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SECTION I – GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board Supervisors Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2 Ferriday, Louisiana

Protection District No. 2 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Concordia Fire

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that out 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 Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2, as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 31, 2004 on our consideration of the Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the

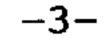
Members of the Board of Supervisors Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2 Page Two

general purpose financial statements of the Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination 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.

Ferriday, Louisiana July 31, 2004

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	(Total Memorandum Only) <u>03</u> 2002	\$ 253,980 472,124 464,700 1,192,649 320,308	272,044	8,022 47,352 545,000 600,374	1,657,349 320,308 397,774	2,375,431
	(To Memorand 2003	\$ 306,083 471,698 504,465 1,145,628 323,724	128,612 2,880,210	6,940 32,336 420,000 459,276	1,650,093 323,724 447,117	2,420,934 \$ 2,880,210
Account Groups	<u>General</u> General Long-Term <u>Debt</u>	\$ 323,724	128,612 452,336	32,336 420,000 452,336		s 452,336
Fund Types and Accou er 31, 2003	Account Groups General G Fixed Lon Assets	\$ 504,465 1,145,628 -	1,650,093		1,650,093	1,650,093
Combined Balance Sheet - All F December	Debt Service <u>Fund</u>	\$ 181,362 142,362	323,724		323,724	323,724 \$ 323,724
Combined	General <u>Fund</u>	. \$ 124,721 329,336	454,057	6,940	447,117	447,117 \$ 454,057
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CONCORDIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.

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Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups December 31, 2003

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The following notes are an integral part of these financial sta

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CONCORDIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

<u>Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and</u> <u>Changes in Fund Balance</u> All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		General <u>Fund</u>	De	bt Service <u>Fund</u>	(Me	Total morandum <u>Only)</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>						
Taxes	\$	338,796	\$	147,479	\$	486,275
Intergovernmental		26,644		· •		26,644
Other income		19,596		. -		<u> 19,596</u>
Total revenues	<u></u>	385,036		147,479		532,515

EXPENDITURES - PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and benefits	97,716	-	97,716
General administrative	63,108		63,108
Principal paid	-	140,016	140,016
Interest paid	-	24,463	24,463
Maintenance	22,699	~	22,699
Capital outlay-equipment	137,082	 	137,082
Total expenditures	320,605	164,479	485,084
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF			
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	64,431	(17,000)	. 47,431
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Interest income	2,679	2,649	5,328
Operating transfers in (out)	(17,767)	17,767	
Total other	(15,088)	20,416	5,328
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER			
SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES	49,343	3,416	52,759
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	397,774	320,308	718,082
	\$ 447,117	\$ 323,724	\$ 770,841

The following notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



CONCORDIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

<u>Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and</u> <u>Changes in Fund Balance</u> All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

	,					Total
		General <u>Fund</u>	De	bt Service <u>Fund</u>	(Me	morandum <u>Only)</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>						
Taxes	\$	340,669	\$	147,263	\$	487,932
Other income		27,781		1,039		28,820
Total revenues		368,450	<u></u>	148,302		516,752

EXPENDITURES - PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and benefits

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General administrative	79,597	-	79,597
Principal paid		129,196	129,196
Interest paid	_	30,684	30,684
Maintenance	36,316	-	36,316
Capital outlay-equipment	133,540		133,540
Total expenditures	350,125	159,880	510,005
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF			
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	18,325	(11,578)	6,747
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Interest income	3,270	3,602	6,872
Operating transfers in (out)	(17,767)	17,767	
Total other	(14,497)	21,369	6,872
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER			
SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES	3,828	9,791	13,619
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	393,946	310,517	704,463
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 397,774</u>	<u>\$ 320,308</u>	<u>\$ 718,082</u>

The following notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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CONCORDIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - GENERAL FUND

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

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	B	UDGET	A	CTUAL	(UNFA	VORABLE)
<u>REVENUES</u>						
Taxes	\$	319,175	\$	338,796	\$	19,621
Intergovernmental		42,250		26,644		(15,606)
Other income		<u>19,408</u>	. <u>.</u>	19,5 <u>96</u>	·	188
Total revenues		380,833		385,036	-	4,203

EXPENDITURES - PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and benefits	102,000	97,716	4,284	
General administrative	70,135	63,108	7,027	
Maintenance	28,300	22,699	5,601	
Capital outlay-equipment	181,500	137,082	44,418	
Total expenditures	381,935	320,605	61,330	·
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF				
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,102)	64,431	65,533	
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Interest income	2,250	2,679	429	
Operating transfers in (out)	(18,100)	(17,767)	333	
Total other	(15,850)	(15,088)	762	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER				
SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(16,952)	49,343	66,295	
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	397,774	397,774		
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 380,822</u>	<u>\$ 447,117</u>	<u>\$ 66,295</u>	

The following notes are an integral part of these financial statements. -7-

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CONCORDIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - GENERAL FUND

<u>Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and</u> <u>Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual</u> For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

			VARIANCE
·			FAVORABLE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	(UNFAVORABLE)
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Taxes	\$ 325,000	\$ 340,669	\$ 15,669
Other income	18,545	27,781	9,236
Total revenues	343,545	368,450	24,905

EXPENDITURES - PUBLIC SAFETY

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Salaries and benefits 122,210 106,522 15,688

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63,700	73,747	(10,047)
29,800	36,316	(6,516)
141,500	133,540	7,960
357,210	350,125	7,085
(13,665)	18,325	31,990
3,080	3,270	190
(17,900)	(17,767)	133
(14,820)	(14,497)	323
(28,485)	3,828	32,313
<u> </u>	393,946	
<u>\$ 365,461</u>	<u>\$ 397,774</u>	<u>\$ 32,313</u>
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The following notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2 was created October 9, 1989 by the Concordia Parish Police Jury by ordinance. The District operates in compliance with Part II, Title 40:1492-1502 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.
- 2. The purpose of the District is to provide fire protection.
- 3. The District's boundaries are outside of the corporate limits of any municipality in Concordia Parish and outside of the Monterey Fire Protection District No. 1. Concordia Parish is located in East Central Louisiana.
- 4. A Board of Supervisors appointed by the Concordia Parish Police Jury governs the District. The board members are presently serving without compensation.

5. The District has one full time employee and three part time employees.

NOTE A – <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

1. <u>Financial Reporting Entity</u>

This report includes all funds that are controlled by or dependent of the Board of Supervisors. Control by or dependence on the Fire District was determined on the basis of budget adoption, authority to issue debt, appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility.

2. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Fire District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Revenues are accounted for in these individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The funds presented in the accompanying financial statements are described as follows:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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NOTE A – <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED</u>

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

General Fixed Assets and General Long-Term Debt Account Groups

General Fixed Assets --

The General Fixed Assets Account Group is used to account for fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations for control purposes. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date of donation. No depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group

The General Long-Term Debt Account Group is used to account for long-term liabilities to be financed from government funds.

3. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The accompanying general-purpose financial statements have been prepared on the modified accrual basis (GAAP) of accounting.

<u>Revenues</u>

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

Taxes levied at 6.94 mills of the assessed valuation of property in the district for

operations and maintenance and 3.00 mills and 8.63 mills for 2003 and 2002 respectively for payment of bonds and interest.

NOTE A – <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED</u>

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

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

Purchase of equipment and supplies are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

Budget Practices

Annually, the Fire District adopts a budget. Appropriations lapse at year-end and the District does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

5. Cash and Investments

At year-end, the bank's balance of the District's deposits (checking and savings accounts) was \$306,233. Of this balance, \$236,233 was covered by FDIC insurance, \$70,000 was covered by collateral held by its agent in the District's name.

6. <u>Total Column on Combined Statements – Overview</u>

The total column on the combined statements is captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

NOTE B – GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

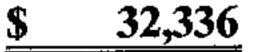
At December 31, 2003, long-term debt was comprised of the following:

\$1,400,000 1991 General Obligation Bonds due in annual installments of \$154,790 to \$154,494 through March 1, 2006;

interest at 6.55% to 7.05%.



\$100,000 note payable to a Commercial Bank in annual installments of \$17,767 through March 1, 2005: interest at 5.77%.



NOTE B – <u>GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT-CONTINUED</u>

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the years 2002 and 2003:

<u>2002</u>	Notes	Bonds	<u>Total</u>
Payable at beginning of period Bonds paid	\$ 61,548 (14,196)	\$	\$ 721,548 (129,196)
Payable at end of year	<u>\$ 47,352</u>	<u>\$ 545,000</u>	<u>\$ 592,352</u>
<u>2003</u>	Notes	Bonds	Total
Payable at beginning of period	\$ 47,352	\$ 545,000	\$ 592,352

Note and bonds paid	 (15,016)		(125,000)		(140,016)
Payable at end of year	\$ 32,336	<u>\$</u>	420,000	<u>\$</u>	452,336

The maturity schedule for the general obligation bonds and the note payable is as follows:

	N	otes and					
<u>Date</u>		<u>Bonds</u>		<u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>	
2004	\$	145,882	\$	26,675	\$	172,557	
2005		156,455		16,409		172,864	
2006		150,000		5,288		155,288	
	<u>\$</u>	452,337	<u>\$</u>	48,372	\$	500,709	

NOTE C – <u>COMPENSATED ABSENCES</u>

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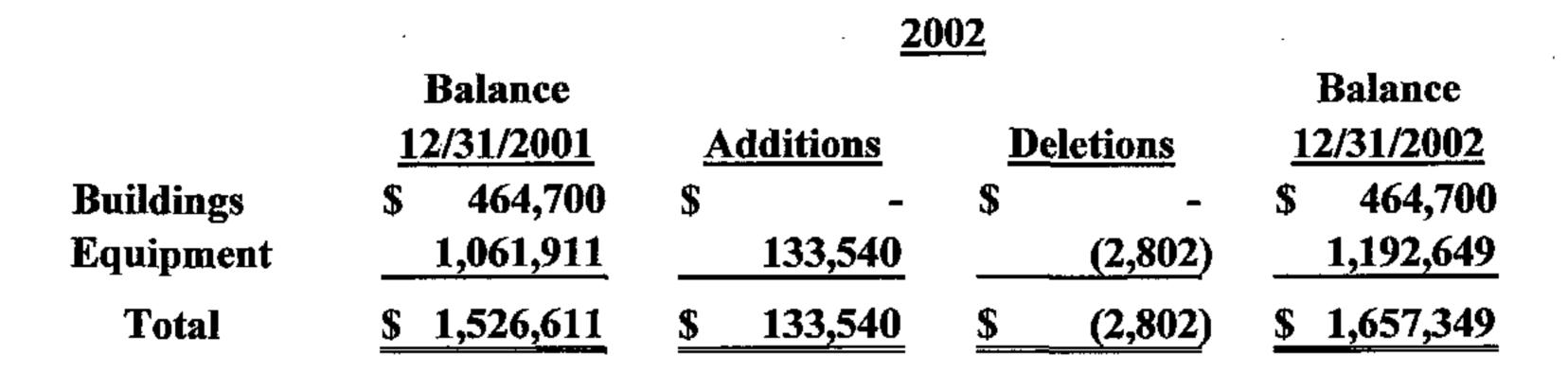
The Fire District has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

- 1. Employees with one year in service with the District accrue one week of vacation and ten days sick leave.
- 2. Employees with more than two years in service with the District accrue two weeks of vacation and ten days sick leave.
- 3. Vacation and sick leave is not cumulative.

The cost of accrued absences was not accrued at December 31, 2003 because it is not material.

NOTE D – <u>CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS</u>

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:



2003

		2005		
	Balance			Balance
,	<u>12/31/2002</u>	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>12/31/2003</u>
Buildings	\$ 464,700	\$ 39,765	\$ -	\$ 504,465
Equipment	1,192,649	137,082	(184,103)	1,145,628
Total	<u>\$ 1,657,349</u>	<u>\$ 176,847</u>	<u>\$ (184,103)</u>	<u>\$ 1,650,093</u>

NOTE E – <u>PENSION PLAN</u>

Substantially all employees of Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2 are members of the Louisiana Firefighters Retirement System (System), a multiple-employer (cost-sharing), public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees.

Membership in the Louisiana Firefighters Retirement System is mandatory for all full-time firefighters employed by a municipality, parish, or fire protection district that did not enact an ordinance before January 1, 1980, exempting itself from participation in the System.

Employees are eligible to retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of creditable service or at or after age 50 with at least 20 years creditable service. Upon retirement, members are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life for life, equal to three and one-third per cent of their final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years or service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 (or at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service at termination) and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

NOTE E – <u>PENSION PLAN – CONTINUED</u>

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Firefighters' Retirement System, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 80804, or by calling (504) 925-4060.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salary and the Concordia Fire Protections District No. 2 is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 9.0% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2 are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by R.S. 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2's contributions to the System for the years ending December 31, 2003 and 2002 were \$6,693 and \$3,615 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

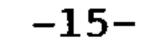
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SECTION II – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES



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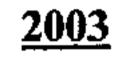
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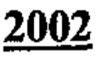
CONCORDIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

COMPENSATION PAID BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of compensation paid to Board members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Compensation of the Board members is included in the Legislative expenditures of the General Fund.

For the years 2003 and 2002 there board members were paid \$50 per month. The following is a summary of those payments.





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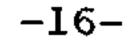
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Charlene Barlow	\$	600	\$	600
Charles Dew		600		600
Howard Jackson		600		600
Judy Pugh		600		600
Charlie Sutton		500		<u>500</u>
	<u>\$</u> 2	<u>2,900</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,900</u>

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SECTION III - COMPLIANCE/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

Members of the Board of Supervisors Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2

Ferriday, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2 as of and for the two years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated July 31, 2004. We have conducted our audit in accordance with standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2'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 object of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. The reportable condition is listed in the schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2003-1.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Concordia Fire Protection District No.

2's internal 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

Members of the Board of Supervisors Concordia Fire Protection District No. 2 Page Two

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 operation that we consider being material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information and use of management of the district and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Ferriday, Louisiana July 31, 2004

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SECTION IV – SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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CONCORDIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

Summary of Audit Reports

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the General Purpose Financial Statements.
- 2. One reportable condition was disclosed during the audit of the financial statements reported in the Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance with certain laws and regulations of the District were

disclosed during the audit.

Findings - Financial Statement Audit

<u>2003 – 1 Late Filing Audit Report</u>

We noted that the audit report was due to be completed with six months after the close of the year which was December 31, 2003. The audit report was due by June 30, 2004 and was not complete and filed until August 10, 2004. This is a violation of State law.

We recommend that in the future years the audit report be completed within six months after the close of the fiscal year as required by State law.

Response: The auditor did not finish on time because of problems related to GASB 34. The auditor has taken responsibility for late filing of the audit report and has assured the District that the next audit's completion will be in compliance with State law.

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CONCORDIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings December 31, 2001 and 2000

Summary of Audit Reports

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the General Purpose Financial Statements.
- 2. No reportable condition was disclosed during the audit of the financial statements reported in the Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance with certain laws and regulations of the District were

disclosed during the audit.

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Findings - Financial Statement Audit

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