

## MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### **BROWARD COUNTY**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2020 9:30 A.M.

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## AGENDA MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2020 9:30 a.m.

JOIN BY VIDEO ACCESS: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3341025013">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3341025013</a>

Meeting ID: 334 102 5013 Call-In: 929-436-2866

A.	Call to Order
B.	Proof of Publication
C.	Establish Quorum
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#### **Broward Daily Business Review**

Oct. 7, 2020

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Meadow Pines Community Development District (the "District") will hold a Special Board Meeting (the "Meeting") of its Board of Supervisors (the "Board") on October 15, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. to be conducted by telephonic and video conferencing communications media technology pursuant to Executive Orders 20-52, 20-69, and 20-112, 20-114, 20-150, 20-179, 20-193, and 20-246 issued by Governor DeSantis on March 9, 2020, March 20, 2020, April 29, 2020, May 8, 2020, June 24, 2020, July 29, 2020, August 7, 2020, and September 30, 2020, respectively, and pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes. The Meeting is being held for the necessary public purpose of considering the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Amended Budget. At such time the Board is so authorized and may consider any business that may lawfully and properly come before it.

While it is necessary to hold the Meeting utilizing communications media technology due to the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the District fully encourages public participation in a safe and efficient manner. Participants may attend the Meeting by accessing the District's website, www.meadowpinescdd.org and clicking on the meeting link you will find on the homepage, or utilizing the following login information: Join by URL for VIDEO ACCESS at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ 3341025013 OR

Call In At: 929-436-2866 Meeting ID: 334 102 5013

A copy of the budget and/or the agenda for the Meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, c/o Special District Services, Inc., at (561) 630-4922 or nnguyen@sdsinc.org (the "District Manager's Office") during normal business hours. The Meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for special districts. The Meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the Meeting.

Any person requiring special ac commodations in order to access and participate in the Meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Meeting. If you are hear ing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

As indicated above, this Meeting will be conducted by media com munications technology. Anyone requiring assistance in order to obtain access to the telephonic, video con- ferencing, or othercommunications media technology being utilized to conduct this Meeting should con tact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Meeting. Similarly, any person requiring or that otherwise may need assistance accessing or participating in this Meeting because of a disability or physical impairment is strongly encouraged to contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance so that arrangements may be made. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the Meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

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#### MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING JULY 16, 2020

Note: The Meadow Pines Community Development District (the "District") Special Board Meeting was held via technological means as a result of the public health emergency that exists in the State of Florida as a consequence of the COVID-19 coronavirus, in light of the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control for the protection of all members of the community, and with the authority granted by Executive Orders issued by Governor Ron DeSantis, including Executive Order 20-69 (Emergency Management—COVID-19—Local Government Public Meetings) authorizing the use of communications technology, as provided in Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

District Manager Nancy Nguyen called the July 16, 2020, Special Board Meeting of the Meadow Pines Community Development District (the "District") to order at 9:46 a.m. via technological means pursuant to Executive Orders 20-52, 20-69, 20-112, 20-114 and 20-150 issued by Governor DeSantis on March 9, 2020, March 20, 2020, April 29, 2020, May 8, 2020, and June 23, 2020, respectively, and pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes.

#### B. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Proof of publication was presented that notice of the Special Board Meeting had been published in the *Broward Daily Business Review* on July 7, 2020, as legally required.

#### C. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Ms. Nguyen determined that the virtual attendance of Chairperson Douglas Harrison, Vice Chairperson Leon Brown and Supervisor Jennifer Marmanillo constituted a quorum and it was in order to proceed with the meeting.

Also in virtual attendance were: District Manager Nancy Nguyen of Special District Services, Inc.; General Counsel Vanessa Steinerts of Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, P.A.; and Maria Hernandez of Miami Management, Inc.

#### D. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

#### E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public for items not on the agenda.

#### F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. March 19, 2020, Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Nguyen presented the minutes of the March 19, 2020, Regular Board Meeting and asked if there were any corrections and/or revisions. There being none, a **motion** was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Marmanillo and passed unanimously approving the minutes of the March 19, 2020, Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

G. OLD BUSINESS

## 1. Update Regarding South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) Compliance

Ms. Nguyen advised that SFWMD conducted an inspection of the District's conservation area on May 20, 2020. She explained that she was in receipt of a letter from SFWMD reflecting that the District was in compliance with the special conditions of the Environmental Resource Permit.

#### H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Resolution No. 2020-02 – Amending Date and Time for Public Hearing

Ms. Nguyen presented Resolution No. 2020-02, entitled:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT <u>AMENDING</u> RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01; AMENDING THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 FINAL BUDGET AND ASSESSMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY AND DISTRICT MANAGER TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Nguyen advised that because the May 21, 2020, Public Hearing had been rescheduled to July 16, 2020, it was in order to *amend* Resolution No. 2020-01. A discussion ensued after which:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Brown and passed unanimously approving Resolution 2020-02, *as presented*; thereby, *amending* Resolution 2020-01.

2. Consider Resolution No. 2020-04 – Adopting a Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Regular Meeting Schedule

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING A REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 AND SETTING THE TIME AND LOCATION OF SAID DISTRICT MEETINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Nguyen provided an explanation for the document. A discussion ensued after which:

A **motion** was made by Ms. Marmanillo, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously passed to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-04, *as presented*; thereby setting the 2020/2021 regular meeting schedule and authorizing the publication thereof, as required by law.

3. Discussion Regarding South Broward Drainage District 5-Year Re-Certification (Phase

#### 2) & Proposals Stormwater System Inspection Deficiencies Punch List

Ms. Nguyen advised that Sun-Tech Engineering, Inc. and South Broward Drainage District (SBDD) had conducted a second inspection of the District's stormwater drainage system, which is required as part of the 5-year re-certification condition outlined on the South Broward Drainage Surface Water Management permit. Ms. Nguyen presented the deficiencies punch list provided by Sun-Tech and explained that fifteen (15) drainage outfall runs require water jet cleaning. Additionally, there is one (1) structure which requires cleaning. Ms. Nguyen further explained that once Phase 2 of this project has been completed, SBDD and Sun-Tech will conduct a third inspection. The purpose of the third inspection is to determine if there are tree roots present in the drainage outfall runs. If tree roots are present, SBDD will request that the vegetation be removed as part of Phase 3 of the project. In response to the punch list received from Sun-Tech, Ms. Nguyen obtained three (3) proposals to conduct the work required. Ms. Nguyen presented the proposals to the Board.

- BD Environmental Group, LLC \$2,160
- Proline Vactor Services, Inc. \$2,710
- PCI Stormwater Solutions, Inc. \$5,780

#### A discussion ensued after which:

A **motion** was made by Ms. Marmanillo, seconded by Mr. Harrison and unanimously passed accepting the proposal from BD Environmental Group, Inc. in the amount of \$2,160, authorizing District Counsel the prepare a Small Project Agreement; and further authorizing the District Manager to complete any other necessary requirements on behalf of the District to commence the project. Additionally, the motion further authorizes a not to exceed amount of \$5,000 for the removal of vegetation for Phase 3; thus authorizing District Counsel the prepare a Small Project Agreement; and further authorizing the District Manager to complete any other necessary requirements on behalf of the District to commence Phase 3.

## 4. Consider Selection of the Audit Committee and Approve Auditor Evaluation Criteria for RFP

Ms. Nguyen stated that an audit was required for the District fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and it would be in order for the Board to appoint an Audit Committee to commence the auditor selection process pursuant to 218.391, *Florida Statutes*.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously passed appointing the full Board and the District Manager as the Audit Committee.

At approximately 10:15 a.m., Ms. Nguyen recessed the Special Board Meeting and simultaneously called to order a meeting of the Audit Committee.

Ms. Nguyen presented the selection criteria information and an outline of material for the Request for Audit Proposals for the District. A discussion ensued after which:

A **motion** was made by Ms. Marmanillo, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously passed approving the criteria for the selection of an auditor, as presented, and instructed the District Manager to proceed, as required, to advertise for requests for proposals ("RFP") for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and to include in the proposal package an **option** for an additional 2-year renewal (2023 and 2024).

There being no further Audit Committee business to conduct, Ms. Nguyen adjourned the Audit Committee Meeting and simultaneously reconvened the Special Board Meeting of the District at approximately 10:18 a.m.

Ms. Nguyen stated that it would be appropriate for the Board to accept the actions of the Audit Committee, as outlined hereinabove. A discussion ensued after which:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Marmanillo and unanimously passed accepting the actions of the Audit Committee.

<u>NOTE</u>: At approximately 10:19 a.m., Ms. Nguyen recessed the Special Meeting and simultaneously opened the Public Hearing.

#### I. PUBLIC HEARING

#### 1. Proof of Publication

Ms. Nguyen presented proof of publication that notice of the Public Hearing had been published in the *Broward Daily Business Review* on June 30, 2020, and July 7, 2020, as legally required.

#### 2. Receive Public Comments on Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Final Budget

Ms. Nguyen opened the public comment portion of the public hearing to receive comments on the 2020/2021 fiscal year final budget and non-ad valorem special assessments. There being no comments, Ms. Nguyen closed the public comment portion of the Public Hearing.

#### 3. Consider Resolution No. 2020-03 – Adopting a Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Final Budget

Ms. Nguyen presented Resolution No. 2020-03, entitled:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING AND ADOPTING A FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 FINAL BUDGET INCLUDING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Nguyen explained that the document provides for approving and adopting the fiscal year 2020/2021 final budget and non-ad valorem special assessment tax roll. A discussion ensued after which:

A **motion** was made by Ms. Marmanillo, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously passed to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-03, *as presented*; thereby setting the 2020/2021 final budget and non-ad valorem special assessment tax roll.

<u>NOTE</u>: At approximately 10:22 a.m., Ms. Nguyen closed the Public Hearing and simultaneously reconvened the Special Meeting.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Staff Report, as Required

There was no Staff Report at this time.

#### J. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Nguyen stated that the District meeting was scheduled for August 20, 2020.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, a <b>motion</b> was made by Ms. Marr seconded by Mr. Harrison and unanimously passed to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 10:					
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chairperson/Vice Chairperson				

#### FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### Request for Surface Water Management, Water Use or **Wetland Resource Permit Transfer**

(To be completed, executed and submitted by the new owner)

Regulation 3301 Gu West Pa	FLORIDA WATEI on Division n Club Road Im Beach, FL 334 umd.gov/ePermitti		RICT			
It is here	by requested that	District Permit No.(s)	06-04288-W			issued
under Ap	plication No.(s)	100930-4			be transfe	erred as follows:
FROM:	Name St	tandard Pacific Hom	es, Inc.			
	Address					
	City			State	Z	IP
	Project Name	Meadow Pines Phas	se II			
	Permitted Acre	eage 22.70				
TO:	Name Mea	dow Pines Community Dev	elopment District / C	obblestone Communit	y Association, Inc.(c	o-permittee)
	Address 250	01 A. Burns Road				
	City Pal	m Beach Gardens		State	FL z	IP 33410
	E-mail Address	twodraska@sdsin	c.org	Acreage	to be transferred	22.70
	Project Name	Cobblestone				
be boun	d by all terms ar	ary map 107 and Rule 40E-2.351 nd conditions of the pe tion to the project shall b	rmit, including ar	y subsequent mod	lifications theret	o. Authorization
	s authorized by	rmitted acreage, such a District Permit sha	Il require a Pern	nit modification pr		
Todd W	/odraska		1/R	Warner		
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Title		)		one Number	Date	•
	ttee: Cobblesto ria Hernandez	ne Community Associ	ation, Inc.			
			_Date:	=		
Telephone	No.:					
		Incorporated by refi	erence in subsection	40F-1 6107(1) F.A.C.		

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Certificate of Auth. #7097/LB 7019 Phone (954) 777-3123 Fax (954) 777-3114

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

South Florida Water Management District Attn: Tammy Alonso 3301 Gun Club Road West Palm Beach, FL 33406

RE: Request for Irrigation Water use permit transfer (Permit 06-04288-W) from developer to Meadow Pines CDD and Cobblestone Community Association (HOA) co-permittee.

Dear Mrs. Alonso:

Pursuant to our conversation on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, please find attached the following items needed to transfer the existing irrigation Water use permit from the developer (Standard Pacific Homes) to Meadow Pines CDD (owner) and co-permittee Cobblestone Community Association (HOA).

- SFWMD Form 0483 Request for Surface Water Management, Water Use or Wetland Resource Permit Transfer
- Property ownership of the Lakes / Conservation area (Meadow Pines CDD

As discussed, Meadow Pines CDD is the owner of the lakes and conservation area where the irrigation source of water is withdrawn. The water withdrawal associated with Permit 06-04288-W is then used to irrigate the common areas located within the Cobblestone Community Association (HOA) and therefore they will be listed as a co-permittee on the transferred permit.

I trust the information provided is sufficient to meet your needs; however, should you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know and I can provide.

Sincerely,

SUN-TECH ENGINEERING, INC.

Clifford R. Loutan, P.E.

Principal / District Engineer – Meadow Pines CDD

This item has been digitally signed and sealed by Clifford R. Loutan, P.E. on the date adjacent to the seal. Printed copies of this document are not considered signed and sealed and the signature must be verified on any electronic copies.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET ("AMENDED BUDGET"), PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 189, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the Meadow Pines Community Development District (the "District") is empowered to provide a funding source and to impose special assessments upon the properties within the District; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District has prepared for consideration and approval an Amended Budget.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, THAT:

**Section 1.** The Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved and adopted.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Secretary/Assistant Secretary of the District is authorized to execute any and all necessary transmittals, certifications or other acknowledgements or writings, as necessary, to comply with the intent of this Resolution.

**PASSED, ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE** this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>October</u>, 2020.

ATTEST:	MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIST	TRICT
Bv:	Bv:	
Secretary/Assistant		 n

## Meadow Pines Community Development District

Amended Final Budget For Fiscal Year 2019/2020 October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020

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#### **AMENDED FINAL BUDGET**

#### MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT **OPERATING FUND FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020** OCTOBER 1, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

		FISCAL YEAR	AMENDED		YEAR
		2019/2020	FINAL		TO DATE
		BUDGET	BUDGET		ACTUAL
REVENUES	1	0/1/19 - 9/30/20	10/1/19 - 9/30/20	10	1/19 - 9/29/20
O & M Assessments		49,910	51,205		51,205
Debt Assessments		691,982	695,356		695,356
Other Revenues		1.000	175		175
Interest Income		300	245		245
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	743,192	\$ 746,981	\$	746,981
EXPENDITURES					
Supervisor Fees		2,400	600		600
Payroll Taxes		200	46		46
Engineering		2,250	11,000		8,063
Management		13,896	13,896		13,896
Legal		9,000	8,000		6,738
Assessment Roll		6,000	6,000		6,000
Audit Fees		3,600	3,600		3,600
Arbitrage Rebate Fee		600	600		600
Insurance		7,300	5,426		5,426
Legal Advertisements		950	1,500		1,108
Miscellaneous		900	750		351
Postage		275	140		131
Office Supplies		550	230		213
Dues & Subscriptions		175	175		175
Trustee Fees		6,820	6,815		6,815
Continuing Disclosure Fee		1,000	1,000		1,000
Website Management		2,000	2,000		2,000
Reserve		2,799	2,000		0
Stormwater Management		0	20,000		18,890
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	60,715	\$ 83,778	\$	75,652
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$	682,477	\$ 663,203	\$	671,329
Bond Payments		(650,463)	(655,916)		(655,916)
BALANCE	\$	32,014	\$ 7,287	\$	15,413
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee		(14,838)	(15,945)		(15,945)
Discounts For Early Payments		(29,676)	(26,343)		(26,343)
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$	(12,500)	\$ (35,001)	\$	(26,875)
Carryover From Prior Year		12,500	12,500		0
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NET EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$	-	\$ (22,501)	\$	(26,875)

FUND BALANCE AS OF 9/30/19	
FY 2019/2020 ACTIVITY	
FUND BALANCE AS OF 9/30/20	

\$95,045
(\$35,001)
\$60,044

Notes
Carryover From Prior Year Of \$12,500 was used to reduce Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Assessments. \$11,875 Of Fund Balance To Be Used To Reduce 2020/2021 Assessments.

#### AMENDED FINAL BUDGET

#### MEADOW PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DEBT SERVICE FUND FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 OCTOBER 1, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

		SCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET	AMENDE FINAL BUDGE		-	YEAR O DATE ACTUAL
REVENUES	10/	1/19 - 9/30/20	10/1/19 - 9/3	30/20	10/1	19 - 9/29/20
Interest Income		100		4,719		4,713
NAV Tax Collection		650,463		655,916		655,916
Total Revenues	\$	650,563	\$	660,635	\$	660,629
EXPENDITURES						
Principal Payments (2014A-1)		285,000		285,000		285,000
Principal Payments (2014A-B)		50,000		50,000		50,000
Bond Redemption		6,315		0		0
Interest Payments (2014A-1)		241,360		245,635		245,635
Interest Payments (2014A-B)		67,888		69,325		69,325
Total Expenditures	\$	650,563	\$	649,960	\$	649,960
Excess/ (Shortfall)	\$		\$	10,675	\$	10,669

\$550,445 \$10,675 \$561,120

FUND BALANCE AS OF 9/30/19	
FY 2019/2020 ACTIVITY	
FUND BALANCE AS OF 9/30/20	

#### Notes

Reserve Fund (2014-1) Balance = \$265,215\*. Reserve Fund (2014-2) Balance = \$60,100\*.

Revenue Fund Balance = \$235,805\*.

Revenue Fund Balance To Be Used To Make 2014-1 11/1/2020 Interest Payment Of \$118,543 and 2014-2 11/1/2020 Interest Payment Of \$33,225.

#### Series 2014-1 Bond Refunding Information

Octios 2014-1 Bolla Retailaing illiotti	ation		
Original Par Amount =	\$7,125,000	Annual Principal Payments Due:	
Interest Rate =	1.05% - 4.625%	May 1st	
Issue Date =	May 2014	Annual Interest Payments Due:	
Maturity Date =	May 2034	May 1st & November 1st	
Par Amount As Of 9/30/20 =	\$5,495,000		
Series 2014-2 Bond Refunding Inform	ation		
Original Par Amount -	¢1 295 000	Annual Principal Payments Duc:	

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Original Par Amount =	

Originai Par Amount =	\$1,385,000	Annuai Principai Payments Due:
Interest Rate =	5.75% - 6.00%	May 1st
Issue Date =	May 2014	Annual Interest Payments Due:
Maturity Date =	May 2034	May 1st & November 1st
Par Amount As Of 9/30/20 =	\$1,120,000	

<sup>\*</sup> Approximate Amounts

October 15, 2020

RE: Meadow Pines Community Development District

The Meadow Pines Community Development District (the "District") is required to select an auditor to perform the audit for the district for the years ending September 30, 2020, September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2022; with an option for an additional two year renewal.

In accordance with the Auditor Selection procedures as outlined by Florida Statute 218.391, the District has established the auditor selection criteria and has placed a legal advertisement requesting proposals from qualified audit firms.

The current auditor for the District is the firm of Grau & Associates.

Grau & Associates was the only firm to respond to the legal advertisement requesting proposals to perform the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2022 audits. The proposed fee for the audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 is \$3,200.00. The proposed fee for the audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 is \$3,300.00. The proposed fee for the audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 audit is \$3,400.00. The proposed fee for the audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 (option year) is \$3,500.00. And the proposed fee for the audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 (option year) is \$3,600.00. The approved fee for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 audit, which Grau & Associates has completed, was \$3,600.00. The approved Audit Fee budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 is \$3,700.00.

Management would like to report that it is pleased with the professionalism and the competence of the Grau and Associates, partners and supporting staff.

It is recommended at this time that Grau & Associates be hired to perform the September 30, 2020, September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2022 annual government audits and also be selected, subject to fee adjustments for inflation, to perform the fiscal year end audits for the following two years (FYE 9/30/23 and 9/30/24).

Special District Services, Inc.



# Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services:

## **MEADOW PINES**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Proposal Due: September 10, 2020 4:00PM

#### **Submitted to:**

Meadow Pines Community Development District C/o SDS 2501A Burns Road Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

#### **Submitted by:**

Antonio J. Grau, Partner Grau & Associates 951 Yamato Road, Suite 280 Boca Raton, Florida 33431

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September 10, 2020

Meadow Pines Community Development District C/o SDS 2501A Burns Road Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

Re: Request for Proposal for Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020-2022, with an option for two (2) additional annual renewals.

Grau & Associates (Grau) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Meadow Pines Community Development District's (the "District") Request for Proposal (RFP), and we look forward to working with you on your audit. We are an energetic and robust team of knowledgeable professionals and are a recognized leader of providing services to Community Development Districts. As one of Florida's few firms to primarily focus on government, we are especially equipped to provide you an effective and efficient audit.

Special district audits are at the core of our practice: **we have a total of 360 clients, 329 or 91% of which are special districts.** We know the specifics of the professional services and work products needed to meet your RFP requirements like no other firm. With this level of experience, we are able to increase efficiency, to provide immediate and continued savings, and to minimize disturbances to client operations.

#### Why Grau & Associates:

#### **Knowledgeable Audit Team**

Grau is proud that the personnel we assign to your audit are some of the most seasoned auditors in the field. Our staff performs governmental engagements year round. When not working on your audit, your team is refining their audit approach for next year's audit. Our engagement partners have decades of experience and take a hands-on approach to our assignments, which all ensures a smoother process for you.

#### **Servicing your Individual Needs**

Our clients enjoy personalized service designed to satisfy their unique needs and requirements. First, we ensure that the transition to a new firm is as smooth and seamless as possible. Throughout the process of our audit, you will find that we welcome working with you to resolve any issues as swiftly and easily as possible. In addition, due to Grau's very low turnover rate for our industry, you also won't have to worry about retraining your auditors from year to year.

#### **Developing Relationships**

We strive to foster mutually beneficial relationships with our clients. We stay in touch year round, updating, collaborating and assisting you in implementing new legislation, rules and standards that affect your organization. We are also available as a sounding board and assist with technical questions.

#### Maintaining an Impeccable Reputation

We have never been involved in any litigation, proceeding or received any disciplinary action. Additionally, we have never been charged with, or convicted of, a public entity crime of any sort. We are financially stable and have never been involved in any bankruptcy proceedings.

#### **Complying With Standards**

Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and any other applicable federal, state and local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

This proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for 90 days. We certify this proposal is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection either with any previous firms or corporations offering a proposal for the same items. We also certify our proposal is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action, and was prepared in good faith. Only the person(s), company or parties interested in the project as principals are named in the proposal. Grau has no existing or potential conflicts, and anticipates no conflicts during the engagement. Our Federal I.D. number is 20-2067322.

We would be happy to answer any questions or to provide any additional information. We are genuinely excited about the prospect of serving you and establishing a long-term relationship. Please do not hesitate to call or email either of our Partners, Antonio J. Grau, CPA (tgrau@graucpa.com) or Racquel McIntosh, CPA (rmcintosh@graucpa.com) at 561.994.9299. We thank you for considering our firm's qualifications and experience.

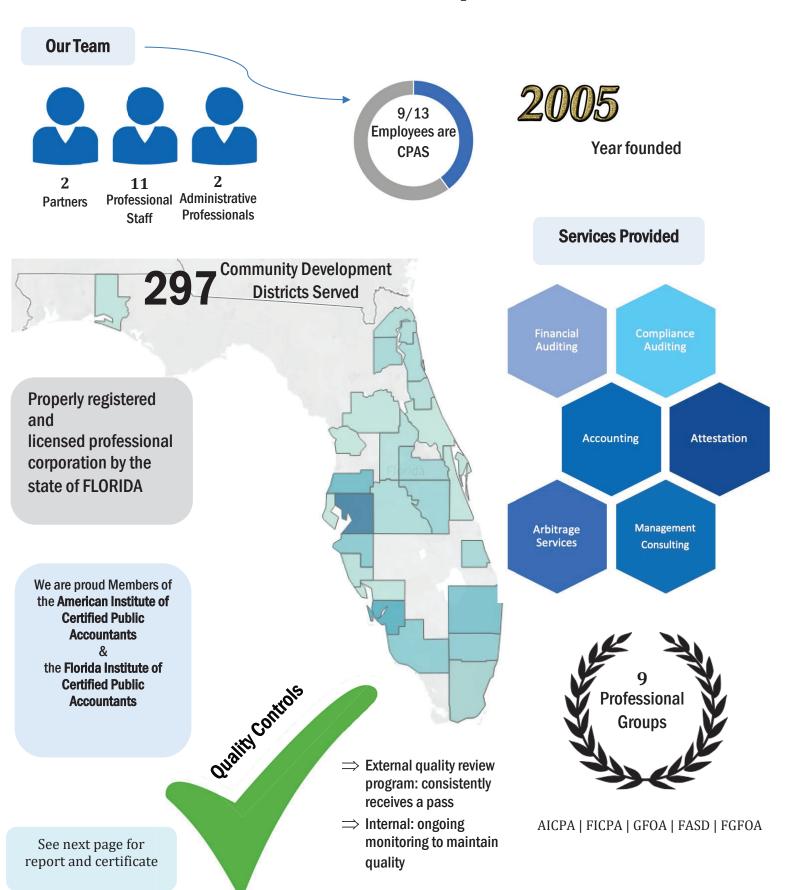
Very truly yours, Grau & Associates

Antonio J. Grau

## Firm Qualifications



#### **Grau's Focus and Experience**









Peer Review Program

AICPA Peer Review Program Administered in Florida by the Florida Institute of CPAs

FICPA Peer Review Program Administered in Florida by The Florida Institute of CPAs

February 20, 2020

Antonio Grau Grau & Associates 951 Yamato Rd Ste 280 Boca Raton, FL 33431-1809

Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on February 20, 2020, the Florida Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent. System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is December 31, 2022. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely, FICPA Peer Review Committee

Peer Review Team FICPA Peer Review Committee paul@ficpa.org 800-342-3197 ext. 251

Florida Institute of CPAs

cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114 Review Number: 571202

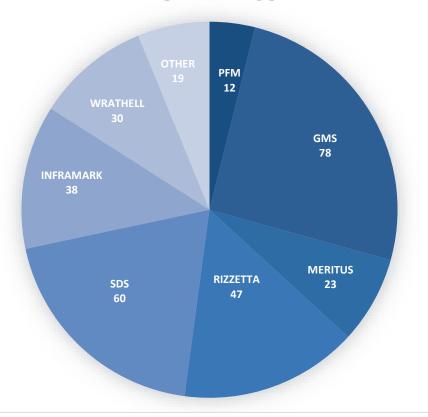
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## Firm & Staff Experience



## GRAU AND ASSOCIATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPERIENCE BY MANAGEMENT COMPANY



#### **Profile Briefs:**

## Antonio J GRAU, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing
Audits: 30+
CPE (last 2 years):
Government
Accounting, Auditing:
24 hours; Accounting,
Auditing and Other:
58 hours
Professional
Memberships: AICPA,
FICPA, FGFOA, GFOA

## Racquel McIntosh, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing
Audits: 14+
CPE (last 2 years):
Government
Accounting, Auditing:
38 hours; Accounting,
Auditing and Other:
56 hours
Professional
Memberships: AICPA,
FICPA, FGFOA, FASD

"Here at Grau & Associates, staying up to date with the current technological landscape is one of our top priorities. Not only does it provide a more positive experience for our clients, but it also allows us to perform a more effective and efficient audit. With the every changing technology available and utilized by our clients, we are constantly innovating our audit process."

- Tony Grau

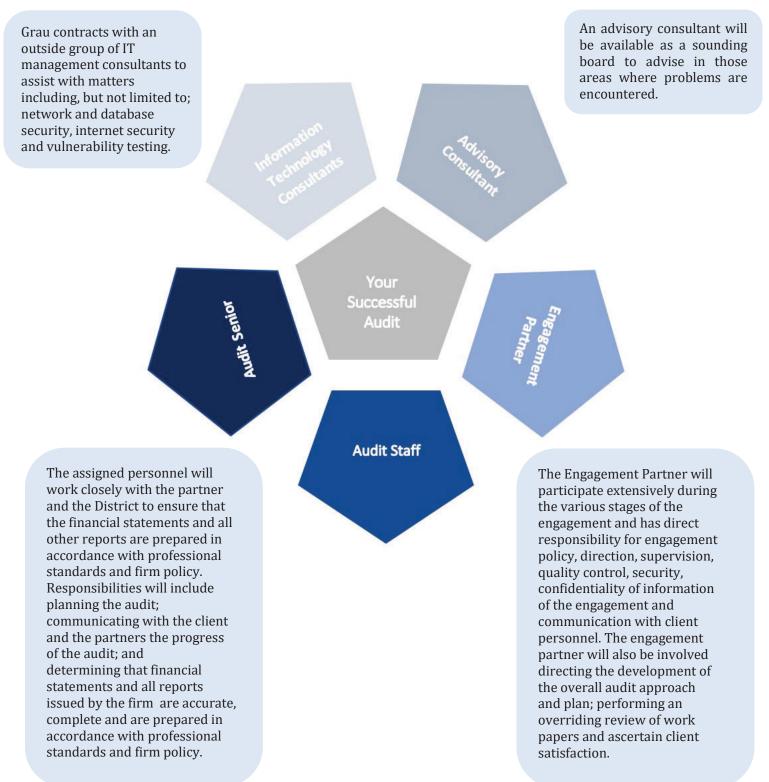
'Quality audits and exceptional client service are at the neart of every decision we make. Our clients trust us to deliver a quality audit, adhering to high standards and assisting them with improvements for their organization."

-Racquel McIntosh



#### **YOUR ENGAGEMENT TEAM**

Grau's client-specific engagement team is meticulously organized in order to meet the unique needs of each client. Constant communication within our solution team allows for continuity of staff and audit team.







## Antonio 'Tony ' J. Grau, CPA Partner

Contact: tgrau@graucpa.com | (561) 939-6672

#### Experience

For over 30 years, Tony has been providing audit, accounting and consulting services to the firm's governmental, non-profit, employee benefit, overhead and arbitrage clients. He provides guidance to clients regarding complex accounting issues, internal controls and operations.

As a member of the Government Finance Officers Association Special Review Committee, Tony participated in the review process for awarding the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. Tony was also the review team leader for the Quality Review of the Office of Management Audits of School Board of Miami-Dade County. Tony received the AICPA advanced level certificate for governmental single audits.

#### **Education**

University of South Florida (1983) Bachelor of Arts Business Administration

#### Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:

Bayside Improvement Community Development District Dunes Community Development District Fishhawk Community Development District (I,II,IV) Grand Bay at Doral Community Development District Heritage Harbor North Community Development District St. Lucie West Services District Ave Maria Stewardship Community District Rivers Edge II Community Development District Bartram Park Community Development District Bay Laurel Center Community Development District

Boca Raton Airport Authority Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District Lake Worth Drainage District South Indian River Water Control

#### Professional Associations/Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Florida Government Finance Officers Association Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Government Finance Officers Association Member City of Boca Raton Financial Advisory Board Member

#### **Professional Education** (over the last two years)

<u>Lourse</u>	<u>Hours</u>			
Government Accounting and Auditing	24			
Accounting, Auditing and Other	<u>58</u>			
Total Hours	82 (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE)			





## Racquel C. McIntosh, CPA Partner

Contact: rmcintosh@graucpa.com | (561) 939-6669

#### **Experience**

Racquel has been providing government audit, accounting and advisory services to our clients for over 14 years. She serves as the firm's quality control partner; in this capacity she closely monitors engagement quality ensuring standards are followed and maintained throughout the audit.

Racquel develops in-house training seminars on current government auditing, accounting, and legislative topics and also provides seminars for various government organizations. In addition, she assists clients with implementing new accounting software, legislation, and standards.

#### **Education**

Florida Atlantic University (2004) Master of Accounting Florida Atlantic University (2003) Bachelor of Arts: Finance, Accounting

#### Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:

Carlton Lakes Community Development District Golden Lakes Community Development District Rivercrest Community Development District South Fork III Community Development District TPOST Community Development District

East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities Indian Trail Improvement District Pinellas Park Water Management District Ranger Drainage District South Trail Fire Protection and Rescue Service District Westchase Community Development District Monterra Community Development District Palm Coast Park Community Development District Long Leaf Community Development District Watergrass Community Development District

#### Professional Associations/ Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants FICPA State & Local Government Committee FGFOA Palm Beach Chapter

#### **Professional Education** (over the last two years)

#### **Course**

Government Accounting and Auditing Accounting, Auditing and Other Total Hours

#### **Hours**

38

56

94 (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE)



## References



We have included three references of government engagements that require compliance with laws and regulations, follow fund accounting, and have financing requirements, which we believe are similar to the District.

#### **Dunes Community Development District**

**Scope of Work** Financial audit **Engagement Partner** Antonio J. Grau

**Dates** Annually since 1998

**Client Contact** Darrin Mossing, Finance Director

475 W. Town Place, Suite 114 St. Augustine, Florida 32092

904-940-5850

#### **Two Creeks Community Development District**

**Scope of Work** Financial audit **Engagement Partner** Antonio J. Grau

**Dates** Annually since 2007

**Client Contact** William Rizzetta, President

3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200

Tampa, Florida 33614

813-933-5571

#### Journey's End Community Development District

Scope of Work Financial audit
Engagement Partner Antonio J. Grau

**Dates** Annually since 2004

Client Contact Todd Wodraska, Vice President

2501 A Burns Road

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

561-630-4922



## Specific Audit Approach



#### AUDIT APPROACH

#### **Grau's Understanding of Work Product / Scope of Services:**

We recognize the District is an important entity and we are confident our firm is eminently qualified to meet the challenges of this engagement and deliver quality audit services. You would be a valued client of our firm and we pledge to commit all firm resources to provide the level and quality of services (as described below) which not only meet the requirements set forth in the RFP but will exceed those expectations. Grau & Associates fully understands the scope of professional services and work products requested. Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and any other applicable Federal, State of Local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

#### Proposed segmentation of the engagement

Our approach to the audit engagement is a risk-based approach which integrates the best of traditional auditing techniques and a total systems concept to enable the team to conduct a more efficient and effective audit. The audit will be conducted in three phases, which are as follows:



#### **Phase I - Preliminary Planning**

A thorough understanding of your organization, service objectives and operating environment is essential for the development of an audit plan and for an efficient, cost-effective audit. During this phase, we will meet with appropriate personnel to obtain and document our understanding of your operations and service objectives and, at the same time, give you the opportunity to express your expectations with respect to the services that we will provide. Our work effort will be coordinated so that there will be minimal disruption to your staff.

#### During this phase we will perform the following activities:

- » Review the regulatory, statutory and compliance requirements. This will include a review of applicable federal and state statutes, resolutions, bond documents, contracts, and other agreements;
- » Read minutes of meetings;
- » Review major sources of information such as budgets, organization charts, procedures, manuals, financial systems, and management information systems;
- » Obtain an understanding of fraud detection and prevention systems;
- » Obtain and document an understanding of internal control, including knowledge about the design of relevant policies, procedures, and records, and whether they have been placed in operation;
- Assess risk and determine what controls we are to rely upon and what tests we are going to perform and perform test of controls;
- » Develop audit programs to incorporate the consideration of financial statement assertions, specific audit objectives, and appropriate audit procedures to achieve the specified objectives;
- » Discuss and resolve any accounting, auditing and reporting matters which have been identified.



#### Phase II - Execution of Audit Plan

The audit team will complete a major portion of transaction testing and audit requirements during this phase. The procedures performed during this period will enable us to identify any matter that may impact the completion of our work or require the attention of management. Tasks to be performed in Phase II include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Apply analytical procedures to further assist in the determination of the nature, timing, and extent of auditing procedures used to obtain evidential matter for specific account balances or classes of transactions:
- » Perform tests of account balances and transactions through sampling, vouching, confirmation and other analytical procedures; and
- » Perform tests of compliance.

#### **Phase III - Completion and Delivery**

In this phase of the audit, we will complete the tasks related to year-end balances and financial reporting. All reports will be reviewed with management before issuance, and the partners will be available to meet and discuss our report and address any questions. Tasks to be performed in Phase III include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Perform final analytical procedures;
- » Review information and make inquiries for subsequent events; and
- » Meeting with Management to discuss preparation of draft financial statements and any potential findings or recommendations.

You should expect more from your accounting firm than a signature in your annual financial report. Our concept of truly responsive professional service emphasizes taking an active interest in the issues of concern to our clients and serving as an effective resource in dealing with those issues. In following this approach, we not only audit financial information with hindsight but also consider the foresight you apply in managing operations.

Application of this approach in developing our management letter is particularly important given the increasing financial pressures and public scrutiny facing today's public officials. We will prepare the management letter at the completion of our final procedures.

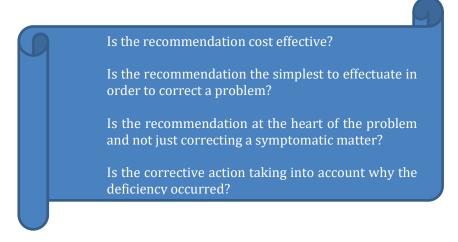
In preparing this management letter, we will initially review any draft comments or recommendations with management. In addition, we will take necessary steps to ensure that matters are communicated to those charged with governance.

In addition to communicating any recommendations, we will also communicate the following, if any:

- » Significant audit adjustments:
- » Significant deficiencies or material weaknesses;
- » Disagreements with management; and
- » Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.



Our findings will contain a statement of condition describing the situation and the area that needs strengthening, what should be corrected and why. Our suggestions will withstand the basic tests of corrective action:



To assure full agreement with facts and circumstances, we will fully discuss each item with Management prior to the final exit conference. This policy means there will be no "surprises" in the management letter and fosters a professional, cooperative atmosphere.

#### **Communications**

We emphasize a continuous, year-round dialogue between the District and our management team. We regularly communicate through personal telephone calls and electronic mail throughout the audit and on a regular basis.

Our clients have the ability to transmit information to us on our secure client portal with the ability to assign different staff with separate log on and viewing capability. This further facilitates efficiency as all assigned users receive electronic mail notification as soon as new information has been posted into the portal.



## **Cost of Services**



Our proposed all-inclusive fees for the financial audit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2020-2024 are as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Fee
2020	\$3,200
2021	\$3,300
2022	\$3,400
2023	\$3,500
2024	<u>\$3,600</u>
TOTAL (2020-2024)	<u>\$17,000</u>

The above fees are based on the assumption that the District maintains its current level of operations. Should conditions change or additional Bonds are issued the fees would be adjusted accordingly upon approval from all parties concerned.



## **Supplemental Information**



### **PARTIAL LIST OF CLIENTS**

SPECIAL DISTRICTS	Governmental Audit	Single Audit	Utility Audit	Current Client	Year End
Boca Raton Airport Authority	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Captain's Key Dependent District	✓			✓	9/30
Central Broward Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Coquina Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility	✓		✓		9/30
Florida Green Finance Authority	<b>✓</b>				9/30
Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District	✓			✓	9/30
Greater Naples Fire Control and Rescue District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Green Corridor P.A.C.E. District	<b>√</b>			✓	9/30
Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District	<b>√</b>			✓	9/30
Indian River Mosquito Control District	<b>√</b>				9/30
Indian Trail Improvement District	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	9/30
Key Largo Waste Water Treatment District	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	9/30
Lake Padgett Estates Independent District	<b>√</b>			✓	9/30
Lake Worth Drainage District	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	9/30
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District	<b>√</b>				9/30
Old Plantation Control District	<b>√</b>			✓	9/30
Pal Mar Water Control District	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	9/30
Pinellas Park Water Management District	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	9/30
Pine Tree Water Control District (Broward)	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	9/30
Pinetree Water Control District (Wellington)	<b>√</b>				9/30
Ranger Drainage District	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>		✓	9/30
Renaissance Improvement District	<b>√</b>			✓	9/30
San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	<b>√</b>			✓	9/30
Sanibel Fire and Rescue District	<b>√</b>			✓	9/30
South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board	<b>✓</b>			✓	9/30
South-Dade Venture Development District	<b>✓</b>			✓	9/30
South Indian River Water Control District	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>✓</b>	9/30
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District	<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>	9/30
Spring Lake Improvement District	<b>✓</b>			✓	9/30
St. Lucie West Services District	<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	9/30
Sunshine Water Control District	<b>✓</b>			<b>√</b>	9/30
West Villages Improvement District	<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>	9/30
Various Community Development Districts (297)	<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>	9/30
TOTAL	331	5	3	326	



#### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

#### **CONSULTING / MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES**

Grau & Associates also provide a broad range of other management consulting services. Our expertise has been consistently utilized by Governmental and Non-Profit entities throughout Florida. Examples of engagements performed are as follows:

- Accounting systems
- Development of budgets
- Organizational structures
- Financing alternatives
- IT Auditing

- Fixed asset records
- Cost reimbursement
- Indirect cost allocation
- Grant administration and compliance

#### **ARBITRAGE**

The federal government has imposed complex rules to restrict the use of tax-exempt financing. Their principal purpose is to eliminate any significant arbitrage incentives in a tax-exempt issue. We have determined the applicability of these requirements and performed the rebate calculations for more than 150 bond issues, including both fixed and variable rate bonds.

73 Current
Arbitrage
Calculations

We look forward to providing Meadow Pines Community Development District with our resources and experience to accomplish not only those minimum requirements set forth in your Request for Proposal, but to exceed those expectations!

For even more information on Grau & Associates please visit us on <a href="https://www.graucpa.com">www.graucpa.com</a>.

