

**ORANGE BLOSSOM
GROVES**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

January 4, 2022

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL

MEETING AGENDA

Orange Blossom Groves Community Development District

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W • Boca Raton, Florida 33431

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December 28, 2021

ATTENDEES:

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

Board of Supervisors
Orange Blossom Groves Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Orange Blossom Groves Community Development District will hold a Special Meeting on January 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., at The Ronto Group, 3066 Tamiami Trail North, Suite 201, Naples, Florida 34103. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Acceptance of Resignation(s) from Supervisor(s)
4. Appointment of Supervisor(s) to Vacant Seat(s)
 - Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Supervisors (*the following will be provided in a separate package*)
 - A. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
 - B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
 - C. Financial Disclosure Forms
 - I. Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests
 - II. Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
 - III. Form 1F: Final Statement of Financial Interests
 - D. Form 8B – Memorandum of Voting Conflict
5. Consideration of Resolution 2022-01, Designating Certain Officers of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date
6. Discussion/Consideration: Board Member Compensation: 190.006 (8), F.S.
7. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Funding Agreement

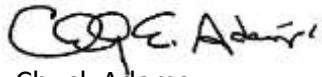
8. Ratification of HGS Transition Letter
 - Consideration of Kutak Rock LLP Retention and Fee Agreement
9. Consideration of Resolution 2022-02, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and Providing for an Effective Date
10. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of November 30, 2021
11. Approval of July 28, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
12. Staff Reports
 - A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*
 - Statutory Changes from 2021 Legislative Session
 - I. Publication of Legal Notices
 - II. Wastewater and Stormwater Needs Analysis
 - III. Prompt Payment Policies
 - IV. Public Records Exemptions Advisory Notice
 - B. District Engineer: *Barraco and Associates, Inc.*
 - C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*
 - NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD
 - QUORUM CHECK

RUSSELL SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
BARRY ERNST	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
SCOTT EDWARDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
TOMMY DEAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
FERNANDA MARTINHO	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO

13. Board Members' Comments/Requests
14. Audience Comments
15. Adjournment

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (239) 464-7114.

Sincerely,



Chuck Adams
District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094

PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 229 774 8903

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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RESOLUTION 2022-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Orange Blossom Groves Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to designate certain Officers of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. _____ is appointed Chair.

SECTION 2. _____ is appointed Vice Chair.

SECTION 3. **Craig Wrathell** is appointed Secretary.

_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.

_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.

_____ is appointed Assistant Secretary.

Chesley Adams, Jr. is appointed Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 4. **Craig Wrathell** is appointed Treasurer.

Jeff Pinder is appointed Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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The 2021 Florida Statutes

Title XIII

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Chapter 190

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

190.006 Board of supervisors; members and meetings.

(8) Each supervisor shall be entitled to receive for his or her services an amount not to exceed \$200 per meeting of the board of supervisors, not to exceed \$4,800 per year per supervisor, or an amount established by the electors at referendum. In addition, each supervisor shall receive travel and per diem expenses as set forth in s. 112.061.

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into this 4th day of January, 2022, by and between:

Orange Blossom Groves Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and with an address of c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (“**District**”), and

_____, a _____, and the owner of the lands in the District (“**Developer**”) with a mailing address of _____.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by an ordinance adopted by the County Commission of Collier County, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, is authorized to levy such taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges as may be necessary in furtherance of the District's activities and services; and

WHEREAS, Developer presently is developing the majority of all real property (“**Property**”) within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District adopted its general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2022, which year concludes on September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this general fund budget, which the parties recognize may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the District, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all land, including the Property owned by the Developer, that will benefit from the activities, operations and services set forth in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of levying assessments on the Property, the Developer is willing to provide such funds as are necessary to allow the District to proceed with its operations as described in **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services provide a special and peculiar benefit equal to or in excess of the costs reflected on **Exhibit A** to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has agreed to enter into this Agreement in lieu of having the District levy and collect any non-ad valorem assessments as authorized by law against the Property located within the District for the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit A**;

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt of which and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **FUNDING.** The Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies (“**Funding Obligation**”) necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the budget attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (and as **Exhibit A** may be amended from time to time pursuant to Florida law, but subject to the Developer’s consent to such amendments to incorporate them herein), within thirty (30) days of written request by the District. The funds shall be placed in the District’s general checking account. These payments are made by the Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District. Nothing contained herein shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the District’s right to levy assessments in the event of a funding deficit.

2. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement among the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

3. **AUTHORIZATION.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all of the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

4. **ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other. Any purported assignment without such consent shall be void.

5. **DEFAULT.** A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and specific performance.

6. **ENFORCEMENT.** In the event that any party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

7. **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

8. **CHOICE OF LAW.** This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

9. **ARM'S LENGTH.** This Agreement has been negotiated fully among the parties as an arm's length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

10. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Agreement shall be effective after execution by the parties hereto.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement the day and year first written above.

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Its: _____

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Budget

Exhibit A

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 General Fund Budget

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ADOPTED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
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**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

	Fiscal Year 2021			Total Actual & Projected Revenues & Expenditures	Adopted Budget FY 2022
	Adopted	Actual through 3/31/2021	Projected through 9/30/2021		
REVENUES					
Developer contribution	\$ 96,378	\$ 21,677	\$ 69,018	\$ 90,695	\$ 96,659
Total revenues	<u>96,378</u>	<u>21,677</u>	<u>69,018</u>	<u>90,695</u>	<u>96,659</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Professional & administrative					
Supervisors	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	6,000
Management/accounting/recording	48,000	24,000	24,000	48,000	48,000
Legal	15,000	95	14,905	15,000	15,000
Engineering	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	3,500
Audit	5,700	1,000	4,700	5,700	5,700
Arbitrage rebate calculation	750	-	750	750	750
Dissemination agent	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Trustee	6,500	-	6,500	6,500	6,500
Telephone	200	100	100	200	200
Postage	500	-	500	500	500
Printing & binding	500	250	250	500	500
Legal advertising	1,500	728	772	1,500	1,500
Annual special district fee	175	175	-	175	175
Insurance	5,638	5,381	-	5,381	5,919
Contingencies/bank charges	500	412	88	500	500
Website maintenance	705	705	-	705	705
Website ADA	210	-	210	210	210
Total expenditures	<u>96,378</u>	<u>32,846</u>	<u>63,275</u>	<u>96,121</u>	<u>96,659</u>
Net increase/(decrease) of fund balance	-	(11,169)	5,743	(5,426)	-
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	-	5,426	(5,743)	5,426	-
Fund balance - ending (projected)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (5,743)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES

Professional & administrative

Supervisors	\$ 6,000
Statutorily set at \$200 for each meeting of the Board of Supervisors not to exceed \$4,800 for each fiscal year.	
Management/accounting/recording	48,000
Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements. WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community.	
Legal	15,000
General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts.	
Engineering	3,500
The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities. As required also includes Engineer's Report as required by the Master Trust Indenture	
Audit	5,700
Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books, records and accounting procedures.	
Arbitrage rebate calculation	750
To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability.	
Dissemination agent	1,000
The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt & Associates serves as dissemination agent.	
Trustee	6,500
Annual fee for the service provided by trustee, paying agent and registrar.	
Telephone	200
Telephone and fax machine.	
Postage	500
Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.	
Printing & binding	500
Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages etc.	
Legal advertising	1,500
The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public bids, etc.	
Annual special district fee	175
Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.	
Insurance	5,919
The District will obtain public officials and general liability insurance.	
Contingencies/bank charges	500
Bank charges, automated AP routing and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year.	
Website maintenance	705
Website ADA	210
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 96,659</u>

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Hopping Green & Sams

Attorneys and Counselors

October 29, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Cindy Cerbone, District Manager

cerbonec@whhassociates.com

Mark Taylor, Chairperson

mark.taylor@orangeblossomgrovescdd.net

RE: Orange Blossom Groves Community Development District ("Client")

JOINT LETTER BY HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A. AND KUTAK ROCK LLP, ANNOUNCING THE DEPARTURE OF JONATHAN JOHNSON, KATIE BUCHANAN, MIKE ECKERT, TUCKER MACKIE, WES HABER, LINDSAY WHELAN, JOE BROWN, SARAH SANDY, ALYSSA WILLSON AND MICHELLE RIGONI TO KUTAK ROCK LLP

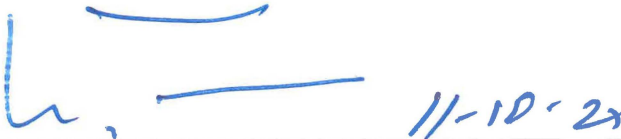
Dear Cindy/Mark,

As of November 15, 2021, Jonathan Johnson, Katie Buchanan, Mike Eckert, Tucker Mackie, Wes Haber, Lindsay Whelan, Joe Brown, Sarah Sandy, Alyssa Willson and Michelle Rigoni (the "Special District Practice Group") will be withdrawing as attorneys from Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. ("HGS") and will be joining Kutak Rock LLP ("Kutak"). The members of the Special District Practice Group have provided services in connection with HGS's representation of the Client on the above referenced matter(s) (the "Client Matters").

In the coming months, HGS will no longer be providing legal services. Kutak is prepared to continue as the Client's legal counsel with respect to the Client Matters; however, it is the Client's choice as to who should serve as its legal counsel, and whether the Client Matters and all electronic files and active and closed hardcopy files (collectively, the "Files") should be transferred to Kutak.

Please select one of the following alternatives; however, please be advised that as of November 15, 2021, HGS will no longer be competent to provide legal services to the Client; accordingly, representation by HGS will cease on November 15, 2021, whether or not the Client makes an election below:

1. ALTERNATIVE #1. The Client asks that the Client Matters be transferred with the Special District Practice Group to their new firm, Kutak. Please transfer all Files relating to the Client Matters. HGS's legal representation of the Client will cease on the date of HGS's receipt of their written notice. After that date, the Special District Practice Group and their new firm, Kutak, will be responsible for legal representation of the Client in the Client Matters. To the extent that HGS is holding any trust funds or other property of the Client, HGS is further instructed to transfer such funds and/or property to Kutak.



(Please sign if you want Alternative #1; [DATE]
otherwise, do not sign on this line.)

2. **ALTERNATIVE #2.** If you do not want Alternative #1, please advise us what HGS should do regarding the Client Matters and all Files relating to the Client Matters by December 1, 2021. HGS's legal representation of the Client will cease on November 15, 2021. If HGS does not receive a response by December 1, 2021, that will confirm HGS's understanding that all Files are not needed or desired and HGS will shred them.

**(Please sign here if you have [DATE]
given instructions under Alternative
#2; otherwise do not sign on this line.)**

After you have completed and signed this form, please send a copy via electronic mail to JasonM@hgslaw.com MarkS@hgslaw.com wesh@hgslaw.com and KimH@hgslaw.com.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.



By: Jonathan Johnson

Its: President

Date: October 29, 2021

RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT

I. PARTIES

THIS RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into by and between the following parties:

- A. Orange Blossom Groves Community Development District (“**Client**”)
c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

and

- B. Kutak Rock LLP (“**Kutak Rock**”)
P.O. Box 10230
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

In consideration of the mutual undertakings and agreements contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

- A. The Client agrees to employ and retain Kutak Rock as its attorney and legal representative for general advice, counseling and representation of Client and its Board of Supervisors.
- B. Kutak Rock accepts such employment and agrees to serve as attorney for and provide legal representation to the Client in connection with those matters referenced above. No other legal representation is contemplated by this Agreement. Any additional legal services to be provided under the terms of this Agreement shall be agreed to by Client and Kutak Rock in writing. Unless set forth in a separate agreement to which Client consents in writing, Kutak Rock does not represent individual members of the Client’s Board of Supervisors.

III. CLIENT FILES

The files and work product materials (“**Client File**”) of the Client generated or received by Kutak Rock will be maintained confidentially to the extent permitted by law and in accordance with the Florida Bar rules. At the conclusion of the representation, the Client File will be stored by Kutak Rock for a minimum of five (5) years. After the five (5) year storage period, the Client hereby acknowledges and consents that Kutak Rock may confidentially destroy or shred the Client File. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, if the Client provides Kutak Rock with a written request for the return of the Client File before the end of the five (5) year storage period, then Kutak Rock will return the Client File to Client at Client’s expense.

IV. FEES

- A. The Client agrees to compensate Kutak Rock for services rendered in connection with any matters covered by this Agreement on an hourly rate basis plus actual expenses incurred by Kutak Rock in accordance with the attached Expense Reimbursement Policy (Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference). Time will be billed in increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour. Certain work related to issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes may be performed under a flat fee to be separately established prior to or at the time of bond or note issuance.
- B. Attorneys and staff, if applicable, who perform work for Client will be billed at their regular hourly rates, as may be adjusted from time to time. The regular hourly rates of those initially expected to handle the bulk of Client’s work are as follows:

Wesley S. Haber	\$320
Associates	\$220-\$250
Paralegals	\$145

Kutak Rock’s regular hourly billing rates are reevaluated annually and are subject to change not more than once in a calendar year. Client agrees to Kutak Rock’s annual rate increases to the extent hourly rates are not increased beyond \$15/hour.

- C. To the extent practicable and consistent with the requirements of sound legal representation, Kutak Rock will attempt to reduce Client’s bills by assigning each task to the person best able to perform it at the lowest rate, so long as he or she has the requisite knowledge and experience.
- D. Upon consent of Client, Kutak Rock may subcontract for legal services in the event that Client requires legal services for which Kutak Rock does not have adequate capabilities.
- E. Kutak Rock will include costs and expenses (including interest charges on past due statements) on its billing statements for Client reimbursement in accordance with the attached Expense Reimbursement Policy.

V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

The Client agrees to pay Kutak Rock’s monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of an invoice, or the time permitted by Florida law, whichever is greater. Kutak Rock shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Agreement if any such billing statement remains unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of billing statements shall be a basis for Kutak Rock to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by Kutak Rock as part of the representation.

VI. DEFAULT; VENUE

In any legal proceeding to collect outstanding balances due under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to costs and outstanding balances due under this Agreement. Venue of any such action shall be exclusive in the state courts of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida.

VII. CONFLICTS

It is important to disclose that Kutak Rock represents a number of special districts, trustees ("Trustees"), bondholders, developers, builders, and other entities throughout Florida and the United States of America relating to community development districts, special districts, local governments and land development. Kutak Rock or its attorneys may also have represented the entity which petitioned for the formation of the Client. Kutak Rock understands that Client may enter into an agreement with a Trustee in connection with the issuance of bonds, and that Client may request that Kutak Rock simultaneously represent Client in connection with the issuance of bonds, while Kutak Rock is also representing such Trustee on unrelated matters. By accepting this Agreement Client agrees that (1) Client was provided with an explanation of the implications of the common representation(s) and the advantages and risks involved; (2) Kutak Rock will be able to provide competent and diligent representation of Client, regardless of Kutak Rock's other representations, and (3) there is not a substantial risk that Kutak Rock's representation of Client would be materially limited by Kutak Rock's responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest. Acceptance of this Agreement will constitute Client's waiver of any "conflict" with Kutak Rock's representation of various special districts, Trustees, bondholders, developers, builders, and other entities relating to community development districts, special districts, local governments and land development.

VIII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Client acknowledges that the Kutak Rock cannot make any promises to Client as to the outcome of any legal dispute or guarantee that Client will prevail in any legal dispute.

IX. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon providing prior written notice to the other party at its regular place of business. All fees due and payable in accordance with this Agreement shall accrue and become payable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement through the date of termination.

X. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be deemed fully executed upon its signing by Kutak Rock and the Client. The contract formed between Kutak Rock and the Client shall be the operational contract between the parties.

XI. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to:

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

KUTAK ROCK LLP

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A

KUTAK ROCK LLP CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

The following is Kutak Rock's expense reimbursement policy for community development district representation. This policy applies unless a different arrangement has been negotiated based on the unique circumstances of a particular client or matter.

All expenses are billed monthly. Billings ordinarily reflect expenses for the most recent month, except where there are delays in receiving bills from third party vendors.

Photocopying and Printing. In-house photocopying and printing are charged at \$0.25 per page (black & white) and \$0.50 per page (color). Outside copying is billed as a pass-through of the outside vendor's charges.

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

Local Messenger Service. Local messenger service is billed at 44.5 cents per mile pursuant to Section 112.061, Florida Statutes. Should the State increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate.

Computerized Legal Research. Charges for computerized legal research are billed at an amount approximating actual cost.

Travel. Travel (including air fare, rental cars, taxicabs, hotel, meals, tips, etc.) is billed at actual cost. Where air travel is required, coach class is used wherever feasible. Out-of-town mileage is billed at 44.5 cents per mile pursuant to Section 112.061, Florida Statutes. Should the State increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate. Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, and parking fees shall also be reimbursed.

Consultants. Unless prior arrangements are made, consultants are ordinarily employed directly by the client. Where consulting or testifying experts are employed by the firm, their charges are passed through with no mark-up. The client is responsible for notifying the firm of any particular billing arrangements or procedures which the client requires of the consulting or testifying experts.

Other Expenses. Other outside expenses, such as court reporters, agency copies, conference calls, etc. are billed at actual cost.

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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RESOLUTION 2022-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Orange Blossom Groves Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District is required by Section 189.015, *Florida Statutes*, to file quarterly, semi-annually, or annually a schedule (including date, time, and location) of its regular meetings with local governing authorities; and

WHEREAS, further, in accordance with the above-referenced statute, the District shall also publish quarterly, semi-annually, or annually the District's regular meeting schedule in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county in which the District is located.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE.** The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION		
TBD		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
February , 2022	Regular Meeting	 : A/PM
March , 2022	Regular Meeting	 : A/PM
April , 2022	Regular Meeting <i>(presentation of FY2023 proposed budget)</i>	 : A/PM
May 2022	Regular Meeting	 : A/PM
June , 2022	Regular Meeting	 : A/PM
July , 2022	Regular Meeting	 : A/PM
August , 2022	Public Hearing and Regular Meeting <i>(adoption of FY2023 budget)</i>	 : A/PM
September , 2022	Regular Meeting	 : A/PM
CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094 PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 229 774 8903		

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 10,673	\$ 10,673
Undeposited funds	4,656	4,656
Total assets	\$ 15,329	\$ 15,329
LIABILITIES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 8,117	\$ 8,117
Developer advance	11,250	11,250
Total liabilities	19,367	19,367
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-
FUND BALANCES		
Unassigned	(4,038)	(4,038)
Total fund balances	(4,038)	(4,038)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 15,329	\$ 15,329

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30,2021**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Developer contribution	\$ 9,803	\$ 9,803	96,659	10%
Total revenues	<u>9,803</u>	<u>9,803</u>	<u>96,659</u>	10%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Supervisors	-	-	6,000	0%
Management/accounting/recording	4,000	8,000	48,000	17%
Legal	-	-	15,000	0%
Engineering	-	-	3,500	0%
Audit	-	-	5,700	0%
Arbitrage rebate calculation**	-	-	750	0%
Dissemination agent*	-	-	1,000	0%
Trustee*	-	-	6,500	0%
Telephone	17	33	200	17%
Postage	-	-	500	0%
Printing & reproduction	42	83	500	17%
Legal advertising	-	-	1,500	0%
Annual special district fee	-	175	175	100%
Insurance	-	5,570	5,919	94%
Contingencies/bank charges	24	50	500	10%
ADA website compliance	-	-	210	0%
Website maintenance	-	-	705	0%
Total professional & administrative	<u>4,083</u>	<u>13,911</u>	<u>96,659</u>	14%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	5,720	(4,108)	-	
Fund balances - beginning	<u>(9,758)</u>	<u>70</u>	-	
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ (4,038)</u>	<u>\$ (4,038)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING
ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Orange Blossom Groves Community Development District held a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on July 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at The Ronto Group, 3066 Tamiami Trail North, Suite 201, Naples, Florida 34103.

Present were:

Brian O'Donnell	Assistant Secretary
Karen Welks	Assistant Secretary
Kathy Miller	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Cindy Cerbone	District Manager
Jamie Sanchez	Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
Wes Haber (via telephone)	District Counsel
Steve Coleman (via telephone)	District Engineer

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Cerbone called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Supervisors Miller, O'Donnell and Welks were present. Supervisors Taylor and Bloom were not present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year
2021/2022 Budget**

A. Proof/Affidavit of Publication

The affidavit of publication was included for informational purposes.

38 **B. Consideration of Resolution 2021-04, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and**
 39 **Adopting the Budgets for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, and Ending**
 40 **September 30, 2022; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective**
 41 **Date**

42 Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2021-04. She reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year
 43 2021/2022 budget. The CDD is Landowner-funded, meaning the Landowner would provide
 44 funding as expenses are incurred.

46 **On MOTION by Ms. Welks and seconded by Ms. Miller, with all in favor, the**
 47 **Public Hearing was opened.**

49 No members of the public spoke.

52 **On MOTION by Ms. Miller and seconded by Ms. Welks, with all in favor, the**
 53 **Public Hearing was closed.**

56 **On MOTION by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Ms. Miller, with all in favor,**
 57 **Resolution 2021-04, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the**
 58 **Budgets for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, and Ending September**
 59 **30, 2022; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date,**
 60 **was adopted.**

63 **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget
Funding Agreement

66 Ms. Cerbone presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Funding Agreement. Funding
 67 requests would be submitted to the Developer as expenses are incurred.

69 **On MOTION by Ms. Welks and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, with all in favor,**
 70 **the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Funding Agreement, was approved.**

73 **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Presentation of Audited Financial Report**
74 **for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020,**
75 **Prepared by Grau & Associates**
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77 Ms. Cerbone presented the Audited Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended
78 September 30, 2020 and highlighted the pertinent information. There were no findings,
79 recommendations or instances of non-compliance; it was a clean audit.
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81 **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Consideration of Resolution 2021-05,**
82 **Hereby Accepting the Audited Financial**
83 **Report for the Fiscal Year Ended**
84 **September 30, 2020**
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86 Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2021-05.
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88 **On MOTION by Ms. Welks and seconded by Ms. Miller, with all in favor,**
89 **Resolution 2021-05, Hereby Accepting the Audited Financial Report for the**
90 **Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020, was adopted.**

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93 **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Consideration of Resolution 2021-06,**
94 **Designating Dates, Times and Locations for**
95 **Regular Meetings of the Board of**
96 **Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year**
97 **2021/2022 and Providing for an Effective**
98 **Date**
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100 Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2021-06.
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102 **On MOTION by Ms. Miller and seconded by Ms. Welks, with all in favor,**
103 **Resolution 2021-06, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular**
104 **Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**
105 **and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.**

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108 **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Acceptance of Unaudited Financial**
109 **Statements as of July 30, 2021**
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111 Ms. Cerbone presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021. The
112 July 30, 2021 date listed in the agenda letter was a scrivener's error; the agenda book
113 contained the June 30, 2021 financials.

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115 **On MOTION by Ms. Welks and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, with all in favor,**
116 **the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021, were accepted.**

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119 **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
Minutes**

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122 Ms. Cerbone presented the April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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124 **On MOTION by Ms. Miller and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, with all in favor, the**
125 **April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.**

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128 **TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Staff Reports

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130 **A. District Counsel: *Hopping, Green & Sams, P.A.***

131 There was no report.

132 **B. District Engineer: *Barraco and Associates, Inc.***

133 There was no report.

134 **C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC***

135 • **NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD**

136 ○ **QUORUM CHECK**

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138 **ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Board Members' Comments/Requests

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140 There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

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142 **TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Audience Comments

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144 There were no audience comments.

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146 **THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Adjournment

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148 There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

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150 **On MOTION by Ms. Welks and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, with all in favor,**
151 **the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.**

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**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair

MEMORANDUM

To: District Manager

From: District Counsel

RE: Publication of Legal Notices

During the 2021 legislative session certain statutory changes were enacted affecting publication of legal notices. *See* Ch. 2021-17, Laws of Fla. Relevant to community development districts, this includes enactment of:

- (i) criteria that expand the newspapers that may qualify to publish legal notices; and
- (ii) provisions that allow for internet-only publication of certain legal notices.

As regards (i), District Managers should evaluate whether there are less expensive newspapers that qualify for publication of legal notices. As regards (ii), the Legislature's provision of internet-only publication of legal notices appears unlikely to provide any benefit to community development districts. In addition, revisions to district Rules of Procedure are included to address both (i) and (ii). However, updated Rules of Procedure only need to be adopted if a district desires to use a newspaper that only qualifies for publication of legal notices under the new statutory language, and not under the current Rules of Procedure. These matters are summarized in more detail below. The subject statutory changes are effective January 1, 2022.

1. Expanded Criteria for Newspapers to Qualify for Publication of Legal Notices

Effective January 1, 2022, section 50.011, Florida Statutes, includes revised and expanded criteria for newspapers to be eligible as a newspaper of "general circulation" to publish legal notices and advertisements. § 50.011(1)(a)-(e), Fla. Stat. District Managers should review these criteria to determine if less expensive newspapers qualify for the publication of district legal notices.

2. Internet-Only Publication of Legal Notices

Effective January 1, 2022, section 50.0211, Florida Statutes, authorizes certain notices to be published solely on the internet. § 50.0211, Fla. Stat. For community development districts this includes special district meeting notices pursuant to section 189.015, Florida Statutes (i.e., annual and regular meeting notices), and establishment and termination notices pursuant to section 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes. § 50.0211(1)(b)8., 9., Fla. Stat. Newspapers may charge for internet only publication, but no more than authorized if the notice had been published in a print edition (the expectation is that internet-only publication will offer savings versus print publication). § 50.0211(5)(c), Fla. Stat.

This internet-only option, however, comes with significant strings attached. Most significantly, entities opting for internet-only publication must publish a notice at least once per week in the print edition of a newspaper of general circulation that states that legal notices do not all appear in the print edition of the local newspaper and that additional legal notices may be accessed on the

newspaper’s website or on the statewide legal notice website. § 50.0211(5)(d), Fla. Stat. Thus, it appears the burden of weekly publication of notices advising the public that internet-only publication is being utilized more than outweighs any logistical and cost benefits that might be realized from the limited scope of notices districts may publish solely on the internet. In addition, to utilize internet-only publication, a district’s board of supervisors must make a determination that such internet-only publication is in the public interest and that the residents within the district have sufficient access to the internet such that internet-only publication would not unreasonably restrict public access. § 50.0211(5)(a), Fla. Stat.

3. Updated Rules of Procedure

If a district believes it would benefit from the expanded criteria for what may qualify as a newspaper of “general circulation” authorized to publish legal notices or the availability of internet-only publication, district Rules of Procedure should be updated to incorporate statutory changes as follows:

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. A newspaper is deemed to be a newspaper of “general circulation” within the District and county in which the District is located if such newspaper has been in existence for two (2) years at the time of publication of the applicable notice (unless no newspaper within the county has been published for such length) and satisfies the criteria of section 50.011(1), Florida Statutes, or if such newspaper is a direct successor of a newspaper which has been so published. Meeting notices pursuant to section 189.015, Florida Statutes, may be noticed by internet-only publication upon election by the District’s Board and compliance with the requirements of section 50.0211, Florida Statutes. ~~“General circulation” means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week.~~ Each Notice shall state, as applicable:

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Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 50.011, 50.031, 189.015, 189.069(2)(a)~~4615~~, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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MEMORANDUM

To: District Manager

From: District Counsel

RE: Wastewater and Stormwater Needs Analysis

During the 2021 legislative session sections 403.9301 and 403.9302, Florida Statutes, were enacted requiring local governments to perform a 20-year needs analysis of certain wastewater and stormwater services or systems. Subject special districts are required to complete this analysis by June 30, 2022, and every five years thereafter. This memorandum answers basic questions regarding these new statutory provisions and requests that District Managers seek authorization for staff to solicit proposals to complete the required study as appropriate. We expect the services necessary to complete the required analysis to be exempt from competitive solicitation requirements as a planning or study activity below the statutory threshold of \$35,000. §§ 287.055, 287.017, Fla. Stat. Thus, as deemed appropriate and in the best interests of the subject district, districts may elect to utilize the services of existing engineering or other professionals currently under contract or may seek additional proposals for completion of the required needs analysis.

Which special districts are required to complete a needs analysis under section 403.9301 and 403.9302, Florida Statutes?

Special districts providing “wastewater services” or a “stormwater management program or stormwater management system” must complete a needs analysis.¹

What constitutes “wastewater services”?

Wastewater services means providing service to pipelines or conduits, pumping stations, and force mains and associated facilities used for collecting or conducting wastes to an ultimate point for treatment or disposal or to a plant or other works used for the purpose of treating, stabilizing, or holding wastewater principally from dwellings, business buildings, institutions, and sanitary wastewater or sewage treatment plants.

¹ Counties, municipalities, and special districts located in a “rural area of opportunity” may be exempt from the requirements of sections 403.9301 and 403.9302, Florida Statutes, if compliance would create an undue economic hardship. This includes:

- *Northwest Rural Area of Opportunity:* Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, and Washington counties, and the area within the city limits of Freeport and Walton County north of the Choctawhatchee Bay and intercoastal waterway.
 - *South Central Rural Area of Opportunity:* DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, and the cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay (Palm Beach County), and Immokalee (Collier County).
 - *North Central Rural Area of Opportunity:* Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union counties.
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What constitutes “stormwater management program or stormwater management system”?

“Stormwater management program” means an institutional strategy for stormwater management, including urban, agricultural, and other stormwater. “Stormwater Management System” means a system which is designed and constructed or implemented to control discharges which are necessitated by rainfall events, incorporating methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use, or reuse water to prevent or reduce flooding, overdrainage, environmental degradation and water pollution or otherwise affect the quantity and quality of discharges from the system.

What must the needs analysis for these services or systems include?

- A detailed description of associated facilities;
- The number of current and projected residents served calculated in 5-year increments;
- The current and projected service area;
- The current and projected cost of providing services calculated in 5-year increments;
- The estimated remaining useful life of each facility or its major components;
- The most recent 5-year history of annual contributions to, expenditures from, and balances of any capital account for maintenance or expansion of any facility or its major components;
- The district’s plan to fund the maintenance or expansion of any facility or its major components. The plan must include historical and estimated future revenues and expenditures with an evaluation of how the district expects to close any projected funding gap.
- The Office of Economic and Demographic Research has [templates and other resources and guidance](#) under development on its website to assist in completion of this required analysis.

When must the needs analysis required be complete?

The 20-year needs analysis must be completed by June 30, 2022.

What happens to the needs analysis once it is complete?

The complete needs analysis and associated methodology and supporting data must be submitted to the county within which the largest portion of the subject district facilities are located. Each county must then compile all analyses submitted to it (from special districts, municipalities, and the county itself) into a single document that must be filed with the Department of Environmental Protection and Office of Economic and Demographic Research by July 31, 2022 and every five years thereafter. The Office of Economic and Demographic research is required to evaluate the compiled documents for purposes of developing a statewide analysis that will include an analysis of the expenditures necessary to repair, replace, and expand water-related infrastructure.

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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MEMORANDUM

To: District Manager

From: District Counsel

RE: Prompt Payment Policies

As you may know, during the 2021 legislative session Part VII of Chapter 218, Florida Statutes (the “Local Government Prompt Payment Act”) was amended. This includes an increase from 1 percent to 2 percent as the floor interest rate on late payments for construction services and the addition of certain contractor rights in the event a local government entity fails to timely commence dispute resolution procedures in the event of an improper payment request or invoice. *See* §§ 218.735(9); 218.76(2)(b), Fla. Stat. As provided in Florida Chapter Laws 2021-124, these changes apply to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021.

Accordingly, we advise that districts adopt new or updated Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures as attached hereto to reflect these changes. For districts that have previously adopted Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures prepared by Hopping, Green & Sams, this consists of the following changes as reflected in track-change format:

VII. Resolution of Disputes

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B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

1. If an Improper Payment Request or Improper Invoice is submitted, and the Provider refuses or fails to submit a revised payment request or invoice as contemplated by the PPA and these Policies and Procedures, the Provider shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the last payment request or invoice was Date Stamped, submit a written statement via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, specifying the basis upon which the Provider contends the last submitted payment request or invoice was proper.
 2. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.
 3. With regard to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, if the District does not commence the dispute resolution procedure within the time provided herein, a Provider may give written notice via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, of the District’s failure to timely commence its dispute resolution procedure. If the District fails to commence the dispute resolution procedure within
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four (4) business days after receipt of such notice, any amounts resolved in the Provider's favor shall bear mandatory interest, as set forth in section 218.735(9), Florida Statutes, from the date on which the payment request or invoice containing the disputed amounts was Date Stamped. If the dispute resolution procedure is not commenced within four (4) business days after receipt of the notice, the objection to the payment request or invoice shall be deemed waived. The waiver of an objection pursuant to this paragraph does not relieve a Provider of its contractual obligations.

34. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.
45. The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
56. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.
67. If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

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B. Related to Construction Services

All payments for Construction Services that are not made within the time periods specified within the applicable statute, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month for contracts executed on or before June 30, 2021, and at the rate of two percent (2%) per month for contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, or the rate specified by agreement, whichever is greater. §218.735(9), Fla. Stat. The Provider must submit a Proper Payment Request to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. (§218.74(4), Fla. Stat.).

Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

RESOLUTION 2021- [REDACTED]

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE [REDACTED] COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING PROMPT PAYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 218, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the [REDACTED] Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within [REDACTED], Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, requires timely payment to vendors and contractors providing certain goods and/or services to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District ("Board") accordingly finds that it is in the best interest of the District to establish by resolution Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures as may be amended or updated from time to time for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE [REDACTED] COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board may amend or replace them; provided, however, that as the provisions of Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, are amended from time to time, the attached Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law without any further action by the Board. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures hereby adopted supplant and replace any previously adopted Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

[REDACTED]
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

EXHIBIT A



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

In Accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act
Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes*

_____, 2021

Community Development District
Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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I. Purpose

In accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes*) (“PPA”), the purpose of the [redacted] Community Development District (“District”) Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures (“Policies & Procedures”) is to provide a specific policy to ensure timely payment to Vendors and Contractors (both hereinafter defined) providing goods and/or services to the District and ensure the timely receipt by the District of goods and/or services contemplated at the time of contracting. Please note that the PPA, like any statute or law, may be amended from time to time by legislative action. These Policies & Procedures are based on the statutory requirements as of the date identified on the cover page of this document. By this reference, as applicable statutory provisions subsequently change, these Policies & Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law. These Policies & Procedures are adopted by the District to provide guidance in contracting matters. Failure by the District to comply with these Policies & Procedures shall not expand the rights or remedies of any Provider (hereinafter defined) against the District under the PPA. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as more restrictive on the District than what is provided for in the PPA.

II. Scope

These Policies & Procedures apply to all operations of the District, including Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services, as applicable.

III. Definitions

A. Agent

The District-contracted architect, District-contracted engineer, District Manager, or other person, acting on behalf of the District, which is required by law or contract to review invoices or payment requests from Providers (hereinafter defined). Such individuals/entities must be identified in accordance with §218.735 (1), Fla. Stat., and further identified in the relevant agreement between the District and the Provider.

B. Construction Services

All labor, services, and materials provided in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvement to real property that require a license under parts I and II of Chapter 489, Fla. Stat.

C. Contractor or Provider of Construction Services

The entity or individual that provides Construction Services through direct contract with the District.

D. Date Stamped

Each original and revised invoice or payment request received by the District shall be marked electronically or manually, by use of a date stamp or other method,

which date marking clearly indicates the date such invoice or payment request is first delivered to the District through its Agent. In the event that the Agent receives an invoice or payment request, but fails to timely or physically mark on the document the date received, "Date Stamped" shall mean the date of actual receipt by the Agent.

E. Improper Invoice

An invoice that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Invoice.

F. Improper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Payment Request.

G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

All labor, services, goods and materials provided in connection with anything other than construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvements to real property.

H. Proper Invoice

An invoice that conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies and Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the agreement for goods and/or services for which the invoice is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

I. Proper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services which conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies & Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the Construction Services agreement for which the Payment Request is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

J. Provider

Includes any Vendor, Contractor or Provider of Construction Services, as defined herein.

K. Purchase

The purchase of goods, materials, services, or Construction Services; the purchase or lease of personal property; or the lease of real property by the District.

L. Vendor

Any person or entity that sells goods or services, sells or leases personal property, or leases real property directly to the District, not including Construction Services.

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

Prior to Provider receiving payment from the District, Non-Construction Goods and Services and Construction Services, as applicable, shall be received and performed in accordance with contractual or other specifications or requirements to the satisfaction of the District. Provision or delivery of Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District does not constitute acceptance for the purpose of payment. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be made only after delivery and inspection by the Agent and the Agent's confirmation that the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services meet contract specifications and conditions. Should the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services differ in any respect from the specifications, payment may be withheld until such time as the Provider takes necessary corrective action. Certain limited exceptions which require payment in advance are permitted when authorized by the District Board of Supervisors ("Board") or when provided for in the applicable agreement.

B. Sales Tax

Providers should not include sales tax on any invoice or payment request. The District's current tax-exempt number is [REDACTED]. A copy of the tax-exempt form will be supplied to Providers upon request.

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

Providers are paid using either a Federal Identification Number or Social Security Number. To receive payment, Providers should supply the District with the correct number as well as a proper Internal Revenue Service W-9 Form. The District Manager shall treat information provided in accordance with Florida law.

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone [REDACTED], email [REDACTED]).

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

All Non-Construction Goods and Services invoiced must be supplied or performed in accordance with the applicable purchase order (including any bid/proposal provided, if applicable) or agreement and such Non-Construction Goods and Services quantity and quality must be equal to or better than what is required by such terms. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable agreement, invoices should contain all of the following minimum information in order to be considered a Proper Invoice:

1. Name of Vendor
2. Remittance address
3. Invoice Date

4. Invoice number
5. The “Bill To” party must be the District or the Board, or other entity approved in writing by the Board of the District Manager
6. Project name (if applicable)
7. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of goods* should also contain:
 - a. A complete item description
 - b. Quantity purchased
 - c. Unit price(s)
 - d. Total price (for each item)
 - e. Total amount of invoice (all items)
 - f. The location and date(s) of delivery of the goods to the District
8. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of services* should also contain:
 - a. Itemized description of services performed
 - b. The location and date of delivery of the services to the District
 - c. Billing method for services performed (i.e., approved hourly rates, percentage of completion, cost plus fixed fee, direct/actual costs, etc.)
 - d. Itemization of other direct, reimbursable costs (including description and amount)
 - e. Copies of invoices for other direct, reimbursable costs (other than incidental costs such as copying) and one (1) of the following:
 - i. Copy of both sides of a cancelled check evidencing payment for costs submitted for reimbursement
 - ii. Paid receipt
 - iii. Waiver/lien release from subcontractor (if applicable)
9. Any applicable discounts
10. Any other information or documentation, which may be required or specified under the terms of the purchase order or agreement

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

Payment Requests must conform to all requirements of Section IV, A-D above, unless otherwise specified in the terms of the applicable agreement or purchase order between the District and the Provider.

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

The Provider shall submit all Invoices and Payment Requests for both Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District’s Agent as provided in the purchase order or agreement, as applicable, and to the District Manager as follows:

Submit the invoice and/or payment request, with required additional material and in conformance with these Policies and Procedures, by mail, by hand delivery, or via email (Note: email is the preferred method for receipt of Non-Construction Goods and Services invoices).

1. Mailing and Drop Off Address

[Redacted] Community Development District
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

2. Email Address

[Redacted]

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. Receipt of Proper Invoice

Payment is due from the District forty-five (45) days from the date on which a Proper Invoice is Date Stamped.

2. Receipt of Improper Invoice

If an Improper Invoice is received, a required invoice is not received, or invoicing of a request for payment is not required, the time when payment is due from the District is forty-five (45) days from the latest date of the following:

- a. On which delivery of personal property is fully accepted by the District;
- b. On which services are completed and accepted by the District;
- c. On which the contracted rental period begins (if applicable); or
- d. On which the District and the Vendor agree in a written agreement that provides payment due dates.

3. Rejection of an Improper Invoice

The District may reject an Improper Invoice. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Improper Invoice by the District, the Vendor must be notified that the invoice is improper and be given an opportunity to correct the deficient or missing information, remedy the faulty work, replace the defective goods, or take other necessary, remedial action.

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

- a. Be provided in writing;
- b. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
- c. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

If the Vendor submits a corrected invoice, which corrects the deficiencies specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay the corrected invoice within the later of: (a) ten (10) business days after date

the corrected invoice is Date Stamped; or (b) forty-five (45) days after the date the Improper Invoice was Date Stamped.

If the Vendor submits an invoice in response to the District's written rejection which fails to correct the deficiencies specified or continues to be an Improper Invoice, the District must reject that invoice as stated herein.

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

If the District disputes a portion of an invoice, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in these Policies & Procedures.

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

The time at which payment is due for Construction Services from the District is as follows:

- a. If an Agent must approve the payment request before it is submitted to the District Manager, payment (whether full or partial) is due twenty-five (25) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped. The Provider may send the District an overdue notice. If the payment request is not rejected within four (4) business days after Date Stamp of the overdue notice, the payment request shall be deemed accepted, except for any portion of the payment request that is fraudulent, misleading or is the subject of dispute.

The agreement between the District and the Provider shall identify the Agent to which the Provider shall submit its payment request, or shall be provided by the District through a separate written notice no later than ten (10) days after contract award or notice to proceed, whichever is later. Provider's submission of a payment request to the Agent shall be Date Stamped, which shall commence the time periods for payment or rejection of a payment request or invoice as provided in this section.

- b. If, pursuant to contract, an Agent is not required to approve the payment request submitted to the District, payment is due twenty (20) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped unless such payment request includes fraudulent or misleading information or is the subject of dispute.

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

- a. If an Improper Payment Request is received, the District must reject the Improper Payment Request within twenty (20) business days after the date on which the payment request is Date Stamped.
- b. The District's rejection of the Improper Payment Request must:
 - i. Be provided in writing;
 - ii. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
 - iii. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.
- c. If a Provider submits a payment request which corrects the deficiency specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay or reject the corrected submission no later than ten (10) business days after the date the corrected payment request is Date Stamped.

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

If the District disputes a portion of a payment request, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in this section.

VII. Resolution of Disputes

If a dispute arises between a Provider and the District concerning payment of an invoice or payment request, the dispute shall be resolved as set forth in §218.735, Fla. Stat., for Construction Services, and §218.76, Fla. Stat. for Non-Construction Goods and Services.

A. Dispute between the District and a Provider

If a dispute between the District and a Provider cannot be resolved following resubmission of a payment request by the Provider, the dispute must be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure prescribed in the construction contract, if any. In the absence of a prescribed procedure in the contract, the dispute must be resolved by the procedures specified below.

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

- 1. If an Improper Payment Request or Improper Invoice is submitted, and the Provider refuses or fails to submit a revised payment request or invoice as contemplated by the PPA and these Policies and Procedures, the Provider shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the last payment request or invoice was Date Stamped, submit a written statement via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, specifying the basis upon which the Provider contends the last submitted payment request or invoice was proper.

2. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.
3. With regard to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, if the District does not commence the dispute resolution procedure within the time provided herein, a Provider may give written notice via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, of the District's failure to timely commence its dispute resolution procedure. If the District fails to commence the dispute resolution procedure within 4 business days after receipt of such notice, any amounts resolved in the Provider's favor shall bear mandatory interest, as set forth in section 218.735(9), Florida Statutes, from the date on which the payment request or invoice containing the disputed amounts was Date Stamped. If the dispute resolution procedure is not commenced within 4 business days after receipt of the notice, the objection to the payment request or invoice shall be deemed waived. The waiver of an objection pursuant to this paragraph does not relieve a Provider of its contractual obligations.
4. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.
5. The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
6. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.

7. If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

When the District intends to pay for a purchase with federal funds or bond funds, the District shall make such purchases only upon reasonable assurances that federal funds or bond funds sufficient to cover the cost will be received. When payment is contingent upon the receipt of bond funds, federal funds or federal approval, the public procurement documents and any agreement with a Provider shall clearly state such contingency. (§218.77, Fla. Stat.).

IX. Requirements for Construction Services Contracts – Project Completion; Retainage

The District intends to follow the PPA requirements for construction project completion and retainage, including, but not limited to, §218.735 (7) and (8), Fla. Stat.

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

Failure on the part of the District to make timely payments may result in District responsibility for late payment interest charges. No agreement between the District and a Provider may prohibit the collection of late payment interest charges allowable under the PPA as mandatory interest. (§218.75, Fla. Stat.).

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

All payments due from the District, and not made within the time specified within this policy, will bear interest, from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. The Vendor must submit a Proper Invoice to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. (§218.735(9), Fla. Stat.).

An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

B. Related to Construction Services

All payments for Construction Services that are not made within the time periods specified within the applicable statute, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month for contracts executed on or before June 30, 2021, and at the rate of two percent (2%) per month for contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, or the rate specified by agreement, whichever is greater. §218.735(9), Fla. Stat. The Provider must submit a Proper Payment Request to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. (§218.74 (4), Fla. Stat.).

Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

C. Report of Interest

If the total amount of interest paid during the preceding fiscal year exceeds \$250, the District Manager is required to submit a report to the Board during December of each year, stating the number of interest payments made and the total amount of such payments. (§218.78, Fla. Stat.).

**ORANGE BLOSSOM GROVES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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MEMORANDUM

To: District Manager

From: District Counsel

RE: Public Records Exemptions Advisory Notice

As you may know, during the 2021 legislative session section 119.071, Florida Statutes, was revised to include additional requirements regarding the public records exemption for home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, photographs, and other information associated with certain officers, employees, justices, judges, or other persons identified in section 119.071(4)(d)2. In particular, section 119.071(4)(d)3. now provides that the custodian of such information must maintain its exempt status where the subject officer, employee, justice, judge or person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written *and notarized* request for maintenance of the exemption to the custodial agency. Further, the *request must state under oath the statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt status.* The italicized requirements for notarization and a statement under oath as to the statutory basis for the exemption request are new requirements that became effective July 1, 2021.

Please ensure district records custodians and other appropriate personnel have been appropriately advised of these changes for purposes of evaluating exemptions for future public records requests.
