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SOILS DIVISION

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CRESCENT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOULTE, LOUISIANA



REPORT NO. 03-26-11

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY  
AUDIT DIVISION

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CRESCENT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
LOUISIANA

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY  
AUDIT DIVISION

April 6, 2004

Board of Supervisors  
Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District  
P. O. Box 631  
Boutte, Louisiana 70008

**Confidant:**

We have audited the accompanying Balance Sheet of the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District, as of June 30, 2003, and the related Statements of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Our audit was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures, as we considered necessary. 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 statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balance for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Tillman  
Audit Director

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cc. State Soil and Water Conservation Committee  
Legislative Auditor

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Management of the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District is responsible for the District's compliance with state and local regulations. As part of our audit, we selected and tested transactions and records to determine the extent to which the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District complied with material laws and regulations of the State of Louisiana.

Our testing of transactions and records disclosed the following instances of noncompliance:

It is required that the funds to pay insurance premiums for retirees and/or supervisors be received and deposited in the district bank account prior to the premium for said insurance being paid. It was determined during the audit that premiums were paid prior to their receipt and deposit in the district bank account.

## EXHIBIT A

## AUDITED COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

	GENERAL FUND	SPIC REVENUE FUND	GENERAL FUND FIXED ASSETS	FUND BALANCE 2001	FUND BALANCE 2000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	\$11,125.00	\$55,750.00		\$66,875.01	\$66,875.00
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Prely Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Certificate of Deposit	\$50,000.00	\$0.00		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Due From Other Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Money Market	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Savings	\$57,517.81	\$0.00		\$57,517.81	\$50,180.77
Prepaid Insurance	\$719.58	\$0.00		\$719.58	\$745.74
Prepaid Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Furniture & Equipment			\$11,043.00	\$71,840.00	\$50,550.15
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$124,362.39</b>	<b>\$55,750.00</b>	<b>\$11,043.00</b>	<b>\$188,615.01</b>	<b>\$178,000.77</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Accrued Salaries	\$594.00	\$0.00		\$594.00	\$0.00
Accrued P.O.s	\$38.50	\$0.00		\$38.50	\$0.00
Accrued Retirement	\$78.00	\$0.00		\$78.00	\$0.00
Accrued Loans	\$494.25	\$0.00		\$494.25	\$0.00
Due To Other Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,604.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,604.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>					
Fund Balance Res. - Group Insurance	\$280.00	\$0.00		\$280.00	\$191.24
Fund Balance Res. - Other Insurance	\$271.50	\$0.00		\$271.50	\$345.75
Fund Balance Res. - Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balance Res. - Retirements	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balance-Unreserved Investments in U. S. A.	\$121,390.29	\$55,750.00	\$20,043.00	\$137,173.29	\$141,400.52
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$123,041.79</b>	<b>\$55,750.00</b>	<b>\$20,043.00</b>	<b>\$137,376.80</b>	<b>\$178,000.77</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$124,646.74</b>	<b>\$55,750.00</b>	<b>\$20,043.00</b>	<b>\$137,376.80</b>	<b>\$178,000.77</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**EXHIBIT B**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

	GENERAL FUND 2002	SPECIAL REVENUES	TOTAL FUND 2002	TOTAL FUND 2001
<b>REVENUE</b>				
EQIP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SOO (IFR)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SOO-Grading	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$1,487.04	\$0.00	\$1,487.04	\$2,871.30
Local	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Revolving:	\$0.00	\$21,941.00	\$21,941.00	\$21,941.00
Severance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Funds	\$52,340.73	\$0.00	\$52,340.73	\$21,700.40
Water Quality	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$53,767.77</b>	<b>\$21,941.00</b>	<b>\$75,708.77</b>	<b>\$45,512.70</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Acquisitions (net values)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Auto Meeting	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Business, Conferences, Promotions	\$862.04	\$0.00	\$862.04	\$445.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Board Meetings per item	\$1,540.00	\$0.00	\$1,540.00	\$1,000.00
Board Meetings mileage	\$550.80	\$0.00	\$550.80	\$550.75
Board Lunch Foot	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,071.00
Equipment Purchase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Field Materials/Supplies	\$250.75	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.75	\$500.00
How Tru Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance-group/Health	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,570.00
Insurance-other	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,770.00
Insurance-unemployment	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$750.00
Office Supplies	\$1,175.00	\$0.00	\$1,175.00	\$1,200.00
Prints	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restaurants/Entertainment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.75
Salaries	\$21,500.75	\$4,200.75	\$25,701.50	\$7,000.00
PGA	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Telephone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$0,041.00	\$0.00	\$0,041.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$41,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,200.75</b>	<b>\$45,700.75</b>	<b>\$21,420.00</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,267.77</b>	<b>\$17,740.25</b>	<b>\$30,008.02</b>	<b>\$24,092.70</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**EXHIBIT C**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

	GENERAL FUND 2000	SPEC. REVENUE FUND	TOTAL FUND 2000	TOTAL FUND 2000
Fund Balance-Unreserved Beginning of the Year	\$400,401.00	\$35,044.00	\$435,445.00	\$416,000.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	\$17,700.00	\$1,200.00	\$18,900.00	\$27,000.00
Less: Prior Period Adjustment/Transfer	\$10,200.00	(\$10,240.00)	\$40.00	(\$200.00)
Less: Establish F. B.-Reserved for Other Insurance	\$20.17	\$0.00	\$20.17	\$0.00
Less: Establish F. B.-Reserved for Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Fund Balance-Unreserved End of the Year</b>	<b>\$390,200.83</b>	<b>\$26,004.00</b>	<b>\$416,204.83</b>	<b>\$443,000.00</b>

**OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES**

Fund Balance-Reserved for Group Insurance (Beg. Balance)	\$791.24	\$0.00	\$791.24	\$0.00
Plus: Paid-in by Supervisors	\$13,093.24	\$0.00	\$13,093.24	(\$11,070.00)
Less: Paid-out by District	(\$13,097.02)	\$0.00	(\$13,097.02)	(\$11,070.00)
Less: Prior Period-Correction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Fund Balance-Reserved for Group Insurance (Ending Balance)	<u>\$665.46</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$665.46</u>	<u>\$120.24</u>
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Fund Balance-Reserved for Other Insurance (Beg. Balance)	\$240.75	\$0.00	\$240.75	\$240.75
Plus: Paid-in	\$2,007.10	\$0.00	\$2,007.10	\$2,770.00
Less: Paid-out	(\$2,004.00)	\$0.00	(\$2,004.00)	(\$2,770.00)

Fund Balance-Reserved for Other Insurance (Ending Balance)	<u>\$143.85</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$143.85</u>	<u>\$240.75</u>
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Fund Balance-Reserved for Maintenance (Beg. Balance)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Plus: Paid-in	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
Less: Paid-out	(\$270.00)	\$0.00	(\$270.00)	(\$270.00)

Fund Balance-Reserved for Maintenance (Ending Balance)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
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The accompanying notes are an  
integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Louisiana Legislature created the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District. The District primarily assists farmers and other land users in the wise use of their lands and the prevention of erosion of farm and urban land and the pollution of waters in the state. The governing board of supervisors administers the operations and responsibilities of the District in accordance with Louisiana Statutes. The board is comprised of five members.

In April 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. In November, 1984, the GASB issued a codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. This codification and subsequent pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments.

The financial statements of the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District are prepared in accordance with the standards established by the GASB. GASB Codification Section 2100 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity to be the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District. The accompanying statements present information only as to the transactions of the District.

**A. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The financial statements of the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District



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are presented as if the accounts were organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which would be considered a separate accounting entity. Since the District has financial resources, which are required to be accounted for in other funds, a general fund and a special revenue fund were both employed.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District began receiving funds, which it considers Special Revenue Funds and the financial records have been prepared accordingly.

**B. FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed assets used in the governmental fund type operations are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets account group, rather than the Governmental Fund. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

This account group is not a "fund." It is concerned with the measurement of financial position, not with measurement of operations.

**C. 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 records are maintained on a cash basis and the accompanying financial statements have been converted to a modified accrual basis of accounting using the following practices:

(1) Revenue

State Funds are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds.

Newsletter sponsors and equipment rental are recorded in the year earned.

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

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Rents and royalties are recorded in the year earned.

Subsequently all other revenues are recorded when received.

(2) Expenditures

Expenditures were recognized in the accounting period in which the liabilities are both measurable and incurred.

**D. BUDGETARY PRACTICES**

A budget was submitted to the Office of Soil and Water Conservation, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. State Funding for the year was based upon the allocation procedures established in the program rules and regulations.

**E. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE**

Employees earn and accumulate annual and sick leave at various rates depending on their years of service. Unused annual and sick leave accumulates without limit. The number of hours of unused annual leave for which an employee may receive a lump sum payment upon termination from District employment may not exceed 300 hours.

At June 30, 2009 (fiscal close), the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District had accumulated and vested \$404.25, in leave privileges, required to be accrued under SFAS 43. Current year expenditures for salary and leave privileges total \$22,844.50.

**F. PENSION PLAN  
SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

Substantially all employees of the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District

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are members of the Social Security System. The Employee contribution was 7.65% of gross salary from July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. The District contributed an additional 7.65% of gross salary from July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. The District does not guarantee the benefits granted by the Social Security System.

**PAROCHIAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Employees of the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District are Members of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana ("system"), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employees retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees. The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separately held assets and separate benefit provisions. Eligible employees of the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District are members of Plan B. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, the total payroll for employees of the District was \$22,644.50.

**2. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**

The General Fixed Assets of the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District had a net decrease of \$5,519.84, for the year ended June 30, 2003.

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4. COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of compensation paid to the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Compensation of the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors is included in the general administrative expenditures of the General Fund. Members of the governing board receive compensation pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 3:1207.

PER DIEM/MILEAGE PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

BOARD MEMBER	MEETINGS REIMBURSE D	PER DIEM	MILEAGE	TOTAL AMOUNT
Alan Erasmus	8	\$ 315.00	\$180.16	\$ 495.16
Marietta Greene	8	\$ 280.00	\$127.00	\$ 407.00
Galen Livaudais	9	\$ 315.00	\$228.80	\$ 543.80
Leslie Rodrigue	8	\$ 280.00	\$ 80.36	\$ 360.36
Thomas Vitano	10	\$ 350.00	\$ 47.70	\$ 397.70
	TOTALS	\$1,540.00	\$663.02	\$2,203.02

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOARD MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR WAS 10.





Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District  
P. O. Box 534, 14246 U.S. Highway 99, Breaux, Louisiana 70039 - Telephone (985) 756-2162

May 20, 2004

Mr. Bradley E. Spicer, Executive Director  
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry  
Office of Soil & Water Conservation  
P.O. Box 3554  
Baton Rouge, LA, 70821-3554



Dear Mr. Spicer:

The following letter is in response to your letter dated May 5, 2004 regarding the Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2003.

1) Citing: Group Insurance. Your letter states that the premium payments for retirees and supervisors are required by state law to be received and deposited in the district bank account prior to these premiums being paid.

The district secretary has kept a Group Benefits accounting ledger since August, 2003, as per the auditor's recommendations, and all payments (as dates are shown) were deposited into the District funds before the premiums were paid. The auditor explained to the secretary that this citing was written because there were some NSF checks that were returned to the office for one of the supervisors.

There will be no recurrence of this matter.

If further information is needed, please contact the district office at (985) 756-2162, Ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Leslie Rodriguez  
Chairman, Crescent Soil and Water Conservation District

Cc: Bernie Tate