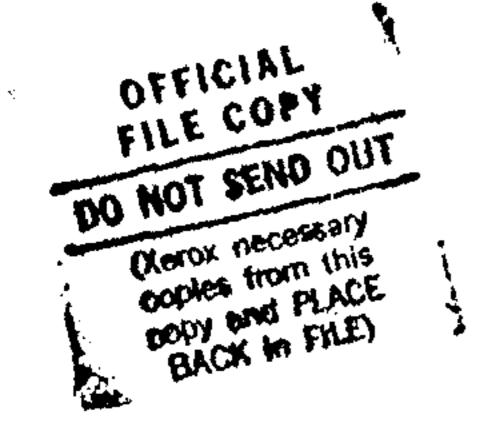


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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE **PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE** MORGANZA, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the audited, or reviewed, entity and other appropriate public officials. The report is available for Public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court. Release Date HEB2 4 1999

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE MORGANZA, LOUISIANA

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GOVERNING BOARD

Eugene Serio, Chairman Eric Gustin, Secretary Valery Joseph Landry Daryl Martin Mark Ramagos

MEETING DATE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Eugene Serio, Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee Morganza, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA (the "District"), a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998 as listed in the Table of Contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the provisions of the <u>Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide</u>, published jointly by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Those standards and the Guide require that I 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. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, I have also issued my report dated January 12, 1999, on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

My audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the District, taken as a whole. The statistical information listed as supplemental information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

George F. Delaune, CPA

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January 12, 1999

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA COMBINED BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE AND ACCOUNT GROUPS DECEMBER 31, 1998

	Govern-			
	mental	Account	Total	\$
	Fund Type	Group	(Memorandu	m Only)
		General		
	General	Fixed		
	Fund	Assets	1998	1997
ASSETS				
Cash	\$92,449		\$92,449	\$73,051
Receivables -				
Ad valorem	28,633		28,633	28,731
State revenue sharing	718		718	692
Due from other governmental units	1,069		1,069	1,069
Property, plant, and equipment		271,938	271,938	270,403
TOTAL ASSETS	\$122,869	\$271,938	\$394,807	\$373,946

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

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	£057		1 257	6401
Accounts payable	\$257		\$257	\$423
Amount due retirement system	1,094		1,094	1,100
Total Liabilities	1,351		1,351	1,523
Fund Equity:				
Contributed capital - 4th Ward	2,242		2,242	2,242
Investment in general fixed assets -				
Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury		11,000	11,000	11,000
Village of Morganza		5,275	5,275	5,275
4th Ward Fire Prevention District		58,729	58,729	58,729
General Fund Revenues		196,934	196,934	195,399
Fund balance -				
Unreserved - undesignated	119,276		119,276	99,778
Total Fund Equity	121,518	271,938	393,456	372,423
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$122,869	\$271,938	\$394,807	\$373,946

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement. 3

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	1998	1997
Revenues:		
Taxes -		
Ad valorem	\$28,383	\$28,697
Total Taxes	28,383	28,697
Intergovernmental revenues -		
State fire insurance rebate	3,526	3,458
State revenue sharing	2,153	2,042
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	5,679	5,500
Miscellaneous revenues -		
Interest earned		3,213
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	3,932	3,213
Total Revenues	37,994	37,410

Expenditures:

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1,500	1,500
1,094	1,100
2,594	2,600
2,930	1,281
1,406	1,448
262	
276	948
	548
402	478
1,563	1,918
7,154	8,116
163	735
132	355
79	47
14,367	15,874
16,961	18,474
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1,535	
18,496	18,474
19,498	18,936
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Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures

Fund Balance - January 1

FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31





The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement. 4

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -BUDGET AND ACTUAL (GAAP BASIS) - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

		1998		1997
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes -				
Ad valorem	\$28,697	\$28,383	(\$314)	\$28,697
Total Taxes	28,697	28,383	(314)	28,697
Intergovernmental revenues -				
State fire insurance rebate	3,458	3,526	68	3,458
State revenue sharing	2,042	2,153		2,042
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	5,500	5,679	179	5,500

Miscellaneous revenues -

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Interest earned	2,400	3,932	1,532	3,213
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,400	3,932	1,532	3,213
Total Revenues	36,597	37,994	1,397	37,410
Expenditures:				
Current Operations -				
General Government -				
Professional fees	1,500	1,500		1,500
Tax collector fees	1,100	1,094	6	1,100
Total General Government	2,600	2,594	6	2,600
Public Safety -				
Vehicle maintenance	2,000	2,930	(930)	1,281
Radios/pagers maintenance	2,000	1,406	594	1,448
Fire equipment maintenance	1,000	262	738	•
Protective gear	1,000	276	724	948
Building maintenance	1,000		1,000	548
Telephone	500	402	. 98	478
Utilities	2,000	1,563	437	1,918
Insurance	9,000	7,154	1,846	8,116
Supplies and small tools	1,000	163	837	735
Travel and training sessions	500	132	368	355
All others	500		421	47
Total Public Safety	20,500	14,367	6,133	15,874

Total Current Operations 16,961 23,100 6,139 18,474

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement. 5

		1998		1997
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Capital Outlays -				
Radios and pagers		536	(536)	
Fire fighting equipment and tools	5,000	999	4,001	
Total Capital Outlays	5,000	1,535	3,465	
Total Expenditures	28,100	18,496	9,604	18,474
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	8,497	19,498	11,001	18,936
Fund Balance - January 1	99,778	99,778		80,842
FUND BALANCE · DECEMBER 31	<u>\$108,275</u>	\$119,276	\$11,001	\$99,778

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTE 1 - INTRODUCTION

On July 14, 1981, the 4th Ward Fire Protection District of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana was redesignated Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana (the "District") by a resolution of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury under authority of Louisiana Revised Statute 40 Section 1491. The District operates under a commission form of government and provides fire protection services to all the territory situated within the limits of Pointe Coupee Election District 3, as said Election District was constituted. The Board is composed of five commissioners: two appointed by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury; two appointed by the Village of Morganza; and one appointed by the other four who acts as chairman. These five commissioners accept no compensation although per diem is allowed. The District has no employees. Labor is furnished through a intergovernmental service agreement with the local volunteer firefighters.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana 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.

Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Pointe Coupee Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of [a] the primary government (police jury), [b] organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and [c] other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining

which component units should be considered part of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within

the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
- 2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be mislead-

ing if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Applying criteria #3, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Fund Accounting

The District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government 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.

Funds of the District are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account 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. Governmental funds of the District include:

General Fund - the general operating fund of the District and accounts for all financial resources.

Basis of Accounting

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The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental funds are 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. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental funds. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available means when due, or past due and receivable and collected generally within 60 days after year end. See Note 4 for the property tax calendar.

Miscellaneous revenue (except investment earnings) are recorded as revenue when cash is received because they generally are not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Federal and state grants and reimbursements are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received by the District.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recognized when due in the General Fund.

<u>Budgets</u>

Proposed operating budgets for the fiscal years 1991 through 2000 (the term of the approved ad valorem tax millage), prepared on GAAP Basis, are approved by the Board of Commissioners and adopted in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

During the year, monthly budgetary comparison statements are used as management tools to control operations. When necessary the Board adopts budget amendments which are included in District minutes published in the official journal.

The District exercises budgetary control at the line item level. Unexpended appropriations lapse at the end year end and must be reappropriated in the next year's budget to be expended.

<u>Encumbrances</u>

The District does not follow the encumbrance method of accounting.

<u>Cash</u>

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits. 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.

<u>Bad Debts</u>

The District uses the direct charge-off method whereby uncollectible amounts due from charges are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. The direct charge-off method is used because it does not cause a material departure from GAAP and it approximates the valuation method.

Inventories

Inventories for supplies are immaterial and are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased or constructed, and the related assets are capitalized (reported) in the general fixed assets account group. Interest costs incurred during construction are capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

Compensated Absences

The District has no employees; therefore, it has no vacation or sick leave policies.

<u>Fund Equity</u>



The unreserved fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount available for budgeting future operations.

<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 District's financial position and operations. However, complete comparative data (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type in each of the statements) have not been presented since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

<u>Total Columns on Combined Statements</u>

Total columns on the Combined 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. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 3 - CASH

At December 31, 1998, the status of deposited funds and collateralized balances are as follows:

Balance per bank statements	\$	92,449
Secured by Federal Deposit insurance		92,449
Unsecured and Uncollateralized	<u>\$</u>	0

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Since the balance of deposited funds do not exceed \$100,000 the pledge of securities is not required.

NOTE 4 - AD VALOREM TAXES

All taxable property located within the State of Louisiana is subject by law to taxation on the basis of its assessed valuation. The assessed value is determined by the Parish Assessor, except for public utility property which is assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

The 1974 Louisiana Constitution provided that, beginning in 1978, all land and residential property were to be assessed at 10% of fair market value; agricultural, horticultural, marsh lands, timber lands and certain historic buildings are to assessed at 10% of "use" value; and all other property is to be assessed at 15% of fair market value. Fair market values are determined by the elected assessor of the parish and are subject to review and final certification by the Louisiana Tax District. The Assessor is required to reappraise all property every four years.

The Sheriff of Pointe Coupee Parish, as provided by State Law, is the official tax collector of general property taxes levied by the Parish. By agreement, the Sheriff receives a commission of approximately 3.82%.

The millage rates are adopted in late October. The taxes are levied and notices are mailed out in mid November of the year. All taxes are due by December 31 of the year and are delinquent on January 1 of the next year, which is also the lien date.

State law requires the Sheriff to collect property taxes in the calendar year in which the assessment is made. If taxes are not paid by the due date of December 31, the taxes bear interest at one and

one-fourth percent (1.25%) per month until the taxes are paid. After notice is given to the delinquent taxpayers, the Sheriff is required by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana to sell the least quantity of property necessary to settle the taxes and interest owed.

Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied and become due. The majority of the year's taxes are usually collected in November and December of the year. Any amounts not collected at December 31 are shown as accounts receivable.

For the year 1998, taxes of \$28,633.26 were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$9,483,904 at the rate of 3.69 mills for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service and for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, improving, or constructing fire protection facilities of the Fire Protection District, constituting works of public improvement, title to which shall be in the public.

NOTE 5 - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

The balance due from other governmental units for reimbursement of a parishwide emergency telephone service is as follows:

Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	\$ 95
Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	458
Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	258
Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	 258

<u>\$</u>	1,069

NOTE 6 - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

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A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

		January 1, 1998	. <u>-</u>	Additions	Deletions	De 	cember 31, 1998
Vehicles	\$	158,390				\$	158,390
Fire Fighting equipment/tools		40,717	\$	999			41,716
Radios and paging equipment		45,474		536			46,010
Uniforms and protective gear		7,389					7,389
Office furniture and equipment		2,017					2,017
Fire hydrants		4,860					4,860
Buildings and improvements		11,556					11,556
Totals	<u>\$</u>	270,403	<u>\$</u>	1,535		<u>\$</u>	271,938

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN AND RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

The District has no employees; therefore, it has no pension plan or retirement commitments.

NOTE 8 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There is no pending litigation against the District.

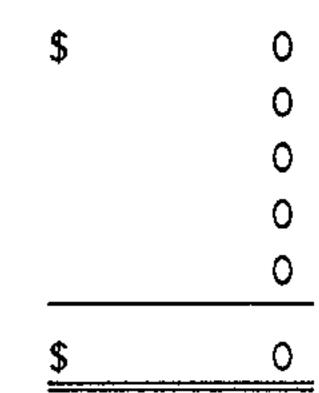
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NOTE 9 - COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature, compensation paid to board members is as follows:

Eugene Serio Eric Gustin Valery Joseph Landry Daryl Martin Mark Ramagos

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NOTE 10 - FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are no active awards for the year ended December 31, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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SCHEUDLE 1 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE MORGANZA, LOUISIANA TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUATIONS SINCE INCEPTION (UNAUDITED)

				Tax to be	Tax to be	F -1 1
	Mills	Assessed	Homestead	Paid by	Paid by	Total
<u> Year Year </u>	<u>Levied</u>	Value	<u>Exemption</u>	<u> </u>	State	Tax
1982	3.00	\$9,844,498	\$1,572,051	\$24,817.60	\$4,716.26	\$29,533.86
1983	3.00	11,546,004	1,568,652	29,932.33	4,706.07	34,638.40
1984	3.00	9,048,974	1,600,534	22,345.62	4,801.69	27,147.31
1985	3.00	12,170,902	1,608,671	31,686.98	4,826.10	36,513.08
1986	4.01	9,524,387	1,626,432	31,671.14	6,523.09	38,194.23
1987	4.01	8,599,802	1,634,263	27,932.16	6,554.48	34,486.64
1988	4.01	8,780,793	1,504,641	29,177.38	6,034.31	35,211.69
1989	4.01	8,954,817	1,507,232	29,864.79	6,044.73	35,909.52
1990	4.01	7,964,444	1,487,812	25,971.29	5,966.85	31,938.14
1991	4.01	8,699,622	1,478,362	28,957.26	5,928.97	34,886.23
1992	3.56	9,730,755	1,508,185	29,272.50	5,369.31	34,641.81
1993	3.43	10,217,576	1,476,375	29,982.74	5,064.37	35,047.11
1994	3.43	10,041,022	1,510,806	29,259.07	5,182.49	34,441.56
1995	3.43	9,689,747	1,552,866	27,909.94	5,326.77	33,236.71
1996	3.33	10,109,490	1,666,851	28,114.72	5,551.01	33,665.73
1997	3.46	10,007,485	1,703,636	28,731.53	5,894.92	34,626.45
1998	3.69	9,483,904	1,724,425	28,633.26	6,363.53	34,996.79

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SCHEDULE 2 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE MORGANZA, LOUISIANA MORGANZA, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND REVENUES, OTHER SOURCES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER USES LAST TEN YEARS (UNAUDITED)	
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- - (1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
and Other Sources:	\$29,907	\$ 26,052	\$29,037	\$28,355 5 5 0 0	\$29,951	\$29,259 5.25	\$28,285	\$ 28,146	\$ 28,697	\$28,383
overnmental revenues laneous revenues inancing	5,881	6,410 5,145	6,U/1 3,495	1,894	1,512	5,405 1,683	5,176	2,680	3,213	3,6/9 3,932
Revenues and 5 Sources	41,219	37,607	38,603	35,847	36,499	36,347	39,205	36,502	37,410	37,994
rres and Other Uses: al government	4,715	4,063	4,047	3,927	2,892	2,634	2,563	2,607	2,600	2,594
: safety Il outlays	17,790 4,428	21,987 4,812	16,025 11,234	17,487	16,162 15,733	18,457 8,748	22,583 13,781	16,849	15,874	14,367 1,535
ervice	13,594	13,594	13,594	13,594	13,354					
Expenditures)ther Uses	40,527	44,456	44,900	35,008	48,141	29,839	38,927	19,456	18,474	18,496
eficiency) of ues and Other Sources Expenditures and Uses	\$692	(\$6,849)	(\$6,297)	\$839	(\$11,642)	\$6,508	\$278	\$17,046	\$18,936	\$19,498

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH <u>GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS</u>

Mr. Eugene Serio, Chairman and the Members of the Board of Commissioners Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee

Morganza, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA (the "District"), a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated January 12, 1999. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion

on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control 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 financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, New Roads, Louisiana (oversight entity), and the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

George F. Delaune, CPA

January 12, 1999



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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE MORGANZA, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

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- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee.
- 2. No reportable conditions were disclosed during the audit of the general purpose financial statements.
- 3. No compliance violations were disclosed during the audit of the general purpose financial statements.
- 4. There were no federal awards received by Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee.
- **B.** FINDINGS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None

