for Year Ended December 31,1997) (continued)

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			Tot	als
	<u>Waterworks</u>	Sewerage	1998	<u> 1997</u>
Net income (loss)	\$ 16,584 \$	(83,708) \$	(67,124) \$	(167,646)
Retained earnings (deficit) at beginning of year	<u>1,539,202</u>	(1,564,055)	(24,853)	<u>142,793</u>
Retained earnings (deficit) at end of year	\$1,555,786 \$	(1,647,763) \$	(91,977) \$	(24,853)



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#### CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Year Ended December 31, 1998 (With Comparative Totals for Year Ended December 31, 1997)

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	_	Waterworks		Sewerage		1998		1997
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Net operating loss Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to	\$	(97,708) <b>\$</b>	5	(198,335)	\$	(296,043)	\$	(399,218)
net cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation Decrease in accounts receivable		62,663 8,256		204,046 7,659		266,709 15,915		254,292 11,606
Increase(decrease) in accounts payable Increase in accrued wages		(6,338) 141		(102,882) 541		(109,220) 682		128,667 1,679
Increase in due to other funds	-	49,258		362,558	<del>_</del>	411.816		100,884
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-	16.272		273,587		289,859		97,910
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Increase in customers' deposits	-	2,229		-0-		2,229		2,989
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES								
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment Transfer from other funds		(78,389) <u>89,917</u>		(214,684) 113,191		(293,073) 203,108		(480,924) 206,525
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	_	11,528		(101,493)		(89,965)	····	(274,399)

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Redemption of certificates of deposit Purchase of certificates of deposit		,419,497 ,440,703)		-0- -0-		5,419,497 5,440,703)		4,346,150 4,366,649)
Interest on investments		24,375		1,436		25,811	<u> </u>	25,047
NET CASH PROVIDED								
BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		3,169		1,436		4.605		4,548
Net increase (decrease) in cash		33,198		173,530		206,728		(168,952)
Cash at beginning of year		63,148		21,989		85,137		254,089
Cash at end of year	\$	96,346	\$	195,519	\$	291,865	\$	85,137
SUMMARY OF CASH	E				╧╧╌┯╌╤╌╌	<u></u>		
Current Asset - Cash	\$	66,400	\$	195,519	\$	261,919	\$	58,437
Restricted Assets:								
Reserve fund cash		33		-0-		33		31
Depreciation and contingencies fund cash		42		-0-		42		40
Customers' deposits cash	_	29,871	· · · · ·	-0-				26,629
	\$	96,346	\$	195,519	\$	291,865	\$	85,137

CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA WATERWORKS ENTERPRISE FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1998 and 1997

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ASSETS		1998	1997
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Certificates of deposit Accounts receivable	\$	66,400 53,112 96,726	\$ 36,448 46,525 104,982
Total current assets	-	216,238	 <u>187,955</u>
RESTRICTED ASSETS Revenue bonds reserve fund: Cash Certificate of deposit Revenue bonds depreciation and contingencies fund:		33 77,314	31 73,478
Cash Certificate of deposit Customers' deposits fund: Cash Certificate of deposit		42 237,718 29,871 59,232	 40 225,922 26,629 60,245

Total restricted assets	404,210	386,345
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, AT COST - NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION (1998 - \$1,665,463; 1997 - \$1,602,800)	1 245 675	1,329,949
Total assets	\$ 1,966,123	\$ 1,904,249

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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA WATERWORKS ENTERPRISE FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1998 and 1997

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	1998	1997
CURRENT LIABILITIES (Payable from current assets) Accounts payable Accrued wages payable Due to other funds	\$28,936\$ 6,279 <u>245,102</u>	35,274 6,138 195,844
Total	280,317	237,256
CURRENT LIABILITIES (Payable from restricted assets) Customers' deposits	89,103	86,874
Total liabilities	369,420	324,130
FUND EQUITY Contributed capital: Federal grants	40,917	40,917

Retained earnings: Reserved for waterworks maintenance Unreserved	315,107 <u>1,240,679</u>	299,471 1,239,731
Total retained earnings	<u>1,555,786</u>	1,539,202
Total fund equity	<u>1,596,703</u>	1,580,119
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 1,966,123	\$ 1,904,249

CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA WATERWORKS ENTERPRISE FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	-	1998		1997
Operating revenues: Water sales Installations Miscellaneous	\$	523,035 7,386 3	\$	523,696 3,210 <u>197</u>
Total operating revenues	-	530,424		<u>527,103</u>
Operating expenses: Salaries, wages and personal services Maintenance Power Chemicals		204,790 83,659 79,382 58,408		194,605 103,244 95,912 49,012
Medical insurance General insurance Truck expenses Office supplies, expense and postage Employees' pension plan		15,373 84,250 3,442 6,250 9,562 731		19,730 82,397 4,800 6,199 9,830 2,482
Bad debt expense Other Telephone Tenure awards Professional fees Depreciation		741 346 2,000 16,535 62,663	<u> </u>	815 349 1,755 12,780 <u>57,721</u>
Total operating expenses	<del>.</del>	628,132		641,631
Net operating loss		(97,708)		(114,528)
Nonoperating revenues: Interest on investment Transfer from other funds	<u>.</u>	24,375 <u>89,917</u>		22,738 91,525
Total nonoperating revenues		114,292		114,263
Net income (loss)		16,584		(265)
Retained earnings at beginning of year		<u>1,539,202</u>	1	<u>539,467</u>
Retained earnings at end of year	\$	1,555,786	\$ 1,	,539,202



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## CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA WATERWORKS ENTERPRISE FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

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		1998	1997
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net operating loss Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$	(97,708)	\$ (114,528)
Depreciation		62,663	57,721
Decrease in accounts receivable		8,256	3,885
Increase(decrease) in accounts payable		(6,338)	22,142
Increase in accrued wages		141	478
Increase in due to/from other funds	·	49,258	43,152
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>.                                    </u>	16,272	12,850
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Increase in customers' deposits		2,229	2,989
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING			
ACTIVITIES			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(78,389)	· · · ·
Transfer from other funds		89,917	<u>91,525</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL			
AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u></u>	11,528	(41,076)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Redemption of certificates of deposit	5	,419,497	4,346,150
Purchase of certificates of deposit	(5	,440,703)	(4,366,649)
Interest on investment		24,375	<u>     22,738</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY			
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		3,169	2,239
Net increase (decrease) in cash		33,198	(22,998)
Cash at beginning of year		63,148	86,146
Cash at end of year	\$	96,346	\$ 63,148
SUMMARY OF CASH			
Current Asset - Cash	\$	66,400	\$ 36,448
Restricted Assets:			
Reserve fund cash		33	31
Depreciation and contingencies fund cash		42	40
Customers' deposits cash		29,871	26,629
	\$	96,346	\$ 63,148



CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA SEWERAGE ENTERPRISE FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1998 and 1997

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ASSETS	1998	1997
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable	\$ 195,519 109,713	\$21,989 <u>117,372</u>
Total current assets	305,232	139,361
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, AT COST - NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION (1998 - \$3,206,426; 1997 - \$3,002,380)	<u>7,113,719</u>	7,103,081
Total assets	\$ 7,418,951	\$ 7,242,442

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$	16,665	\$ 119,547
Accrued wages payable		8,341	7,800
Due to other funds		956,216	593,658
Total liabilities		981,222	721,005
FUND EQUITY			
Contributed capital:			
City grants		1,851,632	1,851,632
Federal grants		4,997,596	4,997,596
State grants		347,308	347,308
Property owners		862,956	862,956
Parish grants		26,000	26,000
Total contributed capi	tal	8,085,492	8,085,492
Accumulated deficit		(1,647,763)	(1,564,055)
Total fund equity		6,437,729	6,521,437
Total liabilities and	fund equity \$	7,418,951	\$ 7,242,442

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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA SEWERAGE ENTERPRISE FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

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		1998	1997
Operating revenues: Sewerage service charges	ć	607 051	¢ 604 701
Installations	\$	697,851 32	\$   694,721 -0-
Permits and other		1,118	<u> </u>
Total operating revenues		<u>699,001</u>	<u>696,507</u>
Operating expenses:			
Salaries, wages and personal			
services		247,286	222,089
Maintenance		146,167	234,916
Power		105,794	121,369
Chemicals		21,002	39,325
Medical insurance		26,662	21,344
General insurance		82,576	80,779
Truck expenses		14,673	14,875
Office supplies, expense and postage		9,235	8,285
Employees' pension plan		10,474	10,003
Bad debts		2,571	6,725
Other Melenhene		5,847	9,276
Telephone Tenure awards		1,418	1,360
Professional fees		3,050	1,500
Depreciation		16,535	12,780
Deprectation	-	204,046	<u>    196,571</u>
Total operating expenses	-	<u>897,336</u>	981,197
Net operating loss	-	(198,335)	(284,690)
Nonoperating revenues:			
Interest on investments		1,436	2,309
Transfer from other funds		113,191	115,000
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Total nonoperating revenues	-	114,627	117,309
Net loss		(83,708)	(167,381)
Accumulated deficit at beginning of year	()	1,564,055)	(1,396,674)
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Accumulated deficit at end of year			\$(1,564,055)
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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA SEWERAGE ENTERPRISE FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	1998	1997
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Net operating loss Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to net cash provided by operating	\$ (198,335)	\$ (284,690)
activities: Depreciation Decrease in accounts receivable Increase (decrease) in accounts payable Increase in accrued wages Increase in due to other funds	204,046 7,659 (102,882) 541 362,558	196,571 7,721 106,525 1,201 <u>57,732</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>273,587</u>	85,060
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES Acquisition of property, plant and equipment Transfer from other funds	(214,684) 	(348,323) <u>115,000</u>
NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(101,493)	<u>(233,323</u> )
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Interest on investments	<u>    1,436  </u>	2,309
Net increase (decrease) in cash	173,530	(145,954)
Cash at beginning of year	<u>    21,989  </u>	167,943
Cash at end of year	\$ 195,519	\$ 21,989

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#### FIDUCIARY FUND

Police Pension and Relief Trust Fund - prior to 1983, this fund was used to account for the accumulation of resources for police pension and relief payments. Resources were contributed by employees at rates fixed by law and by the City of a portion of the amounts collected for licenses and fines. In 1983, the City Police Pension Plan was merged with the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (formerly, the Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System) in accordance with Act 585 of the 1982 regular session of the Louisiana The Police Pension and Relief Fund was then used to Legislature. account for the accumulation of resources to be used for the payment of (1) the actuarially determined liability at the time of the merger and (2) any liability arising due to differences between the two plans. During 1988, a lump-sum payment was made to the State Retirement System in full payment of the balance due on the actuarially determined liability at the time of merger. Funds are now being accumulated for the payment of any liability arising due to differences between the two plans.



CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF TRUST FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1998 and 1997

<u>ASSETS</u>	 1998	 1997
Cash	\$ 12,644	\$ 20,209
Certificate of deposit	 144,513	 <u>156,350</u>
Total assets	\$ 157,157	\$ 176,559
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FUND BALANCE

Reserved for payment of benefits

\$<u>157,157</u>\$<u>176,559</u>

## CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF TRUST FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

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	-	1998	1997
Revenues: Interest received on investments	-	8,549	8,408
Expenses: Benefits paid	_	27,951	27,951
Deficiency of revenues over expenses		(19,402)	(19,543)
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	<u>176,559</u>	196,102
Fund balance at end of year	\$	157,157 \$	176,559



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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF TRUST FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	1998	<u>1997</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ <u>(19,402)</u> \$ <u>(1</u>	9,543)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Redemption of certificates of deposit and investment Purchase of certificates of deposit	2,086,162 1,67 ( <u>2,074,325) (1,68</u>	
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>    11,837    (</u>	7 <u>,891</u> )
Net decrease in cash	(7,565) (2	7,434)
Cash at beginning of year	20,209 4	7,643

\$ 12,644 \$ 20,209

Cash at end of year

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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CITY OF WESTWEGO, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL Year Ended December 31, 1998

<u>Councilmen</u>	 <u>Salary</u>
Melvin J. Guidry	\$ 8,420
Ted J.Munch	8,420
Glenn Green	9,316
Ivy E. Rogers	8,420
Garrison J. Toups, Sr.	8,420
	\$ 42,996

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# COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL

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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

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Westwego, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Westwego, Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 1999. We conducted our 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.

### <u>Compliance</u>

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Westwego, Louisiana's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we 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 our audit and, 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*.

The audit report for the year ended December 31, 1997 on compliance made reference to the following matter of non compliance: "The City of Westwego did not publish all of its minutes of meetings of the City Council within the time prescribed by Louisiana Statutes. This was also noted in our audit report for the year ended December 31, 1996." There were no instances of minutes not being published timely since the issuance of the 1997 audit report.



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## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Westwego, Louisiana's control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting 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 general purpose 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. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses.

The audit report for the year ended December 31, 1997 on internal control structure made reference to the following matter which was considered to be a reportable condition: "The internal control procedures over collection and recordation of receipts of taxes and licenses to the City of Westwego are not monitored adequately and do not include a reconciliation to subsidiary ledgers, where applicable." During the year ended December 31, 1998 the City of Westwego implemented a subsidiary ledger for property taxes receivable and has expanded monitoring of existing controls.

This report is intended solely for the information of the management of the City of Westwego and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and it is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Harvey, Louisiana June 23, 1999

