

*Venice Grand Oaks
Community Development District*

Organizational Meeting Agenda

April 29, 2026

AGENDA

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Wednesday, April 29, 2026
1:30 PM

Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library
2801 Newton Blvd.
Sarasota, Florida 34234

Zoom Video Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84689378460>

Call-In Information: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 846 8937 8460

Landowners' Meeting

1. Determination of Number of Voting Units Represented
2. Call to Order
3. Election of Chairman for the Purpose of Conducting the Landowners' Meeting
4. Nominations for the Position of Supervisor
5. Casting of Ballots
6. Ballot Tabulation
7. Landowner's Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment

I. Introduction

- A. Call to Order
- B. Public Comment Period
- C. Oath of Office

II. Organizational Matters

- A. Confirmation of Notice of Meeting
- B. Information on Community Development Districts and Public Official Responsibilities and Florida Statutes Chapter 190
- C. Election of Officers
 1. Consideration of Resolution 2026-01 Electing Officers
 2. Consideration of Resolution 2026-02 Appointing Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
 3. Consideration of Resolution 2026-03 Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowners' Election

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Consideration of Contract for District Management Services
 1. Consideration of Resolution 2026-04 Appointing District Manager
- B. Consideration of Contract for District Counsel Services
 1. Consideration of Resolution 2026-05 Appointing District Counsel

- C. Consideration of Resolution 2026-06 Selection of Registered Agent and Office
- D. Consideration of Resolution 2026-07 Appointing Interim District Engineer
- E. Consideration of Interim District Engineering Agreement
- F. Request Authorization to Issue RFQ for Engineering Services
- G. Consideration of Resolution 2026-08 Designating a Qualified Public Depository
- H. Consideration of Resolution 2026-09 Authorization of Bank Account Signatories
- I. Consideration of Resolution 2026-10 Relating to Defense of Board Members
- J. Consideration of Resolution 2026-11 Spending Authorization Resolution
- K. Consideration of Resolution 2026-12 Adopting Investment Guidelines
- L. Consideration of Resolution 2026-13 Authorizing Execution of Public Depositor Report
- M. Consideration of Resolution 2026-14 Designating a Policy for Public Comment
- N. Consideration of Resolution 2026-15 Adopting Prompt Payment Policy
- O. Consideration of Resolution 2026-16 Adopting a Records Retention Policy
- P. Consideration of Compensation to Board Members
- Q. Consideration of Resolution 2026-17 Selecting District Records Office Within Sarasota County
- R. Consideration of Resolution 2026-18 Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters of the District
- S. Consideration of Website Services Agreement
- T. Authorization to Prepare Public Facilities Report in Accordance with Chapter 189.08 Florida Statutes to Coincide with Special District Filing Date for Sarasota County
- U. Consideration of Resolution 2026-19 Granting the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson the Authority to Execute Plats and Documents Related to the Development of the District's Improvements
- V. Consideration of Resolution 2026-20 Direct Purchase Resolution
- W. Consideration of Resolution 2026-21 Authorizing the Use of Electronic Documents and Signatures
- X. Consideration of Resolution 2026-22 Adopting an Internal Controls Policy
- Y. Consideration of Resolution 2026-23 Public Facilities Resolution
- Z. Adopting Goals and Objectives for the District for Fiscal Year 2026

IV. New Business

- A. Consideration of Resolution 2026-24 Ratifying Staffs' Actions in Noticing the Initial Landowners' Meeting
- B. Designation of Date of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules of Procedure and Amenity Rates & Disciplinary Rules in accordance with Section 120.54 and Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2026-25 Setting a Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of Proposed Rules of Procedure and Amenity Rates & Disciplinary Rules of the District
 - a. Rules of Procedure

- b. Amenity Rates & Disciplinary Rules
- C. Designation of Date of Public Hearing on the Budgets for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Fiscal Year 2026/2027
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2026-26 Setting the Public Hearing and Approving the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budgets
 - 2. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Developer Funding Agreement
- D. Consideration of Resolution 2026-27 Setting Date of Public Hearing Expressing the District's Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting and Enforcing Non-Ad-Valorem Assessments in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes

V. Capital Improvements

- A. Appointment of Financing Team
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2026-28 Appointing Bond Counsel
 - 2. Consideration of Resolution 2026-29 Appointing Investment Banker
 - 3. Assessment Administrator
 - 4. Trustee
- B. Approval of Financing Team Funding Agreement

VI. Financing Matters

- A. Consideration of Engineer's Report
- B. Consideration of Master Assessment Methodology
- C. Consideration of Resolution 2026-30 Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Authorizing the Commencement of Validation Proceedings
- D. Consideration of Resolution 2026-31 Declaring Special Assessments and Setting a Public Hearing on Special Assessments

VII. Other Business

- A. Presentation of Funding Request No. 1
- B. Staff Reports
 - i. Attorney
 - a) E-Verify Memorandum
 - ii. Manager
- C. Supervisors Requests

IX. Adjournment

Landowners' Meeting

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**

TIME: **1:30 PM**

LOCATION: **Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library, 2801 Newton Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34234**

Pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and after a Community Development District ("**District**") has been established and the landowners have held their initial election, there shall be a subsequent landowners' meeting for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") every two years until the District qualifies to have its board members elected by the qualified electors of the District. The following instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election are intended to comply with Section 190.006(2)(b), Florida Statutes.

A landowner may vote in person at the landowners' meeting, or the landowner may nominate a proxy holder to vote at the meeting in place of the landowner. Whether in person or by proxy, each landowner shall be entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her and located within the District, for each position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one (1) acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Please note that a particular parcel of real property is entitled to only one vote for each eligible acre of land or fraction thereof; therefore, two or more people who own real property in common, that is one acre or less, are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

At the landowners' meeting, the first step is to elect a chair for the meeting, who may be any person present at the meeting. The landowners shall also elect a secretary for the meeting who may be any person present at the meeting. The secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the meeting. The chair shall conduct the nominations and the voting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and make and second motions. Candidates must be nominated and then shall be elected by a vote of the landowners. Nominees may be elected only to a position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term.

Five (5) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

A proxy is available upon request. To be valid, each proxy must be signed by one of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy does not need to be notarized.

Organizational Meeting

SECTION II

SECTION C

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING THE OFFICERS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) desires to elect the Officers of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The following persons are elected to the offices shown:

Chairperson	_____
Vice Chairperson	_____
Secretary	<u>Jill Burns</u>
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	<u>George Flint</u>

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION 2

RESOLUTION 2026-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to appoint a Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to appoint an Assistant Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. George Flint is appointed Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Katie Costa is appointed Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 3. Darrin Mossing, Sr. is appointed Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION 3

RESOLUTION 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CANVASSING AND CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE LANDOWNERS' ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION 190.006(2), *FLORIDA STATUTES*, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, a landowners meeting is required to be held within ninety (90) days of the District’s creation and every two (2) years following the creation of the District for the purpose of electing supervisors of the District; and

WHEREAS, such landowners meeting was held at which the below recited person was duly elected by virtue of the votes cast in their favor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District, by means of this Resolution, desires to canvas the votes and declare and certify the results of said election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **ELECTION RESULTS.** The following persons are found, certified, and declared to have been duly elected as Supervisors of and for the District, having been elected by the votes cast in their favor as shown:

Seat Number	Name of Supervisor	Number of Votes
Seat 1		
Seat 2		
Seat 3		
Seat 4		
Seat 5		

2. **TERM.** In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, and by virtue of the number of votes cast for the Supervisors, the above-named persons are declared to have been elected for the following term of office:

Seat Number	Name of Supervisor	Term of Office
Seat 1		
Seat 2		
Seat 3		
Seat 4		
Seat 5		

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION III

SECTION A

**AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT MANAGEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND
GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES – CENTRAL FLORIDA,
LLC**

Date of Agreement: April 29, 2026

Between: Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

(Hereinafter referred to as "Manager");

And: Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
A unit of special purpose local government located in
Sarasota County, Florida

(Hereinafter referred to as "District").

**GENERAL MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND
ACCOUNTING SERVICES**

This engagement is for the Manager to provide District Management Services for the District. The duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

Meetings, Hearings, Workshops, Etc.

- The Manager will organize, conduct, and provide minutes for all meetings of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, scheduling meetings, providing agenda packages and meeting materials in the form requested by the District Board of Supervisors, and publishing Board meeting, public hearing notices, and landowner election notices pursuant to Florida law.
- The Manager will consult with the District Board of Supervisors and its designated representatives, and when necessary, organize such meetings, discussions, project site visits, workshops, and hearings as may pertain to the administration and accomplishment of the various projects and services provided by the District.

Records

- The Manager will maintain "Record of Proceedings" for the District within the boundaries of the local government in which the District is located and include meeting minutes, agreements, resolutions and other records required by law or contract and provide access to such records as necessary for proper District function or compliance with Florida's public records laws.

District Operations

- The Manager will act as the primary point of contact for District-related matters.
- The Manager will consult with and advise the District on matters related to the operation and maintenance of the District's public infrastructure.
- The Manager will make recommendations and assist in matters relating to solicitation, approval, rejection, amendment, renewal, and cancellation of contracts for services to the District. In advance of expiration of contracts, the Manager will advise the Board as to need for renewal or additional procurement activities and implement same.
- On or before October 1st of every year, the Manager will prepare an annual inventory of all District owned tangible personal property and equipment in accordance with all applicable rules and standards.
- The Manager will recommend and advise the Board, in consultation with the District Engineer of the appropriate amount and type of insurance and be responsible for procuring all necessary insurance.
- The Manager will ensure compliance with all statutes affecting the District by performing the following tasks (and such other tasks required by law but not specifically identified herein):
 - File name and location of the Registered Agent and Office location annually with Department of Community Affairs and the County.
 - Provide legal description and boundary map as provided by District Engineer to the Supervisor of Elections
 - Provide the regular meeting schedule of the Board to County.
 - File all required financial reports to the Department of Revenue, Auditor General, the County, and other governmental agencies with jurisdiction in compliance with Florida law.
 - File request letter to the Supervisor of Election of the County for number of registered voters as of April 15, each year. Report annually the number of registered voters in the District by June 1, of each year.
 - Transmit Public Facilities Report and related updates to appropriate agencies.
 - Prepare and file annual public depositor report.

Accounting and Reporting

- The Manager will implement an integrated management reporting system compliant with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for government and fund accounting which will allow the District to represent fairly and with full disclosure the financial position of the District. The District's

accounting activities will be overseen by a degreed accountant.

- The Manager will prepare reports as appropriate under applicable law, accounting standards, and bond trust indenture requirements. The Manager will track the District's general fund and bond fund activities and provide monthly and annual financial statements (including budget to actual summary).
- The Manager will administer the processing, review and approval, and timely payment of all invoices and purchase orders.
- The Manager will oversee District's capital and general fund accounts.
- The Manager will recommend and implement investment policies and procedures pursuant to State law, and provide Cash Management services to obtain maximum earnings for District operations through investment of surplus funds to the State Board of Administration.

Audits

- The Manager will provide audit support to auditors for the required Annual Audit, and will ensure completion and submission of audit and Annual Financial Statements to the County, Auditor General, and other appropriate government entities in compliance with Florida law.

Budgeting

- The Manager will prepare and provide for a proposed budget for Board approval and submission to County in compliance with state law. The Manager will prepare final budget and backup material for and present the budget at all budget meetings, hearings and workshops. The Manager will ensure that all budget meetings, hearings, and workshops are properly noticed.
- The Manager will administer the adopted budget and prepare budget amendments on an ongoing basis as necessary.

Capital Program Administration

- The Manager will maintain proper capital fund and project fund accounting procedures and records.
- The Manager will coordinate with District staff to provide for appropriate bid and or proposal/qualification processes for Capital Project Construction.
- The Manager will oversee and implement bond issue related compliance, i.e., coordination of annual arbitrage report, transmittal of annual audit and budget to the trustee, transmittal of annual audit to bond holders and underwriters,

annual/quarterly disclosure reporting, etc.

Maintenance Contract Administration

- Upon direction by the District's Board of Supervisors and upon mutual agreement of the parties hereto, Manager will provide Maintenance Contract Administration for District in general accordance with the fees outlined in Exhibit A. The parties further understand and recognize that the scope and number of contracts to be administered under said fee may be limited and/or multiple fees may be required. Any Maintenance Contract Administration shall be by separate agreement between the parties.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Assessments & Revenue Collection

- The Manager will develop and administer the annual assessment roll for the District. This includes administering the tax roll for the District for assessments collected by the County and administering assessments for Off Tax Roll parcels/lots.
- The Manager will provide payoff information and pre-payment amounts as requested by property owners, and collect prepayment of assessments as necessary.
- The Manager will monitor development of the District and perform Assessment True-up Analysis when appropriate.
- The Manager will issue estoppel letters as needed for property transfers.
- The Manager will maintain the District's Lien Book, in which is recorded the details of any District debt and the related debt service assessments. The Lien Book will account for all District debt and show the allocation of debt principal to assessed properties within the District.

FEES AND TERM OF SERVICES

All services will be completed on a timely basis in accordance with the District needs and statutory requirements.

The District agrees to compensate the Manager in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in the attached Exhibit A. Payment shall be made in equal monthly installments at the beginning of each month, and may be amended annually as evidenced by the budget approved by the Board.

This Agreement shall automatically renew each Fiscal Year of the District, unless otherwise terminated by either party. The District will consider price adjustments each

twelve (12) month period to compensate for market conditions and the planned workload of the District to be performed during the next twelve (12) month period. Evidence of price or fee adjustments will be approved by the Board in its adopted or amended Fiscal Year Budget.

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The District shall provide for the timely services of its legal counsel, engineer and any other consultants, contractors or employees, as required, for the Manager to perform the duties outlined in this Contract. Expenses incurred in providing this support shall be the sole responsibility of the District.

TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT

This Contract may be terminated as follows:

1. By the District for "good cause," which shall include misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance or dereliction of duties by the Manager which termination may be immediate; or
2. By the Manager or District, for any reason, upon 60 days written notice.

In the event this Contract is terminated in either manner above stated, the Manager will make all reasonable effort to provide for an orderly transfer of the books and records of the District to the District or its designee.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All invoices are due and payable when received.
2. This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
3. In the event that any provision of this contract shall be determined to be unenforceable or invalid by a court such unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Contract which shall remain in full force and effect.
4. The rights and obligations of the District as defined by this Contract shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the District. There shall be no assignment of this Contract by the Manager, without the approval of the District.
5. The District acknowledges that the Manager is not a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker, nor is the Manager registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, the District acknowledges that the Manager does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice.

6. To the extent allowable under applicable law (and only to the extent of the limitations of liability set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes), except to the extent caused by the negligence, reckless, and/or willful misconduct of the Manager, the District agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Manager and its officers, supervisors, staff, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, demands, assessments or judgments asserted and any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, court costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, that Manager may hereafter incur, become responsible for, or be caused to pay out arising out of or relating to the grossly negligent or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the District. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the Manager may be entitled and shall continue after the Manager has ceased to be engaged under this Contract.

The Manager agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the District and its officers, supervisors, staff, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, demands, assessments or judgments asserted and any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, court costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, that the Manager may hereafter incur, become responsible for, or be caused to pay out arising out of or relating to the failure to perform under this Contract or at law, or grossly negligent, reckless, and/or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the Manager. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the District may be entitled and shall continue after the Manager has ceased to be engaged under this Contract.

7. Nothing herein shall be construed to waive or limit the District's sovereign immunity limitations of liability as provided in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or other applicable law. Nothing in this Contract shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.
8. Any amendment or change to this Contract shall be in writing and executed by all parties.
9. The Manager, on behalf of itself and its subcontractors, hereby warrants compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations applicable to their employees. The Manager further agrees that the District is a public employer subject to the E-Verify requirements provided in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and such provisions of said statute are applicable to this Agreement, including, but not limited to registration with and use of the E-Verify system. The Manager agrees to utilize the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The Manager shall provide sufficient evidence that it is registered with the E-Verify system before commencement of performance under this Agreement. If the District has a good faith belief that the Manager is in violation of Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this

Agreement, the District shall terminate this Agreement. The Manager shall require an affidavit from each subcontractor providing that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Manager shall retain a copy of each such affidavit for the term of this Agreement and all renewals thereof. If the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor of the Manager performing work under this Agreement is in violation of Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District promptly notify the Manager and order the Manager to immediately terminate its subcontract with the subcontractor. The Manager shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the District as a result of the termination of any contract, including this Agreement, based on Manager's failure to comply with the E-Verify requirements referenced in this subsection.

10. In accordance with Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, Manager represents that in entering into this Contract, neither it nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Sections 215.4725 and 215.473, Florida Statutes, and in the event such status changes, Manager shall immediately notify District. If Manager is found to have submitted a false statement, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or is now or in the future on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or engaged in a boycott of Israel, the District may immediately terminate this Contract.
11. Manager certifies, by acceptance of the Agreement, that neither it nor its principals utilize coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, Florida Statutes. Manager agrees to execute an affidavit in compliance with section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes.
12. Manager shall, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, comply with the public records laws of the State of Florida. Failure of the Manager to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, may subject the Manager to penalties pursuant to Section 119.10, Florida Statutes. In the event Manager fails to comply with this section or Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the District shall be entitled to all remedies at law or in equity. The following statement is required to be included in this Agreement pursuant to Section 119.0701(2), Florida Statutes:

IF THE MANAGER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE MANAGER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS

**RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT/CONTRACT, THE
MANAGER MAY CONTACT THE MANAGER CUSTODIAN
OF PUBLIC RECORDS FOR THE DISTRICT AT:**

GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES-
CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC
219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801
TELEPHONE: (407) 841-5524
EMAIL: JBURNS@GMSCFL.COM

NOTICES

All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or express mail with proof of receipt. If sent to the District, notice shall be to:

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development
District 219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: Chairperson

With a copy to:

Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: Jennifer Kilinski

If notice is sent to Manager, it shall be sent to:

Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: Jill Burns

This Contract shall represent the entire agreement between the Manager and the District. Both Manager and District understand and agree with the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

Approved by:

Board of Supervisors Venice
Grand Oaks Community
Development District

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson

Governmental Management
Services – Central Florida, LLC

Witness

George S. Flint, Vice President

EXHIBIT A
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE
2026

Management, Administrative, and Accounting Services	
• Annual Fee paid in equal monthly payments (plus reimbursables)	\$ 40,000
Annual Assessment Administration (Beginning with the first assessment to individual unit owners, direct assessment or utilizing tax collector)	\$ 6,000
Information Technology Fees & Annual Website Maintenance	
• Annual Fee paid in equal monthly payments (Does not include cost of creation of ADA compliant website, if applicable)	\$ 3,000
Dissemination Agent Services	
• Annual Fee for 1 st Bond Issuance*	\$ 5,000
• (\$1,000 for each additional series of Bonds)	
Other Services**	
• Bond Issuance Cost (per bond issue)	\$ 15,000
• Assessment Methodology Preparation	\$ 15,000
• SERC Preparation & Assistance w/ Petition	\$ 2,500
• Pre-paid Assessment Collection Fee (per lot/unit)	
• Estoppel Fee - One Lot	\$100
• Estoppel Fee - Multiple Lots	\$250
• Estoppel Fee - Partial payoffs	\$299
• Field Services/Contract Administration	
○ At time of landscaping turnover	\$ 15,000
○ Amenity Management	TBD based on units

*Does not include the costs of any software the District may request the Dissemination Agent use to furnish these services.

**Costs for other services shall be by separate agreement, budget approval, or work authorization and may be adjusted based upon the scope of services provided.

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2026-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER; APPOINTING A METHODOLOGY CONSULTANT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.007(1), *Florida Statutes*, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) desires to employ and fix compensation of a District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a Methodology Consultant to advise regarding the proposed issuance of special assessment bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the appointment of a Methodology Consultant is necessary, appropriate and in the District’s best interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a District Manager and Methodology Consultant and to provide compensation for their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC is appointed as District Manager and Methodology Consultant and shall be compensated for their services pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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SECTION B



KILINSKI | VAN WYK
517 E. College Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301

**KILINSKI | VAN WYK PLLC
FEE AGREEMENT
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

I. PARTIES

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

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (“Client”)
c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: District Manager

and

Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC (“Kilinski | Van Wyk”)
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

- A. The Client agrees to employ and retain Kilinski | Van Wyk as its general legal counsel.
- B. Kilinski | Van Wyk accepts such employment and agrees to serve as attorney for and provide legal representation to the Client regarding those matters referenced above.

III. FEES

The Client agrees to compensate Kilinski | Van Wyk for services rendered regarding any matters covered by this Agreement according to the hourly billing rates for individual Kilinski | Van Wyk lawyers set forth herein, plus actual expenses incurred by Kilinski | Van Wyk in accordance with the attached standard Expense Reimbursement Policy (Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference). Kilinski | Van Wyk proposes hourly rates of \$365 - \$395 per hour for partners, \$350 - \$395 per hour for senior of counsel lawyers, \$325 - \$350 per hour for of counsel lawyers, \$270 - \$325 per hour for associates, and \$180 - \$200 per hour for paralegals. Hourly rates may be increased by up to five dollars an hour each calendar year starting with January 1, 2027.

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V. DEFAULT

In the event of a dispute arising under this Agreement, whether or not a lawsuit or other proceeding is filed, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including attorneys' fees and costs incurred in litigating entitlement to attorneys' fees and costs, as well as in determining or quantifying the amount of recoverable attorneys' fees and costs. The reasonable costs to which the prevailing party is entitled shall include costs that are taxable under any applicable statute, rule, or guideline, as well as non-taxable costs, including, but not limited to, costs of investigation, telephone charges, mailing and delivery charges, information technology support charges, consultant and expert witness fees, travel expenses, court reporter fees, and mediator fees, regardless of whether such costs are otherwise taxable. Venue of any such action shall be exclusive in the state courts in and for Sarasota County, Florida.

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VII. 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.

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IX. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and agreed to by:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

KILINSKI | VAN WYK PLLC

By: _____
Its: _____
Date: _____

By: Jennifer Kilinski
Its: Authorized Member
Date: April 29, 2026

ATTACHMENT A:

KILINSKI | VAN WYK PLLC EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.011, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint District Counsel and to provide compensation for their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC, is appointed as District Counsel and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Attorney Fee Agreement



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**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

KILINSKI | VAN WYK PLLC

By: _____
Its: _____
Date: _____

By: Jennifer Kilinski
Its: Authorized Member
Date: April 29, 2026

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SECTION C

RESOLUTION 2026-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a registered agent and a registered office location for the purposes of accepting any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the District in accordance with Section 189.014(1), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Jillian Burns, is hereby designated as the Registered Agent for Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District.

SECTION 2. The District’s Registered Office shall be located at Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801.

SECTION 3. In accordance with Section 189.014, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is hereby directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with Sarasota County and the Florida Department of Commerce.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION D

RESOLUTION 2026-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.011, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint an Interim District Engineer and to provide compensation for their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Heather Wertz, P.E., as President and Manager of Absolute Engineering, Inc. is appointed as Interim District Engineer and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until the District has undergone the Request for Qualifications process and enters into a continuing services contract with the selected firm.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Interim District Engineering Agreement

SECTION E

INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 29th day of April 2026, by and between:

VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, with a mailing address c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (“District”); and

ABSOLUTE ENGINEERING, INC., a Florida corporation, with a principal address of 8515 Palm River Road, Tampa, Florida 33619 (“Engineer”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, as codified in Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, (“Act”), as amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the District was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing acquiring, and/or maintaining certain infrastructure improvements and services within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to employ Engineer on an interim basis to perform engineering, surveying, planning, landscaping, construction administration, environmental management, and permitting, financial and economic studies, as defined by a separate work authorization or work authorizations; and

WHEREAS, upon authorization, Engineer shall serve as the District’s professional representative in each service or project to which this Agreement applies and will give consultation and advice to the District during performance of these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the acts and deeds to be performed by the parties and the payments by the District to Engineer of the sums of money herein specified, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows:

- 1. RECITALS.** The Recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein and form a material part of this Agreement.
- 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES.**
 - a. Engineer will provide general engineering services, including the following, subject to work authorizations with hourly or not to exceed amounts pre-authorized by the Board of Supervisors in writing:
 - i. Preparation of any necessary reports and attendance at meetings of the Board.
 - ii. Providing professional engineering services including but not limited to review and execution of documents under the District’s Trust Indentures and monitoring and contract administration associated with District projects. Performance of any other duties related to the provision of infrastructure and services as requested by the Board, District Manager, or District Counsel.
 - iii. Any other items requested by the Board.

- b. Engineer shall, when authorized by the Board by written work authorization, provide general services related to construction of any District projects and shall provide such recommendations for such services as deemed appropriate in his or her professional experience, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Periodic visits to the site, part-time or full-time construction management of District projects, as may be recommended by Engineer and authorized by the District.
 - ii. Processing of contractor's pay estimates.
 - iii. Preparation of, and/or assistance with the preparation of, work authorizations, requisitions, direct purchase orders, change orders and acquisitions for review by the District Manager, District Counsel and the Board.
 - iv. Final inspection and requested certificates for construction including the final certificate of construction.
 - v. Consultation and advice during construction, including performing all roles and actions required of any construction contract between District and any contractor(s) in which Engineer is named as District's representative or "Engineer."
 - vi. Any other activity related to construction as authorized by the Board.
- c. With respect to maintenance of the facilities, Engineer shall render such services as authorized by the Board.

3. REPRESENTATIONS. Engineer hereby represents to the District that:

- a. It has the experience and skill to perform the services required to be performed by this Agreement.
- b. It shall design to and comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, and codes, including without limitation, professional registration and licensing requirements (both corporate and individual for all required basic disciplines) in effect during the term of this Agreement, and shall, if requested by the District, provide certification of compliance with all registration and licensing requirements.
- c. It shall perform said services in accordance with generally accepted professional standards in the most expeditious and economical manner, and to the extent consistent with the best interests of the District.
- d. It is adequately financed to meet any financial obligations it may be required to incur under this Agreement.

3. METHOD OF AUTHORIZATION. Each service or project shall be authorized in writing by the District. Engineer shall request such work authorizations in its professional capacity as Engineer when it is deemed desirable or necessary and the District is relying on Engineer to make such recommendations when Engineer deems professional engineering services appropriate for the facts and circumstances of any project. The written authorization shall be incorporated in a work authorization which shall include the scope of work, compensation, project schedule, and special provisions or conditions specific to the service or project being authorized, in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** ("Work Authorization"). Authorization of services or projects under the contract shall be at the sole option of the District but with advice and recommendations by Engineer.

4. COMPENSATION. It is understood and agreed that the payment of compensation for services under this Agreement shall be stipulated in each Work Authorization. One of the following methods will be utilized:

- a. Lump Sum Amount - The District and Engineer shall mutually agree to a lump sum amount for the services to be rendered payable monthly in direct proportion to the work accomplished. For any lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional service contract over the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, *Florida Statutes*, for CATEGORY FOUR, the District shall require Engineer to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. The price for any lump sum Work Authorization, and any additions thereto, will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the District determines the Work Authorization was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such adjustments must be made within one year following the completion of the work contemplated by the lump sum Work Authorization.
- b. Hourly Personnel Rates - For services or projects where scope of services is not clearly defined, or recurring services or other projects where the District desires to use the hourly compensation rates outlined in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. The District and Engineer may agree to a “not to exceed” amount when utilizing hourly personnel rates for a specific work authorization.

5. REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES. Reimbursable expenses consist of actual expenditures made by Engineer, its employees, or its consultants in the interest of the project for the incidental expenses as listed as follows:

- a. Expenses of transportation and living when traveling in connection with a project, for long distance phone calls and telegrams, and fees paid for securing approval of authorities having jurisdiction over an authorized project. All expenditures shall be made in accordance with Chapter 112, *Florida Statutes*.
- b. Expense of reproduction, postage and handling of drawings and specifications.

6. TERM OF CONTRACT. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement is for engineering services. It is further understood and agreed that the term of this Agreement will be from the time of execution of this Agreement until terminated pursuant the terms herein.

7. SPECIAL SERVICES. When authorized in writing by the District, additional special consulting services may be utilized by Engineer and paid for on a cost basis with no markup.

8. BOOKS AND RECORDS. Engineer shall maintain comprehensive books and records relating to any services performed under this Agreement, which shall be retained by Engineer for a period of at least four (4) years from and after completion of any services hereunder (or such longer period to the extent required by Florida’s public records retention laws). The District, or its authorized representative, shall have the right to audit such books and records at all reasonable times upon prior notice to Engineer.

9. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.

- a. All rights in and title to all plans, drawings, specifications, ideas, concepts, designs, sketches, models, programs, software, creation, inventions, reports, or other tangible work product originally developed by Engineer pursuant to this Agreement (“Work Product”) shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of the District when developed and shall be considered work for hire.
- b. Engineer shall deliver all Work Product to the District upon completion thereof unless it is necessary for Engineer in the District’s sole discretion, to retain possession for a longer period of time. Upon early termination of Engineer’s services hereunder, Engineer shall deliver all such Work Product whether complete or not. The District shall have all rights to use any and all Work Product. Engineer shall retain copies of the Work Product for its permanent records, provided the Work Product is not used without the District’s prior express written consent. Engineer agrees not to recreate any Work Product contemplated by this Agreement, or portions thereof, which if constructed or otherwise materialized, would be reasonably identifiable with the project. If said work product is used by the District for any purpose other than that purpose which is intended by this Agreement, the District shall indemnify Engineer from any and all claims and liabilities which may result from such re-use, in the event Engineer does not consent to such use.
- c. The District exclusively retains all manufacturing rights to all materials or designs developed under this Agreement. To the extent the services performed under this Agreement produce or include copyrightable or patentable materials or designs, such materials or designs are work made for hire for the District as the author, creator, or inventor thereof upon creation, and the District shall have all rights therein including, without limitation, the right of reproduction, with respect to such work. Engineer hereby assigns to the District any and all rights Engineer may have, including without limitation, the copyright, with respect to such work. Engineer acknowledges that the District is the motivating factor for, and for the purpose of copyright or patent, has the right to direct and supervise the preparation of such copyrightable or patentable materials or designs.

10. ACCOUNTING RECORDS. Records of Engineer pertaining to the services provided hereunder shall be kept on a basis of generally accepted accounting principles and shall be available to the District or its authorized representative for observation or audit at mutually agreeable times.

11. REUSE OF DOCUMENTS. All documents including drawings and specifications furnished by Engineer pursuant to this Agreement are instruments of service. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by District or others on extensions of the work for which they were provided or on any other project. Any reuse without specific written consent by Engineer will be at the District’s sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Engineer. All documents including drawings, plans and specifications furnished by Engineer to District are subject to reuse in accordance with Section 287.055(10), *Florida Statutes*.

12. INSURANCE. Engineer shall, at its own expense, maintain insurance during the performance of its services under this Agreement, with limits of liability not less than the following:

Workers’ Compensation

Statutory

General Liability Bodily Injury (including Contractual)	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Property Damage (including Contractual)	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Automobile Liability	Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000 Bodily Injury / Property Damage
Professional Liability for Errors and Omissions	\$2,000,000

If any such policy of insurance is a “claims made” policy, and not an “occurrence” policy, Engineer shall, without interruption, and at the District’s option, maintain the insurance during the term of this Agreement and for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Agreement.

The District, its officers, supervisors, agents, professional staff, employees and representatives shall be named as additional insured parties, except with respect to the Worker’s Compensation Insurance and the Professional Liability for Errors and Omissions Insurance both for which only proof of insurance shall be provided. Engineer shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with the requirements of this Section. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective without written notice to the District per the terms of the applicable policy. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the state of Florida.

If Engineer fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right (without any obligation to do so, however), to secure such required insurance in which event, Engineer shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District’s obtaining the required insurance.

13. CONTINGENT FEE. Engineer warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Engineer, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Engineer, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

14. AUDIT. Engineer agrees that the District or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of four years after expenditure of funds under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, and records of Engineer involving transactions related to the Agreement. Engineer agrees that payment made under the Agreement shall be subject to reduction for amounts charged thereto that are found on the basis of audit examination not to constitute allowable costs. All required records shall be maintained until an audit is completed and all questions arising therefrom are resolved, or four years after completion of all work under the Agreement.

15. INDEMNIFICATION. Engineer agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the District and the District’s officers and employees wholly harmless from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs of any kind, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney’s fees, which may come against the District and the District’s officers, supervisors, professional staff, representatives and employees, to the extent caused wholly or in part by negligent, reckless, or intentionally wrongful acts, omissions, or defaults by Engineer or persons employed or utilized by Engineer in the course of any work done relating to this Agreement.

Only to the extent a limitation on liability is required by Section 725.06, *Florida Statutes* or other applicable law, liability under this section will not exceed the sum of Three Million Dollars and Engineer shall carry, at his own expense, insurance in a company satisfactory to District to cover the aforementioned liability. Engineer agrees such limitation bears a reasonable commercial relationship to the contract and was part of the project specifications or bid documents.

16. INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY. UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 558.0035, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, WHICH REQUIREMENTS ARE EXPRESSLY INCORPORATED HEREIN, AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.

17. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. Engineer agrees and covenants that nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of District's limitations on liability pursuant to Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statute or law.

18. PUBLIC RECORDS. Engineer agrees and understands that Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, may be applicable to documents prepared in connection with work provided to the District and agrees to cooperate with public record requests made thereunder. In connection with this Agreement, Engineer agrees to comply with all provisions of Florida's public records laws, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*, the terms of which are incorporated herein. Among other requirements, Engineer must:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service.
- b. Upon request from the District's custodian of public records, provide the District with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes* or as otherwise provided by law.
- c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the Agreement if Engineer does not transfer the records to the District.
- d. Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the District all public records in possession of Engineer or keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service. If Engineer transfers all public records to the District upon completion of this Agreement, Engineer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If Engineer keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, Engineer shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District, upon request from the District's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District.

IF ENGINEER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO ENGINEER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (407) 841-5524, OR BY EMAIL AT RECORDREQUEST@GMSCFL.COM, OR BY REGULAR MAIL AT C/O GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SERVICES – CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC, 219 E. LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO FL, 32801.

19. EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION. Engineer agrees that it shall bear the responsibility for verifying the employment status, under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, of all persons it employs in the performance of this Agreement.

20. E-VERIFY. Engineer shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Engineer shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that Engineer has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. If Engineer anticipates entering into agreements with a subcontractor for the Work, Engineer will not enter into the subcontractor agreement without first receiving an affidavit from the subcontractor regarding compliance with Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, and stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Engineer shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the agreement and provide a copy to the District upon request.

In the event that the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, but Engineer has otherwise complied with its obligations hereunder, the District shall promptly notify Engineer. Engineer agrees to immediately terminate the agreement with the subcontractor upon notice from the District. Further, absent such notification from the District, Engineer or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated s. 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall promptly terminate its agreement with such person or entity. By entering into this Agreement, Engineer represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with Engineer under Section 448.095(5)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

21. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. Engineer shall bear the responsibility for acting in the District's best interests, shall avoid any conflicts of interest and shall abide by all applicable ethical canons and professional standards relating to conflicts of interest.

22. SUBCONTRACTORS. Engineer may subcontract portions of the services, subject to the terms of this Agreement and subject to the prior written consent of the District, which may be withheld for any or no reason. Without in any way limiting any terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, all subcontractors of Engineer shall be deemed to have made all of the representations and warranties of Engineer set forth herein and shall be subject to any and all obligations of Engineer hereunder. Prior to any subcontractor providing any services, Engineer shall obtain from each subcontractor its written consent to and acknowledgment of the terms of this Agreement. Engineer shall be responsible for all acts or omissions of any subcontractors.

23. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. The District and Engineer agree and acknowledge that Engineer shall serve as an independent contractor of the District. Neither Engineer nor employees of Engineer, if any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any federal or state unemployment, insurance laws, or any other potentially applicable laws. Engineer agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of Engineer, if any, in the performance of this Agreement. Engineer shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and Engineer shall have no authority to represent as agent, employee, or in any other capacity the District unless set forth differently herein or authorized by vote of the Board.

24. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor Engineer shall assign, sublet, or transfer any rights under or interest in this Agreement without the express written consent of the other. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent Engineer from employing such independent professional associates and consultants as Engineer deems appropriate, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

25. THIRD PARTIES. Nothing in the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred by operation of law.

26. CONTROLLING LAW. Engineer and the District agree that this Agreement shall be controlled and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any action arising under this Agreement shall be in the State Courts located in Sarasota County, Florida.

27. TERMINATION. The District may terminate this Agreement for cause immediately upon notice to Engineer. The District or Engineer may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice. At such time as Engineer receives notification of the intent of the District to terminate the contract, Engineer shall not perform any further services unless directed to do so in writing by the District. In the event of any termination or breach of any kind, Engineer shall not be entitled to consequential damages of any kind (including but not limited to lost profits), but instead Engineer's sole remedy will be to recover payment for services rendered to the date of the notice of termination, subject to any offsets.

28. RECOVERY OF COSTS AND FEES. In the event either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees at all judicial levels.

29. AMENDMENTS. 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 and formally approved by the Board.

30. AGREEMENT. This Agreement reflects the negotiated agreement of the parties, each represented by competent legal counsel. Accordingly, this Agreement shall be construed as if both parties jointly prepared it, and no presumption against one party or the other shall govern the interpretation or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

31. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or sent via electronic mail with read receipt to the Parties, as follows:

A. If to the District: Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services-CF, LLC
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: Jill Burns, District Manager
E-mail: jburns@gmscfl.com

With a copy to: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: Jennifer Kilinski, District Counsel
E-mail: jennifer@cddlattorneys.com

B. If to Engineer: Absolute Engineering, Inc.

1000 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 925
Tampa, Florida 33602
Attn: Heather Wertz, P.E.
E-mail: heatherw@absoluteng.com

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the District and counsel for Engineer may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and Engineer. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days' written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

32. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts. Any party hereto may join into this Agreement by executing any one counterpart. All counterparts when taken together shall constitute but one and the same instrument constituting this Agreement.

33. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES. In accordance with Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*, Engineer represents that in entering into this Agreement, neither it nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Sections 215.4725 and 215.473, *Florida Statutes*, and in the event such status changes, Engineer shall immediately notify the District. If Engineer is found to have submitted a false statement, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or is now or in the future on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or engaged in a boycott of Israel, the District may immediately terminate this Agreement.

34. ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING. Engineer certifies, by acceptance of this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals utilize coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, *Florida Statutes*. Engineer agrees to execute an affidavit in compliance with Section 787.06(13), *Florida Statutes*, and acknowledges that if Engineer refuses to sign said affidavit, the District may terminate this Agreement immediately.

35. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES. Engineer represents that in entering into this Agreement, Engineer has not been placed on the convicted vendor list as described in Section 287.133(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*, within the last thirty-six (36) months and, if Engineer is placed on the convicted vendor list, Engineer shall immediately notify the District whereupon this Agreement may be terminated by the District.

36. FOREIGN INFLUENCE. Engineer understands that under Section 286.101, *Florida Statutes*, that Engineer must disclose any current or prior interest, any contract with, or any grant or gift from a foreign country of concern as that term is defined within the above referenced statute.

37. ACCEPTANCE. Acceptance of this Agreement is indicated by the signature of the authorized representative of the District and Engineer in the spaces provided below.

[Signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year first above written.

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

ABSOLUTE ENGINEERING, INC.

Heather Wertz, P.E.

Exhibit A: Form of Work Authorization
Exhibit B: Hourly Fee Schedule

EXHIBIT A
Form of Work Authorization

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida

Subject: **Work Authorization Number _____**
 Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

Heather Wertz, P.E. of Absolute Engineering, Inc. (“**Engineer**”) is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide engineering services for Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the “**District**”). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated April 29, 2026 (“**Engineering Agreement**”) as follows:

I. Scope of Work

The District will engage Engineer to: [description of scope of work; or attach scope exhibit]

II. Fees

The District will [compensate Engineer pursuant to the hourly rate schedule contained in the Engineering Agreement, not to exceed \$ _____. The District will reimburse Engineer all direct costs which include items such as printing, drawings, travel, deliveries, et cetera, pursuant to the Agreement.] OR [will compensate Engineer in a flat fee amount of \$ _____, inclusive of all effort, expenses, and costs to complete the work described herein].

This proposal, together with the Engineering Agreement, represents the entire understanding between the District and Engineer with regard to the referenced work authorization. If you wish to accept this work authorization, please return an executed copy to our office. Upon receipt, we will promptly schedule our services.

Heather Wertz, P.E.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Sincerely,

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development
District

Absolute Engineering, Inc., a Florida corporation

By: _____
Authorized Representative

By: _____
Authorized Representative

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT B
Hourly Fee Schedule

AEI HOURLY FEE SCHEDULE

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Principal	\$280
Engineering Senior Project Manager, PE	\$200
Engineering Project Manager, PE	\$155
Construction Administration Director	\$145
IT Director	\$145
Engineering Senior Designer	\$120
Senior CADD Tech	\$120
Engineering Project Engineer, EI	\$110
Accounting/Payroll	\$110
Engineering Designer	\$100
Project Planner/GIS Specialist	\$100
Engineering CADD Tech	\$95
Project Coordinator Permitting	\$95
Construction Inspector	\$90
Clerical/Administration	\$50

SECTION F

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the “District”), located in the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and, if so authorized, may provide general engineering services as well as engineering services on an ongoing basis and for the design and construction administration associated with the District’s capital improvement plan. The District may select one or more engineering firms to provide engineering services on an ongoing basis.

Any firm or individual (“Applicant”) desiring to provide professional services to the District must: 1) hold applicable federal, state and local licenses; 2) be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Florida law; and 3) furnish a statement (“Qualification Statement”) of its qualifications and past experience on U.S. General Service Administration’s “Architect-Engineer Qualifications, Standard Form No. 330,” with pertinent supporting data. Among other things, Applicants must submit information relating to: a) the ability and adequacy of the Applicant’s professional personnel; b) whether the Applicant is a certified minority business enterprise; c) the Applicant’s willingness to meet time and budget requirements; d) the Applicant’s past experience and performance, including but not limited to past experience as a District Engineer for any community development districts and past experience in Sarasota County, Florida; e) the geographic location of the Applicant’s headquarters and offices; f) and the current and projected workloads of the Applicant. Further, each Applicant must identify the specific individual affiliated with the Applicant who would be handling District meetings, construction services, and other engineering tasks.

The District will review all Applicants and will comply with Florida law, including the Consultant’s Competitive Negotiations Act, Chapter 287, *Florida Statutes* (“CCNA”). All Applicants must submit one electronic copy and one hard copy of Standard Form No. 330 and Qualification Statement by **12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026** and to the attention of Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, c/o Jillian Burns/Samantha Ham, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801; Ph: (407) 841-5524 (“District Manager’s Office”).

The Board of Supervisors shall select and rank the Applicants using the requirements set forth in the CCNA and the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager’s Office, and the highest ranked Applicant will be requested to enter into contract negotiations. If an agreement cannot be reached between the District and the highest ranked Applicant, negotiations will cease and begin with the next highest ranked Applicant, and if these negotiations are unsuccessful, will continue to the third highest ranked Applicant. The District reserves the right to reject any and all Qualification Statements. Additionally, there is no express or implied obligation for the District to reimburse Applicants for any expenses associated with the preparation and submittal of the Qualification Statements in response to this request.

Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager’s Office, must be filed in writing with the District Manager’s Office, within seventy-two (72) hours after the publication of this Notice. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to aforesaid Notice or evaluation criteria provisions. Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneously with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

Any and all questions relative to this request for qualifications shall be directed in writing by e-mail only to Jill Burns at jburns@gmscfl.com with e-mail copy to Jennifer Kilinski at jennifer@cddl原因ers.com.

Publish on Monday, June 1, 2026 (must be published at least 14 days prior to submittal deadline)

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DISTRICT ENGINEER REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

COMPETITIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

1) Ability and Adequacy of Professional Personnel (Weight: 25 Points)

Consider the capabilities and experience of key personnel within the firm including certification, training, and education; affiliations and memberships with professional organizations; etc.

2) Consultant's Past Performance (Weight: 25 Points)

Past performance for other Community Development Districts in other contracts; amount of experience on similar projects; character, integrity, reputation of respondent; etc.

3) Geographic Location (Weight: 20 Points)

Consider the geographic location of the firm's headquarters, offices and personnel in relation to the project.

4) Willingness to Meet Time and Budget Requirements (Weight: 15 Points)

Consider the consultant's ability and desire to meet time and budget requirements including rates, staffing levels and past performance on previous projects; etc.

5) Certified Minority Business Enterprise (Weight: 5 Points)

Consider whether the firm is a Certified Minority Business Enterprise. Award either all eligible points or none.

6) Recent, Current and Projected Workloads (Weight: 10 Points)

Consider the recent, current and projected workloads of the firm.

SECTION G

RESOLUTION 2026-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL FINANCIAL REPORTS REQUIRED BY RULE, STATUTE, LAW, ORDINANCE OR REGULATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) is statutorily authorized to select a depository as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*, which meets all the requirements of Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*, and has been designated by the State Chief Financial Officer as a qualified public depository; and

WHEREAS, the District has had no District revenues and has therefore made no public deposits nor has the District heretofore delegated to a Treasurer, or to any other person, responsibility for handling public deposits; and

WHEREAS, the District, prior to making any public deposit, is required to furnish to the Chief Financial Officer its official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having organized by appointing a Treasurer and other officers, is now in a position to select a public depository and to comply with the requirements for public depositories; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to designate a public depository for District funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Truist Financial Corporation is hereby designated as the public depository for funds of the District.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 280.17(2), *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is hereby directed to take the following steps:

- A.** Ensure that the name of the District is on the account or certificate or other form provided to the District by the qualified public depository in a manner sufficient to identify that the account is a Florida public deposit.
- B.** Execute the form prescribed by the Chief Financial Officer for identification of each public deposit account and obtain acknowledgement of receipt on the form from the qualified public depository at the time of opening the account.
- C.** Maintain the current public deposit identification and acknowledgement form as a valuable record.

SECTION 3. The District's Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the funds of the District, is directed to furnish the Chief Financial Officer annually, not later than January 30 of each year, the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(6), *Florida Statutes*, and otherwise take the necessary steps to ensure that all other requirements of Section 280.17, *Florida Statutes*, have been met.

SECTION 4. The District Manager, Treasurer, and/or Assistant Treasurer are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to execute and deliver any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law, ordinance or regulation.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION H

RESOLUTION 2026-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DIRECTING GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES - CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT AT TRUIST FINANCIAL CORPORATION FOR THE DISTRICT AND APPOINT THE DISTRICT SECRETARY, DISTRICT TREASURER, AND DISTRICT ASSISTANT TREASURERS AS SIGNORS ON THE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to establish a local bank account for the District and appoint the District Secretary, District Treasurer, and District Assistant Treasurers as signors on the account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC is directed to establish a local bank account at Truist Financial Corporation for the District.

SECTION 2. The District Secretary, District Treasurer, and District Assistant Treasurers shall be appointed as signors on the account.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION I

RESOLUTION 2026-10

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH REGARD TO THE SUPPORT AND LEGAL DEFENSE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT OFFICERS, AND RETAINED STAFF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) and the officers and staff of Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the “District”) are constantly presented with the necessity for making decisions regarding various phases of the District policy and management; and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely essential to the effective operation of the District that such decisions be made in an environment where the threat of personal liability for the members of the Board and its officers and staff is maintained at a minimum; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to formalize a policy with regard to the support and legal protection of the Board and its officers and staff to reduce the threat of personal liability to such individuals and allow for an effective decision-making environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. As set forth in this Resolution, the District, in accordance with Florida law, agrees that the following Board members, officers, and staff (together, the “Indemnitees”) of the District, shall be provided the benefit of the indemnification, support and legal defense provisions provided in this Resolution:

- A.** All members of the Board of Supervisors; and
- B.** Secretary and Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers, and other District officers, as well as District Staff (e.g., the District Manager, the District Engineer, and District Counsel).

SECTION 2. As set forth in this Resolution and in accordance with Sections 111.07 and 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, the District hereby agrees to provide legal representation to defend any and all civil actions, including federal civil rights and other federal civil claims, arising from a complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of all Indemnitees, present or former, arising out of and in the scope of his or her employment or function, unless, in the case of a tort action, the Indemnatee acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. Defense of such civil actions includes, but is not limited to, any civil rights lawsuit seeking relief personally against any Indemnatee for an act or omission under color of state law, custom or usage, wherein it is alleged that such Indemnatee has deprived another person of rights secured under the Federal Constitution or laws, including, by way of example, actions under 42 U.S.C. §1983 or other federal statute. The District further agrees to provide legal representation to defend against any other litigation arising against an Indemnatee from the performance of their official duties while serving a public purpose, including civil, administrative or criminal actions as permitted by law. By these provisions, the District does not waive any immunity from liability or limited waiver of such immunity as granted under Florida law. Rather, the District is stating that to the extent the State does not protect the Board and its officers from liability through its laws, the District is committed to doing so to the extent described in this Resolution and as permitted by law.

SECTION 3. The District may insure itself in order to cover all reasonable costs and fees directly arising out of or in connection with any legal claim or suit that directly results from a decision or act made by an Indemnitee while performing the duties and functions of his or her position.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is intended to evidence the District's support of Indemnites who perform acts and render decisions in the good faith performance of their duties and functions. The District will neither support nor defend those actions or omissions committed by an individual outside the scope of his or her office or committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. By adoption of this Resolution, the Indemnitee(s) in question are each presumed to have acted within the scope of his or her office and are presumed to be acting in good faith, without a malicious purpose, and not in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. The District's Board of Supervisors may overcome this presumption only by unanimous vote of those participating and voting, in accordance with Section 7 herein.

SECTION 5. In the event that the District has expended funds to provide an attorney to defend a Indemnitee who is found to be personally liable by virtue of actions outside the scope of his or her employment or function, or is found to have acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property, the individual shall be required to reimburse the District for funds so expended. The District may recover such funds in a civil action against such individual.

SECTION 6. The District agrees to pay any final judgment, including damages, fines, penalties, or other damages, costs, and attorneys' fees and costs, arising from any complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of any Indemnitee as described in Section 111.07, *Florida Statutes*. If the action arises under Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, as a tort claim, the limitations and provisions of that section governing payment shall apply. If the action is a civil rights action arising under 42 U.S.C. §1983, or similar federal statutes, payment for the full amount of judgment may be made unless the individual has been determined in the final judgment to have caused the harm intentionally. The District agrees to pay any compromise or settlement of any claim or litigation described in this paragraph; provided, however, that the District determines such compromise or settlement to be in the District's best interest.

SECTION 7. To rebut the presumption of the automatic payment of judgments or provision of legal representation pursuant to this Resolution, at least one of the following determinations shall be made by a unanimous decision of the District's Board of Supervisors participating and voting:

- A. The actions of the Indemnitee were outside the scope of his or her duties and authority; or
- B. The acts or omissions of the Indemnitee constituted bad faith, malicious purpose, intentional infliction of harm, or were done in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property; or
- C. The Indemnitee received financial profit or advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled.

SECTION 8. To ensure the provision of legal representation pursuant to this Resolution, the following must be met:

- A. A copy of the summons, complaint, notice, demand letter, or other document or pleading in the action, or a letter setting forth the substance of any claim or complaint, must be delivered

to the District Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, District Manager, or District Counsel within fourteen (14) calendar days after actual receipt of any such document together with a specific request in writing that the District defend or provide representation for the Indemnatee; and

- B.** The Indemnatee must cooperate continuously and fully with the District in the defense of the action.

SECTION 9. Any indemnification, legal defense, or other protection provided pursuant to this representation shall not extend to:

- A.** Consulting or other outside professional or business activities for which the Indemnatee received financial or other material compensation, which are outside the scope of his or her District duties and authority; and
- B.** Any independent contractor for whom defense or indemnification is not authorized pursuant to Section 1(b) of this Resolution, unless the Board votes to authorize such indemnification, legal defense, or other protection; and
- C.** Any fine, penalty, or other punishment imposed as a result of conviction for a criminal offense, and any legal fees and costs incurred to defend criminal prosecution in which a conviction is obtained; and
- D.** Claims brought against the Indemnatee by the District's Board of Supervisors; and
- E.** Any indemnification or defense prohibited by law.

SECTION 10. In the event legal representation or defense is provided pursuant to this Resolution, the Indemnatee may either:

- A.** Retain legal counsel appointed by the District, in which case legal counsel shall be paid directly by the District; or
- B.** Retain legal counsel chosen by the Indemnatee, in which case the District shall have the right to:
 - i.** Approve, in advance, any agreement for legal fees or disbursements; and
 - ii.** Pay all or part of the legal fees, costs, and other disbursements, and to set a maximum for legal fees, costs, and other disbursements; and
 - iii.** Direct the defense and settle or compromise the action or claim; and
 - iv.** Reduce or offset any monies that may be payable by the District by any court costs or attorneys' fees awarded to the Indemnatee.

SECTION 11. The benefits of the policy adopted in this Resolution shall not enlarge the rights that would have been available to any third-party plaintiff or claimant in the absence of this policy.

SECTION 12. To the extent permitted by law, this policy shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives, and estate of the Board member and/or officer.

SECTION 13. The District reserves the right to change, modify, or withdraw this Resolution in its sole discretion, except as to actions, demand or other claims based on acts or omissions that occurred before the effective change, modification, or withdrawal of this Resolution.

SECTION 14. This Resolution shall be effective as of its adoption on the date listed below and shall apply to any acts or omissions occurring after that date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION J

RESOLUTION 2026-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONFIRMING AUTHORIZATION TO PAY INVOICES FOR WORK PREVIOUSLY APPROVED; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OR VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE DISTRICT MANAGER TO ENTER INTO TIME SENSITIVE AND EMERGENCY CONTRACTS AND DISBURSE FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; PROVIDING FOR A MONETARY THRESHOLD; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR SPENDING AUTHORIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions which may be necessary for the conduct of District business;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “**Board**”) typically meets on an as needed basis, and in no event more than monthly, to conduct the business of the District, including approval of proposals, authorizing the entering into of agreements or contracts, and authorizing the payment of District operating and maintenance expenses;

WHEREAS, the Board contracted with the District Manager to timely pay the District’s vendors and perform other management functions;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to confirm that the District Manager is authorized to pay invoices, regardless of the dollar amounts, for work previously approved by the Board and such payments do not need to be approved by the Board prior to payment;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that certain time sensitive or emergency issues may arise from time to time that require approval outside of regular monthly meetings;

WHEREAS, to conduct the business of the District in an efficient manner, recurring, non-recurring and other disbursements for goods and services must be processed and paid in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the District, and is necessary for the efficient administration of District operations; the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; and the preservation of District assets or facilities, to authorize limited spending authority to the Chair (or Vice-Chair if the Chair is unavailable) of the Board and the District Manager between regular monthly meetings, for work and services that are time sensitive and/or emergency in nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **Authorization to Pay Invoices for Work Previously Approved.** The District Manager is authorized to pay invoices, regardless of the dollar amounts, for work previously approved by the Board in accordance with such contracts and such payments do not need to be approved by the Board prior to payment nor do they need to be re-approved by the Board at a future meeting.

2. **Limited Spending Authorization.** The Board hereby authorizes the individuals stated below to exercise their judgment to enter into time sensitive and emergency contracts and disburse funds up to the amounts stated below, without prior Board approval for expenses (1) that are required to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District (2) for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of a District asset, or (3) to remedy an unforeseen disruption in services relating to the District's facilities or assets, and such disruption would result in significantly higher expenses unless the contract is entered into immediately.
- a. The District Manager may individually authorize such expense up to \$2,500 per proposal/event.
 - b. The Chair (or Vice Chair if the Chair is unavailable) may individually authorize such expenses up to \$10,000 per proposal/event.
 - c. The District Manager and Chair (or Vice-Chair if the Chair is unavailable) may jointly authorize such expenses up to \$25,000 per proposal/event.
3. **Ratification of Spending Authorization at Future Meeting.** Any payment made or contract entered into pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the Board at the next scheduled meeting for approval and ratification.
4. **Repeal of Prior Spending Authorizations.** All prior spending authorizations approved by resolution or motion of the Board are hereby repealed.
5. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

SECTION K

RESOLUTION 2026-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES FOR INVESTING PUBLIC FUNDS IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS NEEDED TO MEET CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 218.415(17), *FLORIDA STATUTES*, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) is required to adopt an investment policy in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby adopts the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of the amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415(17), *Florida Statutes*. The District may invest in the following instruments and may divest itself of investments, at prevailing prices or rates:

- A.** The Local Government Surplus Trust Fund, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, as provided in Section 163.01, *Florida Statutes*.
- B.** Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.
- C.** Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*.
- D.** Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

SECTION 2. Securities listed in paragraphs (c) and (d) shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

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

[signatures on following page]

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION L

RESOLUTION 2026-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER OR TREASURER TO EXECUTE THE PUBLIC DEPOSITORS REPORT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the “District”) has established the positions of District Manager and Treasurer for the purposes of maintaining the financial records of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize District staff to execute Public Depositor Report and all other financial reports required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District Manager or Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute the Public Depositor Report and to transmit same to the Treasurer of the State of Florida as required by Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law, ordinance or regulation.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION M

RESOLUTION 2026-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD; DESIGNATING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS; DESIGNATING A PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO BE HEARD; ADDRESSING PUBLIC DECORUM; ADDRESSING EXCEPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, requires that members of the public be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, sets forth guidelines for rules and policies that govern the public's opportunity to be heard at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a policy regulating the provision of public comments during meetings of the Board (the "Public Comment Policy") for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. DESIGNATING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS. The purpose of public comment periods is to allow the public the opportunity to be heard on propositions before the Board. The District's Chairperson, their designee, or such other person conducting a District meeting (the "Presiding Officer"), shall ensure that there is at least one (1) period of time (the "Public Comment Period") in the District's meeting agenda whereby the public has an opportunity to be heard on propositions before the Board, as follows:

- A.** An initial Public Comment Period shall be provided at the start of each Board meeting before consideration of any propositions by the Board. In the event there are propositions that come before the Board that are not listed on the agenda, the Presiding Officer shall announce a Public Comment Period on such proposition prior to the Board voting on the matter.
- B.** Speakers shall be permitted to address any agenda item during the initial Public Comment Period. In the Presiding Officer's discretion, speakers shall be permitted to address any non-agenda matters of personal or general concern regarding the District either during the initial Public Comment Period or during a separate Public Comment Period provided after the conclusion of the District's business items.
- C.** Individuals wishing to make a public comment are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Speakers may not assign their three (3) minutes to extend another speaker's time.

- D. The Presiding Officer may extend or reduce the time periods set forth herein in order to facilitate orderly and efficient District business, provided however that a reasonable opportunity for public comment shall be provided consistent with the requirements of Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*. The Presiding Officer may also elect to set and announce additional Public Comment Periods if they deem it appropriate.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATING A PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO BE HEARD. Unless otherwise directed and declared by the Presiding Officer, individuals seeking to be heard on propositions before the Board shall identify themselves by a show of hands or other reasonable means of identification at the beginning of each Public Comment Period, as announced by the Presiding Officer. Alternatively, in the event that public attendance is high, and/or if otherwise in the best interests of the District in order to facilitate efficient and orderly District business, the Presiding Officer may require individuals to complete speaker cards that include the individual's name, address, the proposition on which they wish to be heard, the individual's position on the proposition (i.e., "for," "against," or "undecided"), and if appropriate, to indicate the designation of a representative to speak for the individual or the individual's group. In the event large groups of individuals desire to speak, the Presiding Officer may require each group to designate a representative to speak on behalf of such group. Any attorney hired to represent an individual or company's interests before the Board shall notify the Board of such representation prior to providing any public comment.

Sections 1 and 2 herein shall be deemed to apply only to District Board meetings, but the Presiding Officer of a District workshop in their discretion may elect to apply such Sections to District workshops.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC DECORUM. The following policies govern public decorum at public meetings and workshops:

- A. Each person addressing the Board shall proceed to the place assigned to speak and should state their name and address in an audible tone of voice for the public record.
- B. No person other than a Board Supervisor or District staff member shall be permitted to enter into any discussion with an individual speaker while they have the floor, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.
- C. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Presiding Officer from maintaining orderly conduct and proper decorum in a public meeting. Speakers shall refrain from interrupting other speakers with words or noises, speaking out of turn, speaking during another person's allotted time for public comments, exceeding the time limit for public comments, approaching Board members in a threatening manner, and making obscene or threatening remarks. "Obscene" shall mean remarks, images, or gestures which, when taken as a whole and applying contemporary community standards: (1) appeal to the prurient interest, (2) portray offensive sexual conduct in a patently offensive way, and (3) lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value. "Threatening" shall mean remarks or behaviors which convey a serious intent to harm someone.
- D. The Presiding Officer shall have the discretion to remove any speaker who disregards these policies from the meeting or suspend their public comment privileges for the remainder of the meeting, after first issuing a warning to the speaker. In the event that any person is declared out of order by the Presiding Officer and ordered expelled, and does not immediately leave the meeting facilities, the following steps may be taken:
 - i. The Presiding Officer may declare a recess;

- ii. The Presiding Officer may contact the local law enforcement authority; or
- iii. In case the person does not leave the meeting, the Presiding Officer may request that he or she be placed under arrest by local law enforcement authorities for violation of Section 871.01, *Florida Statutes*, or other applicable law.

SECTION 4. EXCEPTIONS. The Board recognizes and may apply all applicable exceptions to Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, including those set forth in Section 286.0114(3), *Florida Statutes*, and other applicable law. Additionally, the Presiding Officer may alter the procedures set forth in this Public Comment Policy for public hearings, quasi-judicial proceedings, and other special proceedings that may require a different procedure under Florida law.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION N

RESOLUTION 2026-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS 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, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, 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 (the “Board”) accordingly finds that it is in the best interest of the District to establish by resolution the Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS 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 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.

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 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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**VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

April 29, 2026

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, as amended (Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes*) (“PPA”), the purpose of the Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the “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, and 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), *Florida Statutes*, 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, *Florida Statutes*.

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 _____. 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 at (407) 841-5524; email: jburns@gmscfl.com.

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

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: District Manager

2. Email Address

jburns@gmscfl.com

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

- A.** 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, *Florida Statutes*, for Construction Services, and §218.76, *Florida Statutes* for Non-Construction Goods and Services.
- B. 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.
- C. 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. 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 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.
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, *Florida Statutes*).

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), *Florida Statutes*.

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, *Florida Statutes*).

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), *Florida Statutes*).

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 two percent (2%) per month, or the rate specified by agreement, whichever is greater. §218.735(9), *Florida Statutes*. 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), *Florida Statutes*).

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, *Florida Statutes*).

SECTION O

MEMORANDUM

TO: Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC

DATE: April 29, 2026

RE: Public Records Retention

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the District's responsibilities in relation to the retention and disposition of its public records ("Records Retention") and to present a choice between two different resolutions for the Board to consider. Historically, most districts have not engaged in the disposition of records and have simply chosen to keep all records. However, current state law provides for the disposition of many records after a specified period of time. In order to devise a Records Retention Policy which makes sense, there are three primary sources for legal requirements that must be considered.

Overview of State Law Records Retention Requirements

Florida Law sets forth a comprehensive scheme governing Records Retention. Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, entitled "Records and Information Management" created the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("DLIS") which is charged with the duty to set forth policies and rules regulating Records Retention. To this end, DLIS has adopted comprehensive rules and policies applicable to community development districts ("CDDs") which are set forth in the Florida Administrative Code sections 1B-24.001, 1B-24.003, 1B-26.0021, and 1B-26.003. DLIS adopts records retention schedules which provide the minimum amount of time that different public records must be kept before they are disposed ("Schedules"). The Schedules typically applicable to CDDs are GS1-SL (General Records Schedule for State and Local Government Agencies), GS3 (General Records Schedule for Election Records), and GS14 (General Records Schedule for Public Utilities). GS1-SL and GS3 will apply to every CDD, while GS14 will apply to just those CDDs operating water and sewer utilities. Each of these three schedules is further broken down into categories of similar documents.

Under Florida law, all documents of a particular type must be retained for the minimum amount of time set forth in the applicable section of the Schedules. In the event a District record exists that does not fall into one of the specified categories, the District is responsible for requesting that an "Individual Records Schedule" be created by DLIS.

Florida law allows CDDs to adopt policies that extend the amount of time a record must be kept. However, CDDs do not have the power to shorten the time periods in the Schedules.

Overview of Federal Law Records Retention Requirements by Virtue of Tax-Exempt Bond Issuance

If a District has issued tax exempt bonds, there are various requirements imposed by federal law relating to Records Retention. The general principle is that documents in any way related to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, revenues securing bonds, and the use of the bond proceeds should be kept until at least three (3) years after the bonds are redeemed. If refunding bonds are issued, records for the refunding bonds and the bonds refunded should be kept until at least three (3) years after the refunding bonds are redeemed. The records which must be kept include, but are not limited to:

1. Basic records relating to the bond transaction (including the trust indenture, loan agreements, and bond counsel opinion); and
2. Documentation evidencing the expenditure of bond proceeds; and
3. Documentation evidencing use of bond-financed property by public and private sources (i.e., copies of management contracts and research agreements); and
4. Documentation evidencing all sources of payment or security for the bonds, such as assessments; and
5. Documentation pertaining to any investment of bond proceeds (including the purchase and sale of securities, SLGS subscriptions, yield calculations for each class of investments, actual investment income received from the investment of proceeds, guaranteed investment contracts, and rebate calculations).

Overview of Trust Indenture Requirements to Retain Records

Most, if not all, trust indentures require CDDs that have issued bonds to maintain records which demonstrate that the District has not taken any action to jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the bonds.

Current Responsibilities for District Records Retention

Section 119.021(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, provides that the District must comply with the DLIS rules establishing retention schedules and disposal processes. Section 119.021(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, provides that each public official shall systematically dispose of records no longer needed, subject to the consent of DLIS. Although the ultimate responsibility rests with the Secretary, the District needs to formally appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer to interact with DLIS. The attached resolutions appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and outline such person's duties.

District Options for Records Retention Policy

At this point in time, the District really has two options to ensure compliance with applicable Records Retention laws.

First, the District can adopt the Florida Records Retention Schedules modified to ensure the District is also retaining the records required by federal law and the trust indenture. This option allows for the timely destruction of records while ensuring that the District's policy is in compliance with state and federal laws. Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC has prepared a resolution that implements this option, and it is attached hereto as **Option 1**.

Second, a District can adopt the Florida Records Retention Schedules as written and adopt a policy that states that the District will not be destroying any records at this point in time. While this seems like the easiest approach, it has its drawbacks and is inconsistent with the structure intended by Florida law. Not disposing of documents in a timely manner increases the cost of maintaining records thereby shifting valuable financial resources away from core functions. In addition, unnecessary Records Retention may disadvantage a District in future litigation and may be viewed as a lackadaisical approach to records management, thereby undermining the public's confidence in the integrity of the Records Retention system. Despite these concerns, the District could choose to keep all records. Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC has prepared a resolution that implements this option, and it is attached hereto as **Option 2**.

It is important to note that the District could change its Records Retention policy at a later date so long as the District's amendment was consistent with the notice and hearing provisions found in Chapter 190.

Electronic Recordkeeping

Electronic recordkeeping is one of the many subjects under consideration by the Florida Legislature and our office will circulate an update on any legislative developments that occur. Presently, electronic recordkeeping is authorized by Rule 1B-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, which provides control standards relating to the same. The DLIS has released the “Electronic Recordkeeping Strategic Plan,” which focuses on recording strategies as they relate to electronic records. The Strategic Plan, as well as a multitude of resources for records managers, is made available for review by DLIS on the DLIS website, which may change from time to time.

OPTION 1

RESOLUTION 2026-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; PROVIDING THE DUTIES OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, requires the District to establish and maintain an active and continuing program for the economical and efficient management of records and to provide for the appointment of a records management liaison officer (the “Records Management Liaison Officer”); and

WHEREAS, the District desires for the Records Management Liaison Officer to be an employee of the District or an employee of the District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer, which may or may not be the District’s records custodian; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to prescribe duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer and provide for the assignment of additional duties; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a Records Retention Policy (the “Policy”) for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide for future amendment of the Records Retention Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby authorizes the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and report such appointment to the appropriate State of Florida agencies. A Records Management Liaison Officer shall be an employee of the District or the District Manager. The Board, and the District’s records custodian, shall each have the individual power to remove the Records Management Liaison Officer at any time for any reason. Immediately following the removal or resignation of a Records Management Liaison Officer, the District’s records custodian shall appoint a replacement Records Management Liaison Officer.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer shall include the following:

- A.** Serve as the District’s contact with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida;

- B.** Coordinate the District's records inventory;
- C.** Maintain records retention and disposition forms;
- D.** Coordinate District records management training;
- E.** Develop records management procedures consistent with the attached Records Retention Policy, as amended;
- F.** Participate in the development of the District's development of electronic record keeping systems;
- G.** Submit annual compliance statements;
- H.** Work with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida to establish individual retention schedules for the District, from time to time and as may be necessary; and
- I.** Such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the District's records custodian in the future.

SECTION 3. The District hereby adopts as its Records Retention Policy the applicable provisions of Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, the rules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State (the "Division") pursuant to Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, and the General Records Schedules established by the Division. However, the District will retain certain records longer than required by the General Records Schedules established by the Division as set forth in **Exhibit A**. To the extent the above statute, rules or schedules are amended or supplemented in the future, the District's Records Retention Policy shall automatically incorporate such amendment or supplement provided that such automatic amendment shall not reduce the retention times set forth in **Exhibit A**. The Records Retention Policy shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board amends the Policy.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District Amendments to General Records Schedules Established by the Division

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District Amendments to General Records Schedules Established by the Division

ADVERTISEMENTS: LEGAL (Item #25)

The District shall retain mailed and published legal advertisements, and corresponding affidavits, relating to proceedings under uniform method of collection of debt assessments permanently. The District shall retain mailed and published legal advertisements, and corresponding affidavits, relating to the levy of assessments securing bonds for five (5) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released, or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

AUDITS: INDEPENDENT (Item #56)

The District shall retain the record copy of independent audits for ten (10) fiscal years or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

DISBURSEMENT RECORDS: DETAIL (Item #340)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for five (5) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

DISBURSEMENT RECORDS: SUMMARY (Item #341)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for ten (10) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORTS (Item #107)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for ten (10) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

INCIDENT REPORT FILES (Item #241)

The District shall retain incident reports for five (5) anniversary years from the date of the incident.

MINUTES: OFFICIAL MEETINGS (PRELIMINARY/AUDIO RECORDINGS/VIDEO RECORDINGS (Item #4)

The District shall retain audio recordings of board of supervisor meetings for five (5) calendar years after adoption of the official minutes.

PROJECT FILES: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (Item #136)

The District shall retain the record copy of project files for projects funded with bonds for ten (10) fiscal years after completion of the project provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS: CONDEMNATION/DEMOLITION (Item #364)

The District shall retain the record copy of project files for condemnation/demolition projects funded with bonds for five (5) anniversary years after final action or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later. The record copy of deeds and easements shall be kept permanently.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS: PROPERTY ACQUIRED (Item #172)

The District shall retain the record copy of documents related to property acquisitions funded with bonds for three (3) fiscal years after final disposition of the property provided applicable audits have been released

or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later. The record copy of deeds and easements shall be kept permanently.

OPTION 2

RESOLUTION 2026-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; PROVIDING THE DUTIES OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, requires the District to establish and maintain an active and continuing program for the economical and efficient management of records and to provide for the appointment of a records management liaison officer (the “Records Management Liaison Officer”); and

WHEREAS, the District desires for the Records Management Liaison Officer to be an employee of the District or an employee of the District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer, which may or may not be the District’s records custodian; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to prescribe duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer and provide for the assignment of additional duties; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a Records Retention Policy (the “Policy”) for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide for future amendment of the Records Retention Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby authorizes the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and report such appointment to the appropriate State of Florida agencies. A Records Management Liaison Officer shall be an employee of the District or the District Manager. The Board, and the District’s records custodian, shall each have the individual power to remove the Records Management Liaison Officer at any time for any reason. Immediately following the removal or resignation of a Records Management Liaison Officer, the District’s records custodian shall appoint a replacement Records Management Liaison Officer.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Serve as the District's contact with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida;
- B. Coordinate the District's records inventory;
- C. Maintain records retention and disposition forms;
- D. Coordinate District records management training;
- E. Develop records management procedures consistent with the attached Records Retention Policy, as amended;
- F. Participate in the District's development of electronic record keeping systems;
- G. Submit annual compliance statements;
- H. Work with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida to establish individual retention schedules for the District, from time to time and as may be necessary; and
- I. Such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the District's records custodian in the future.

SECTION 3. The District hereby adopts as its Records Retention Policy the applicable provisions of Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, the rules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State (the "Division") pursuant to Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, and the General Records Schedules established by the Division. However, the District hereby extends the minimum retention guidelines contained in the General Records Schedules so that the District will retain all public records relating to District business until the Board of Supervisors amends the Records Retention Policy to address the disposition of the same. To the extent the above statute, rules, or schedules are amended or supplemented in the future, the District's Records Retention Policy shall automatically incorporate such amendment or supplement provided that such automatic change does not permit the disposition of District records without further action of the Board. The Records Retention Policy shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board amends the Policy.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Composite Exhibit A: General Records Schedules, GS1-SL and GS3

Composite Exhibit A:

General Records Schedules Established by the Division (GS1-SL and GS3)

[attach, if Option 2 adopted]

SECTION Q

RESOLUTION 2026-17

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a local district records office location for the purposes of affording citizens the ability to access the District’s records, promoting the disclosure of matters undertaken by the District, and ensuring that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119 and Section 190.006(7), *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, District records are available for public review and inspection at the offices of Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District’s local records office shall be located at:

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION R

RESOLUTION 2026-18

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to designate its primary administrative office as the location where the District’s public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested, for the purposes of prominently posting the contact information of the District’s Record’s Custodian in order to provide citizens with the ability to access the District’s records and ensure that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District additionally desires to specify the location of the District’s principal headquarters for the purpose of establishing proper venue under the common law home venue privilege applicable to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District’s primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801.

SECTION 2. The District’s principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located at _____ within Sarasota County, Florida.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION S



Align the future. ReAlign the past.

Customized ADA Compliant Website Proposal
for:

**Venice Grand Oaks
Community Development District**

March 31, 2026

Project Scope

Website Design Overview

1. Project Background and Description

Venice Grand Oaks CDD (the client) is seeking an ADA compliant website.

2. Project Scope

ReAlign Web Design (the company) will create and design a new website for **the client**. The website will aim to portray the CDD in a professional image while serving several functions such as; district information center, document storage, Florida statute requirement fulfillment, and ADA compliance.

The website will have standard security including antivirus, firewall and SSL encryption. The website will be compliant with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will maintain a conformance level of AA with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 (WCAG 2.1).

The project is considered finished when **the client** is satisfied with the implementation of the website provided, within reason. **The company** will provide an invoice upon completion and implementation of the website. Any further revisions beyond the finished website may be subject to a fee.

3. Deliverables

The company: One completed website, site content and images, website security, antivirus and firewall, SSL implementation, domain transfer (if necessary), DNS and hosting setup, ADA Section 508 compliance and WCAG 2.1 AA conformity.

The client: Payment upon completion and invoice receipt and any content required to complete the project within the scope of work including proprietary property.

4. Price - \$1,750 Upon Completion

The company will bill \$1,750 upon completion of the finished website and acceptance by **the client**.

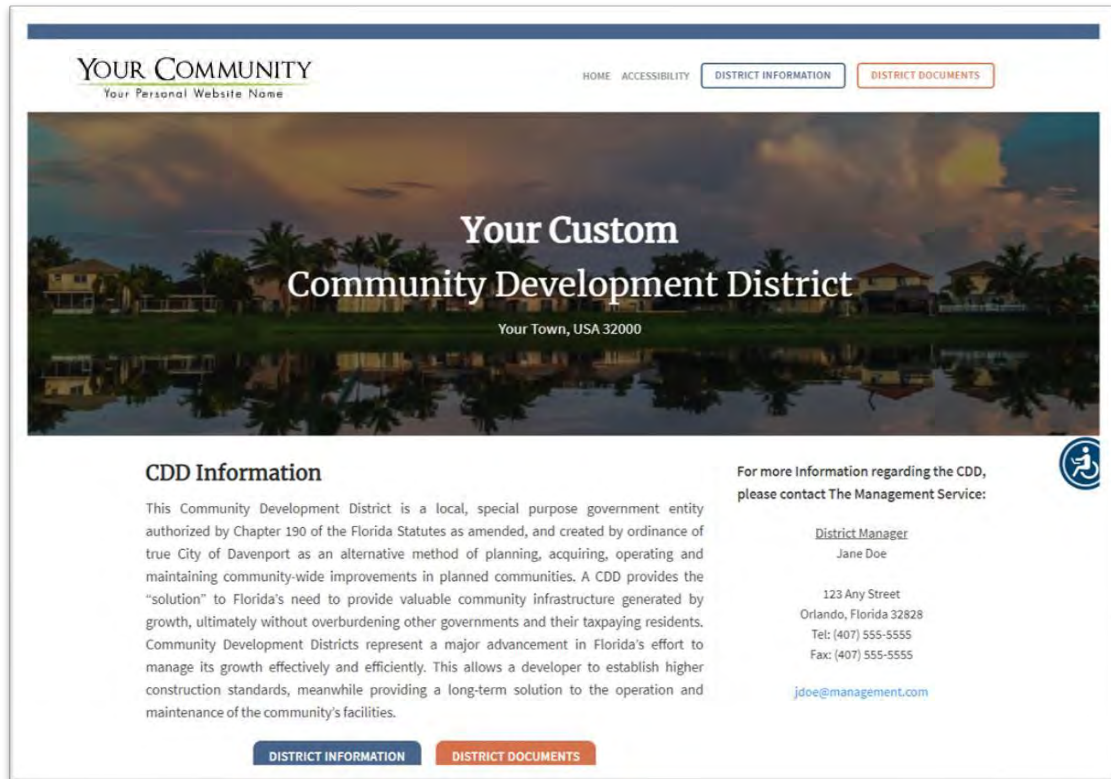
5. High-Level Timeline/Schedule

The company will utilize best efforts to deliver the completed website within one month of an executed agreement and authority to proceed.

Demo Content – Everything is Customized

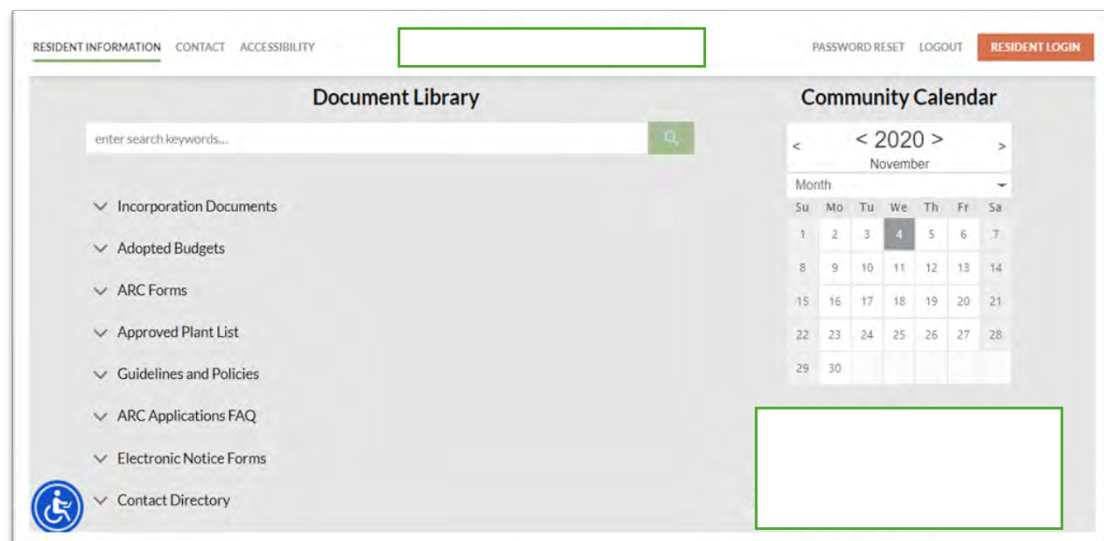
Custom Website Design

Featuring a welcome page with public information, community features and documents.



Document Storage

Quickly search, find, and download community documents like budgets, notices, and more.



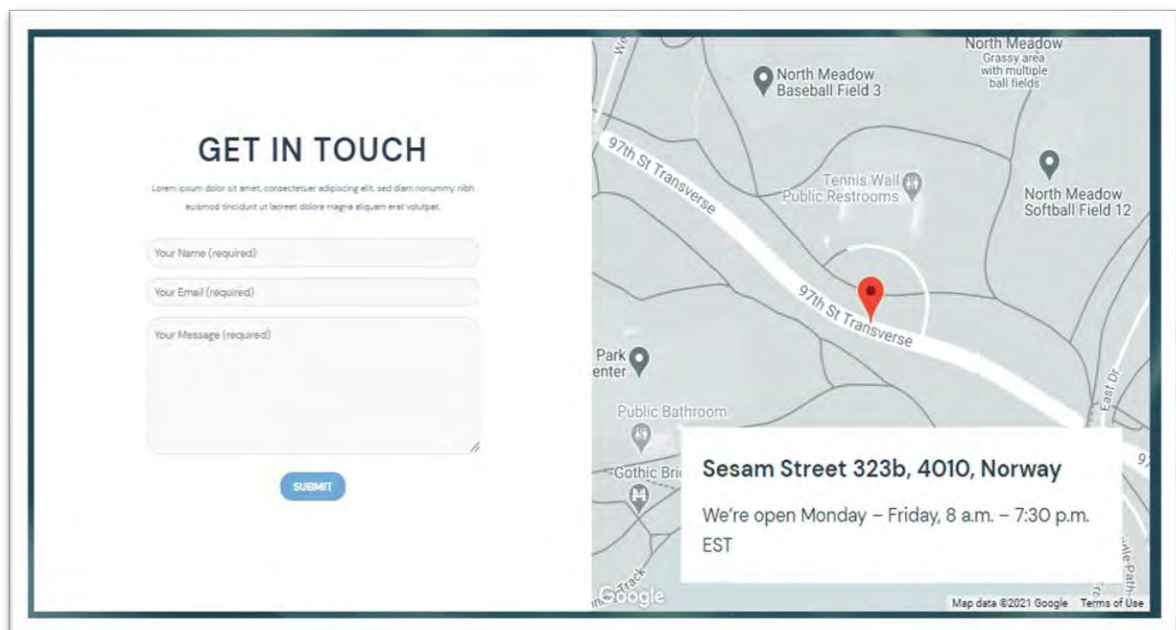
Community Information

Display the current board, meeting notices, and other important information.



Easy Contact

Custom contact options that notify the board and/or management company.



Indemnification: The Company warrants that all accessibility compliance seals warrant a passing grade from the UserWay accessibility testing widget at the time of testing according to the standards set forth by UserWay. The Company does not independently verify the accuracy of accessibility tests. The Client specifically recognizes and acknowledges that ADA Section 508 guidelines and WCAG 2.1 guidelines are constantly changing and that at the time of this Agreement there is no single definitive authority on digital accessibility standards. Upon acceptance of the completed website, the Client assumes title to the website along with all responsibility for maintaining ADA 508 and WCAG 2.1 conformity and compliance. At the moment of transfer of title of the website to the Client and thereafter in perpetuity, the Client shall indemnify, defend and hold Company and its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, partners, partnerships, affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions or employees, authorized agents, independent contractors and permitted assigns ("Company Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, demands, and proceedings of any kind ("Claims"), threatened, asserted or filed against Company or any and all Company Indemnified Parties by any third party, and any damages, losses, expenses, liabilities or costs of any kind (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees and court costs) which may be incurred in connection with such Claims (including those necessary to successfully establish the right to indemnification), regarding non-compliance with any ADA Section 508 guidelines and WCAG 2.1 guidelines or similar regulations and cannot be held liable for any lawsuits arising therefrom.

Approval and Authority to Proceed

We approve the project as described above and authorize the team to proceed.

Service	Acceptance
Website creation - \$1,750 one-time fee	
ADA Compliance Audits - \$960 annually	

Approved By _____

Date _____

SECTION U

RESOLUTION 2026-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GRANTING THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCE AND DEDICATION DOCUMENTS, PLATS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S IMPROVEMENTS; APPROVING THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain basic infrastructure, including but not limited to, roadways, stormwater management system, water, wastewater and reclaim utilities, hardscape, landscape and irrigation, undergrounding of conduit, recreational amenities, and professional fees; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to adopt that certain *Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District Engineer's Report*, dated April 29, 2026 (the "Engineer's Report"), which sets forth the scope of the District's capital improvement plan and the improvements that are to be constructed thereto (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the development of the Improvements in accordance with the Engineer's Report, which includes, but is not limited to, obtaining all necessary permits and approvals from local governments and agencies for the construction and/or operation of infrastructure improvements, the District is required, from time to time, to accept, convey and dedicate certain interests in real and personal property, including, but not limited to easements, plat dedications, requisitions, deeds and bills of sale for infrastructure improvements (the "Permits and Conveyances"); and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the efficient development of the Improvements, the District desires to authorize the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson to approve and execute the Permits and Conveyances necessary to finalize the development of the District's capital improvement plan (the "Conveyance Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Conveyance Authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel agreeing that each such proposed Permit or Conveyance is legal, consistent with the District's improvement plan and necessary for the development of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that granting to the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson the Conveyance Authority is in the best interests of the District so that the development of the Improvements may proceed expeditiously, subject to the terms and limitations imposed by this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. The Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the District's Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign, accept, or execute Permits and Conveyances as defined above. The Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary of the District's Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to countersign any such Permits and Conveyances signed by the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson, respectively. Such authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel's review and approval.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION V

RESOLUTION 2026-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, OR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO ACT AS THE DISTRICT'S PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING, ACCEPTING, AND MAINTAINING ANY AND ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE OR COMPLETION OF THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THE DISTRICT'S ADOPTED IMPROVEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF A WORK AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS; APPROVING THE FORM OF A PURCHASE REQUISITION REQUEST; APPROVING THE FORM OF A PURCHASE ORDER; APPROVING THE FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF INSURANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain basic infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors (the "Board"), upon recommendation of the District Engineer, has adopted an improvement plan for the construction and installation of certain infrastructure improvements within the District (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the District has or will enter into various construction contracts for the construction and installation of the Improvements (the "Construction Contracts"); and

WHEREAS, the Construction Contracts allow, or will be amended to allow, for the direct purchase by the District of certain construction materials necessary for those contracts; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that such direct purchase of construction materials will provide a significant construction cost reduction that is in the best interest of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to have a District representative who is familiar with the project and who is knowledgeable in the area of procuring and handling construction materials act as its representative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District Engineer, the District Manager or another individual as shall be appointed by the Board (the "Purchasing Agent") shall have the full authority of the District to issue purchase orders or enter into purchase agreements on behalf of the District at such times and intervals as it determines necessary for the timely receipt of construction materials required by the Contractor for the prosecution of the construction project.

SECTION 2. The Purchasing Agent shall purchase on behalf of the District only those materials identified in the Construction Contracts and in amounts not to exceed the cost amount contained therein and as included in the Construction Contracts.

SECTION 3. The Purchasing Agent shall be authorized to purchase on behalf of the District any additional construction materials that are identified in a schedule of values associated with any change order(s) to the Construction Contracts or that of any subcontractor to the Contractor which is approved by the District.

SECTION 4. Should the District Engineer act as the Purchasing Agent for any given Construction Contract, a work authorization of the District Engineer, a form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved and/or ratified, and the District Engineer shall be paid such reasonable fees, costs and expenses, related to its actions as the District's Purchasing Agent as provided for in the District Engineer's agreement with the District.

SECTION 5. The Purchasing Agent is further authorized to take any other administrative actions that are consistent with his/her duties as the Purchasing Agent, including but not limited to, negotiating for lower prices on materials from other suppliers, arranging for the storage, delivery, and protection of purchased materials, and sending and receiving notices and releases as are required by law.

SECTION 6. The District Manager is hereby authorized to purchase Builders All Risk Insurance on behalf of the District and with the District as the named insured in such amounts as are necessary to cover the estimated costs of the construction materials pursuant to the Construction Contract.

SECTION 7. The procurement procedures and its exhibits, attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby approved and/or ratified, and shall be used by the Purchasing Agent for the purchase of construction materials on behalf of the District (also referred to as "Owner").

SECTION 8. The actions of current and prior members of the Board and District staff in effectuating the District's direct purchase of materials relative to the Construction Contracts, including but not limited to the execution of any documents related therewith, are hereby determined to be in accordance with the prior authorizations of the District's Chairperson and/or the Board, and are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed in all respects.

SECTION 9. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Form of Work Authorization
Comp. Exhibit B: Procurement Procedures for Direct Purchase Material

EXHIBIT A
Work Authorization
Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

Absolute Engineering, Inc. ("Engineer") is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide engineering services Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District. We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated on or around April 29, 2026 ("Engineering Agreement") as follows:

I. Scope of Work

Engineer will act as Purchasing Agent for the District with respect to the direct purchase of construction materials for the District's Improvements in accordance with the procurement procedures adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

II. Compensation

Engineer will be compensated for this work at the hourly rates established pursuant to the Engineering Agreement.

III. Other Direct Costs

Other direct costs include items such as printing, drawings, travel, deliveries, et cetera, pursuant to the Engineering Agreement.

Engineer hereby represents it understands and will abide by all terms of the District's Procurement Procedures for Direct Purchase Materials (also referred to as "Owner Purchased Materials"). In preparing and executing any documentation for purposes of ordering or purchasing materials in the name of and on behalf of the District, the Engineer will affirm that the vendor supplying the Direct Purchase Materials is not also the installer of the Direct Purchase Materials, and further, will affirm that the installer of the Direct Purchase Materials did not manufacture, fabricate or furnish the Direct Purchase Materials.

This work authorization, together with the Engineering Agreement, as amended and supplemented, represents the entire understanding between the District and Engineer with regard to the referenced services herein. If you wish to accept this work authorization, please sign both copies where indicated, and return one complete copy to our office. Upon receipt, we will promptly schedule our services.

Sincerely,

Heather Wertz, P.E.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Authorized Representative Venice Grand Oaks
Community Development District

Date: _____

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT B

PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR DIRECT PURCHASE MATERIAL

1. Purchase Requisition Request Forms. At least ten (10) calendar days prior to CONTRACTOR ordering construction materials, CONTRACTOR shall prepare and forward to OWNER a separate Purchasing Requisition Request Form for each supplier in the form attached hereto as **Attachment 1**, specifically identifying the construction materials which CONTRACTOR plans to order from each supplier so that OWNER may, in its sole discretion, elect to purchase directly such construction materials.

2. Purchase Orders. After receipt of the Purchasing Requisition Request Form, the OWNER shall prepare Purchase Orders in substantially the form attached hereto as **Attachment 2**, or as modified from time to time in the District's discretion, for construction materials which the OWNER wishes to purchase directly.

Purchase Orders shall require that the supplier provide required shipping and handling insurance. Purchase Orders shall also require the delivery of the Direct Purchase Materials (also referred to as "Owner Purchased Material(s)") on the delivery dates provided by the CONTRACTOR in the Purchasing Requisition Request Form. Pursuant to the Purchase Order, the supplier will provide the CONTRACTOR the required quantities of construction material at the price established in the supplier's quote less any associated sales tax.

3. Certificate of Entitlement. The OWNER shall execute a separate Certificate of Entitlement for each Purchase Order in the form attached hereto as **Attachment 3** and furnish a copy of same to the supplier and to the CONTRACTOR in accordance with section 4. Each Certificate of Entitlement must have attached thereto the corresponding Purchase Order.

Each Certificate of Entitlement shall acknowledge that if the Department of Revenue determines the purchase is not a tax-exempt purchase by a governmental entity, then the governmental entity will be responsible for any tax, penalties and interest determined to be due.

Each Certificate of Entitlement shall affirm that: (1) the attached Purchase Order is being issued directly to the vendor supplying the tangible personal property the CONTRACTOR will use in the identified public works; (2) the vendor's invoice will be issued directly to the governmental entity; (3) payment of the vendor's invoice will be made directly by the governmental entity to the vendor from public funds; (4) the governmental entity will take title to the tangible personal property from the vendor at the time of purchase or of delivery by the vendor; and (5) the governmental entity assumes the risk of damage or loss at the time of purchase or delivery by the vendor.

4. Transmission of Certificate of Entitlement and Attached Purchase Order. At least two (2) calendar days prior to CONTRACTOR placing OWNER'S order for the construction materials, OWNER shall forward each Certificate of Entitlement, together with the attached Purchase Order, to CONTRACTOR and to supplier. Promptly upon receipt of the Direct Purchase Materials specified in each Purchase Order, CONTRACTOR shall verify the purchase of the Direct Purchase Materials in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Order and in a manner to assure timely delivery of the Direct Purchase Materials.

5. Notice of Reduction in Contract Price. On or about the last business day of each month, OWNER shall deliver to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Reduction in Contract Price (hereinafter "Notice"). Each Notice shall list all Direct Purchase Materials for the respective month and the total price for all such construction materials, plus all sales taxes which would have been associated with such construction materials had the CONTRACTOR purchased the construction materials. Each Notice may also include the total price and sales tax (had CONTRACTOR purchased) for any previously purchased Direct Purchase Materials which

for any reason were not previously deducted from the contract price. The contract price will be reduced automatically and as a ministerial task by the amount set forth in each Notice. Each Notice will also reflect the amended contract balance reflecting the deductions taken in said Notice.

The intent of this provision is to cause the contract price to be reduced automatically by the amount OWNER pays for Direct Purchase Materials plus the amount of applicable sales tax that would have been paid for such construction materials, had the CONTRACTOR or any other non-tax-exempt entity purchased the construction materials. All savings of sales taxes shall accrue solely to the benefit of OWNER, and CONTRACTOR shall not benefit whatsoever from savings of any such taxes.

6. Payment for Direct Purchase Materials. In order to arrange for the prompt payment to suppliers, the CONTRACTOR shall provide to the OWNER a list indicating on behalf of the owner of the Direct Purchase Materials within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of said Direct Purchase Materials. The list shall include a copy of the applicable Purchase Orders, invoices, delivery tickets, written acceptance of the delivered items, and such other documentation as may be reasonably required by the OWNER. Upon receipt of the appropriate documentation, the OWNER shall prepare a check drawn to the supplier based upon the receipt of data provided. OWNER will make payment to each supplier. The CONTRACTOR agrees to assist the OWNER to immediately obtain appropriate partial or final release of waivers.

OWNER shall be responsible for the full payment of all valid and due invoices for Direct Purchase Materials and shall not be entitled to retain the standard five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%) amount of the progress payment due to the CONTRACTOR as is otherwise provided for in the contract documents.

CONTRACTOR SHALL AFFIRM THAT THE VENDOR SUPPLYING THE DIRECT PURCHASE MATERIALS IS NOT ALSO THE INSTALLER OF THE DIRECT PURCHASE MATERIALS. CONTRACTOR SHALL FURTHER AFFIRM THAT THE INSTALLER OF THE DIRECT PURCHASE MATERIALS DID NOT MANUFACTURE, FABRICATE OR FURNISH THE DIRECT PURCHASE MATERIALS.

7. Contractor Responsibilities. CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for all matters relating to ordering, storing, protecting, receipt, and handling for all construction materials including Direct Purchase Materials, in accordance with these procedures including, but not limited to, verifying correct quantities, verifying documents of orders in a timely manner, coordinating purchases, providing and obtaining all warranties and guarantees required by the contract documents, inspection and acceptance on behalf of the owner of the construction materials at the time of delivery, and loss or damage to the construction materials following acceptance of construction materials, due to the negligence of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall serve as bailee with respect to such Direct Purchase Materials. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate delivery schedules, sequence of delivery, loading orientation, and other arrangements normally required by the CONTRACTOR for the construction materials furnished including Direct Purchase Materials. The CONTRACTOR shall provide all services required for the unloading, handling and storage of construction materials through installation including Direct Purchase Materials. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the OWNER from any and all claims of whatever nature resulting from non-payment for Direct Purchase Materials arising from CONTRACTOR actions.

7.1 Inspection and Documentation. As Direct Purchase Materials are delivered to the job site, CONTRACTOR shall visually inspect all shipments from the suppliers, and approve the vendor's invoice for construction materials delivered. The CONTRACTOR shall assure that each delivery of Direct Purchase Material is accompanied by documentation adequate to identify the Purchase Order against which the purchase is made. This documentation may consist of a delivery ticket and an invoice from the supplier conforming to the Purchase Order together with such additional information as the OWNER may require. All invoices for Direct Purchase Materials shall include the Owner's consumer certificate of exemption number. The

CONTRACTOR will then forward all such invoices to the OWNER. On or about the fifteenth (___) and last day of each month (or the next succeeding business day), CONTRACTOR shall review all invoices submitted by all suppliers of Direct Purchase Materials delivered to the project sites during that month and either concur or object to the OWNER's issuance of payment to the suppliers, based upon CONTRACTOR's records of Direct Purchase Materials delivered to the site and whether any defects or non-conformities exist in such Direct Purchase Materials.

7.2 Warranties, Guarantees, Repairs and Maintenance. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for obtaining and managing on behalf of the Owner all warranties and guarantees for all construction materials as required by the contract documents and shall fully warrant all construction materials including all Direct Purchase Materials. OWNER's purchase of various construction materials shall not in any manner impact or reduce CONTRACTOR's duty to warrant said construction materials. The OWNER may forward all repair, maintenance, non-conforming construction materials calls, or any other issues relating to the construction materials to the CONTRACTOR for resolution with the appropriate supplier, vendor, or subcontractor. The CONTRACTOR shall resolve all such calls or issues.

7.3 Records and Accountings. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain records of all Direct Purchase Materials it incorporates into the work from the stock of Direct Purchase Materials in its possession as bailee. The CONTRACTOR shall account monthly to the OWNER for any Direct Purchase Materials delivered into the CONTRACTOR's possession, indicating portions of all such construction materials which have been incorporated into the work.

7.4 Defective or Non-conforming Construction Materials. The CONTRACTOR shall ensure that Direct Purchase Materials conform to specifications and determine prior to incorporation into the work if such construction materials are defective or non-conforming, whether such construction materials are identical to the construction materials ordered and match the description on the bill of lading. If the CONTRACTOR discovers defective or non-conforming Direct Purchase Material upon such visual inspection, the CONTRACTOR shall not utilize such non-conforming or defective construction materials in the work and instead shall promptly notify the OWNER of the defective or non-conforming conditions so repair or replacement of such construction materials can occur without any undue delay or interruption to the Project. If the CONTRACTOR fails to adequately and properly perform such inspection or otherwise incorporates into the Project defective or non-conforming Direct Purchase Materials, the condition of which it either knew or should have known by performance of an inspection, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all damages to OWNER resulting from CONTRACTOR's incorporation of such construction materials into the project, including any available liquidated or delay damages.

8. Title. Notwithstanding the transfer of Direct Purchase Materials by the OWNER to the CONTRACTOR's possession as bailee for the OWNER, the OWNER shall retain legal and equitable title to any and all Direct Purchase Materials.

9. Insurance and Risk of Loss. The OWNER shall purchase and maintain Builder's Risk Insurance sufficient to protect against any loss or damage to Direct Purchase Materials. Owner shall be the named insured and such insurance shall cover the full value of any Direct Purchase Materials not yet incorporated into the Project during the period between the time the OWNER first takes title to any such Direct Purchase Materials and the time when the last of such Direct Purchase Materials is incorporated into the project or consumed in the process of completing the Project.

10. No Damages for Delay. The OWNER shall in no way be liable for, and CONTRACTOR waives all claims for, any damages relating to or caused by alleged interruption or delay due to ordering or arrival of Direct Purchase Materials, defects, or other problems of any nature with such construction materials, late payment for such construction materials, or any other circumstance associated with Direct Purchase Materials,

regardless of whether OWNER's conduct caused, in whole or in part, such alleged damages. The foregoing waiver by CONTRACTOR includes damages for acceleration and inefficiencies. CONTRACTOR accepts from OWNER as further and specific consideration for the foregoing waivers, OWNER's undertaking to pay for and finance all Direct Purchase Materials.

PURCHASE REQUISITION REQUEST FORM

1. Contact Person for the material supplier.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

2. Manufacturer or brand, model or specification number of the item.

3. Quantity needed as estimated by CONTRACTOR. _____

4. The price quoted by the supplier for the construction materials identified above.

\$ _____

5. The sales tax associated with the price quote. \$ _____

6. Shipping and handling insurance cost. \$ _____

7. Delivery dates as established by CONTRACTOR. _____

8. By signing below, Contractor affirms that it (i) is not the manufacturer of the materials, (ii) does not have exclusive rights from the manufacturer of the materials to furnish and install the materials, and (iii) has not already purchased the materials, and that (iv) the contractor or subcontractor installing the materials is not also selling the materials to the District.

OWNER: **Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District**

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

CONTRACTOR: _____

Authorized Signature (Title)

Date

PURCHASE ORDER
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

“Owner”

Owner:	Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District	Seller:	
Address:	c/o Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC 219 E. Livingston Street Orlando, Florida 32801	Address:	
Phone:	(407) 841-5524	Phone:	

“Seller”

“Project”

Project Name:		Contract Date:	
Project Address:	City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida		

Description of Goods or Services – The Owner and Seller are entering into this Purchase Order Agreement for the purpose of the Owner purchasing the items (“**Goods**”) listed in the proposal attached as **Exhibit 1**.

Schedule – The Goods shall be delivered within _____ days from the date of this Order.

Price – \$ _____

Certificate of Exemption # _____ (See **Exhibit 3**)

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties have executed this Order effective as of the date executed below. By executing this document below, Seller acknowledges that it has read all of the terms and provisions of this Order, including the Terms and Conditions attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, and agrees to deliver the Goods as described herein and comply fully with the terms and conditions hereof.

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District

Owner
By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date Executed: _____

Seller
By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date Executed: _____

- EXHIBIT 1:** Proposal
EXHIBIT 2: Terms and Conditions
EXHIBIT 3: District’s Certificate of Exemption

EXHIBIT 1

[Attach proposal]

EXHIBIT 2

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **PRICE.** The Price set forth above includes all Goods, insurance, warranties and other materials or services (including without limitation all packing, loading or freight) necessary to produce and deliver the Goods.
2. **SCHEDULE.** Time is of the essence with respect to this Order, and all Goods shall be produced and delivered within the times set forth in the Schedule. Owner may cancel this Order or any part thereof or reject delivery of Goods if such delivery or performance is not in material accordance with the specifications of this Order, including the Schedule.
3. **DELIVERY AND INSPECTION.**
 - a. All shipments of Goods are to be made, with all shipping costs prepaid by Seller (e.g., insurance, packing, loading, freight, etc.), to the receiving point specified above. Title, and risk of loss, shall pass to Owner at the time such Goods are delivered at the Project site and accepted by Owner or Owner's contractor, provided however that Owner shall have a reasonable opportunity to inspect such Goods prior to acceptance.
 - b. All Goods are subject to inspection and approval by Owner at a reasonable time post-delivery. Owner may return Goods not meeting specifications (including over-shipments) at the Seller's expense and risk. Owner will notify Seller of failure. Return authorizations for Goods not received within 30 days will deem such Goods as donations to Owner.
4. **TERMS OF PAYMENT.** Seller's Invoice ("**Invoice**") must be submitted before payment will be made by Owner pursuant to this Order. Owner shall make payment within 30 days of receipt of a proper invoice, and pursuant to the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Sections 218.70 et seq., *Florida Statutes*. Any indebtedness of Seller to Owner may, at Owner's option, be credited against amounts owing by Owner hereunder.
5. **WARRANTY.** Seller shall take all necessary steps to assign any manufacturer's warranties to the Owner. Seller warrants that the title to Goods conveyed shall be good, that the transfer of the Goods shall be rightful, and that the Goods shall be free from any security interest, lien or encumbrance. Seller further warrants that the Goods are free of any rightful claim of infringement, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Indemnitees (defined below) against any such claim. Further, the Goods shall be new, shall be free from defects, shall be of merchantable quality, and shall be fit for use on the District's properties for the purposes with which the District makes such purchase. Seller agrees, without prejudice to any other rights Owner may have, to replace or otherwise remedy any defective Goods without further cost to Owner or, at Owner's option, to reimburse Owner for its cost of replacing defective Goods. All Goods are subject to inspection by Owner before, upon, and within a reasonable time after delivery. Goods shall not be replaced without Owner's prior written instructions. Any acceptance by Owner shall not prevent Owner from later rejecting non-conforming Goods. The warranty provided herein shall survive the completion or termination of this Order and is in addition to any warranties provided by law.
6. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.** Seller agrees that at all times it will comply with all applicable federal, state, municipal and local laws, orders and regulations.
7. **INDEMNITY.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, and in addition to any other obligations of Seller under the Order or otherwise, Seller shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend Owner, and Owner's supervisors, staff, consultants, agents, subcontractors, and employees (together, "**Indemnitees**") from all liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused in whole or in part by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Seller, or any subcontractor, any supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them, and arising out of or incidental to the performance of this Order. The Seller shall ensure that any and all subcontractors include this express provision for the benefit of the Indemnitees. The parties agree that this paragraph is fully enforceable pursuant to Florida law. In the event that this section is determined to be unenforceable, this paragraph shall be reformed to give the paragraph the maximum effect allowed by Florida law and for the benefit of the Indemnitees. The provisions of this section shall survive the completion or earlier termination of this Order and are not intended to limit any of the other rights and/or remedies provided to the District hereunder.
8. **INSURANCE.** At all times during the term of this Order agreement, Seller, at its sole cost and expense, shall maintain insurance coverages of the types and amounts set forth below:
 - a. Commercial general liability insurance with minimum limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000. Such insurance shall include coverage for contractual liability.
 - b. Workers' Compensation Insurance covering all employees of Seller in statutory amounts, and employer's liability insurance with limits of not less than \$100,000 each accident.
 - c. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance covering all automobiles used by Seller, with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit bodily injury and property damage.
9. **DEFAULT.** Upon any material default by Seller hereunder, Owner may, in addition to any other remedies available to Owner at law or in equity, cancel this Order without penalty or liability by written notice to Seller.
10. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Nothing herein shall be construed to be a waiver of the Owner's limit of liability contained in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute or law.
11. **WAIVER.** Any failure of Owner to enforce at any time, or for any period of time, any of the provisions of this Order shall not constitute a waiver of such provisions or a waiver of Owner's right to enforce each and every provision.
12. **MODIFICATIONS.** This Order supersedes all prior discussions, agreements and understandings between the parties and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the transaction herein contemplated. Changes,

modifications, waivers, additions or amendments to the terms and conditions of this Order shall be binding on Owner only if such changes, modifications, waivers, additions or amendments are in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of Owner.

13. APPLICABLE LAW. The validity, interpretation, and performance of this Order shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, in force at the date of this Order. Where not modified by the terms herein, the provisions of Florida's enactment of Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code shall apply to this transaction.
14. MECHANIC'S LIENS. Notwithstanding that Owner is a local unit of special-purpose government and not subject to the lien provisions of Chapter 713, *Florida Statutes*, Seller agrees to keep the District's property free of all liens, including equitable liens, claims or encumbrances (collectively, "**Liens**") arising out of the delivery of any Goods by Seller, and shall furnish Owner with appropriate lien waivers from all potential claimants upon request of Owner. If any Liens are filed, Owner may without waiving its rights based on such breach by Seller or releasing Seller from any obligations hereunder, pay or satisfy the same and in such event the sums so paid by Owner shall be due and payable by Seller immediately and without notice or demand, with interest from the date paid by Owner through the date paid by Seller, at the highest rate permitted by law.
15. PERMITS AND LICENSES. Before commencing performance hereunder, Seller shall obtain all permits, approvals, certificates and licenses necessary for the proper performance of this Order and pay all fees and charges therefore. The originals of all such documents shall be delivered to Owner upon receipt by Seller.
16. PARTIAL INVALIDITY. If in any instance any provision of this Order shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable under any applicable law, such provision shall not apply in such instance, but the remaining provisions shall be given effect in accordance with their terms.
17. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING. This Order shall not be assigned or transferred by Seller without prior written approval by Owner, and any attempted assignment or transfer without such consent shall be void.
18. RELATIONSHIP. The relationship between Owner and Seller shall be that of independent contractor, and Seller, its agents and employees, shall under no circumstances be deemed employees, agents or representatives of Owner.
19. NOTICES. Any notice, approval or other communication required hereunder must be in writing and shall be deemed given if delivered by hand or mailed by registered mail or certified mail addressed to the parties hereto as indicated on page 1.
20. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES. Seller certifies, by acceptance of this purchase order, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction per the provisions of Section 287.133(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*.
21. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES. In accordance with Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*, Supplier certifies, by acceptance of this purchase order, that neither it nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Sections 215.4725 and 215.473, *Florida Statutes*, and in the event such status changes, Supplier shall immediately notify Owner.
22. TERMINATION. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Owner shall have the right, at its sole election, to terminate this Order for any cause whatsoever upon the delivery of written notice to Seller. Upon such termination, Seller shall have no remedy against Owner, other than for payment of Goods already produced pursuant to specific written direction by Owner pursuant to Section 2 above, subject to any offsets or claims that Owner may have.
23. PUBLIC RECORDS. Seller acknowledges that this Agreement and all the documents pertaining thereto may be public records and subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*.
24. CONFLICTS. To the extent of any conflict between this document and the Purchase Order or **Exhibit 1**, this document shall control.

EXHIBIT 3

[Attach Certificate of Exemption]

CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT

The undersigned authorized representative of **Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District** (hereinafter "Governmental Entity"), Florida Consumer's Certificate of Exemption Number _____, affirms that the tangible personal property purchased pursuant to Purchase Order Number _____ from _____ (Vendor) on or after _____, 20__ (date) will be incorporated into or become a part of a public facility as part of a public works contract pursuant to Contract dated _____, with _____ (Contractor) for the construction of _____.

The Governmental Entity affirms that the purchase of the tangible personal property contained in the attached Purchase Order meets the following exemption requirements contained in Section 212.08(6), F.S., and Rule 12A-1.094, F.A.C.: *(You must initial each of the following requirements.)*

- ____ 1. The attached Purchase Order is issued directly to the vendor supplying the tangible personal property the Contractor will use in the identified public works.
- ____ 2. The vendor's invoice will be issued directly to Governmental Entity.
- ____ 3. Payment of the vendor's invoice will be made directly by Governmental Entity to the vendor from public funds.
- ____ 4. Governmental Entity will take title to the tangible personal property from the vendor at the time of purchase or of delivery by the vendor.
- ____ 5. Governmental Entity assumes the risk of damage or loss at the time of purchase or delivery by the vendor.

The Governmental Entity affirms that if the tangible personal property identified in the attached Purchase Order does not qualify for the exemption provided in Section 212.08(6), F.S., and Rule 12A-1.094, F.A.C., the Governmental Entity will be subject to the tax, interest, and penalties due on the tangible personal property purchased. If the Florida Department of Revenue determines that the tangible personal property purchased tax-exempt by issuing this Certificate does not qualify for the exemption, the Governmental Entity will be liable for any tax, penalty, and interest determined to be due.

I understand that if I fraudulently issue this certificate to evade the payment of sales tax, I will be liable for payment of the sales tax plus a penalty of 200% of the tax and may be subject to conviction of a third-degree felony. Under the penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Certificate of Entitlement and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature of Authorized Representative
of Governmental Entity

Title

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
Purchaser's Name

Date

Federal Employer Identification Number: _____
Telephone Number: _____

You must attach a copy of the Purchase Order to this Certificate of Entitlement. Do not send to the Florida Department of Revenue. This Certificate of Entitlement must be retained in the Vendor's and the Contractor's books and records. This form supplements and supersedes (to the extent of any conflict) any prior certificates addressing the same purchase.

SECTION W

RESOLUTION 2026-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS AND SIGNATURES; ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT CONTROL PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated within the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain basic infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District’s Board of Supervisors to enter into various contracts for the purposes set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the interest of the District and its residents to reduce waste, costs, and to enhance services; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors recognizes that the Florida Legislature, through the passage of The Electronic Signature Act of 1996, intended to, among other goals, facilitate economic development and efficient delivery of government services by means of reliable electronic messages and foster the development of electronic commerce through the use of electronic signatures to lend authenticity and integrity to writings in any electronic medium; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors wishes to further these goals through the use of electronic documents and signatures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. FORCE AND EFFECT OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS AND SIGNATURES. Unless otherwise provided by law, electronic documents and signatures submitted to and on behalf of the District may be used for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as printed documents and manual signatures.

SECTION 3. AUTHORIZING UTILIZATION OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND DOCUMENTS. All contractors and personnel associated with the District are hereby authorized and encouraged to utilize electronic documents and signatures when reasonably practicable and as permitted by law. The District Manager is authorized and directed to obtain the provision of electronic document services or platforms offered by nationally recognized third-party vendors that increase the efficiency of the District’s operations.

SECTION 4. CONTROLS PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES. The District’s Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the District Manager to create control processes and procedures

consistent with Florida Law to ensure adequate integrity, security, confidentiality, and auditability of all transactions conducted using electronic commerce.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chairperson

SECTION X

RESOLUTION 2026-22

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AN INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 218.33, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 218.33, *Florida Statutes*, the District is statutorily required to establish and maintain internal controls designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined in Section 11.45(1), *Florida Statutes*; promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; support economical and efficient operations; ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and safeguard assets; and

WHEREAS, to demonstrate compliance with Section 218.33, *Florida Statutes*, the District desires to adopt by resolution the Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. POLICY. The attached Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. 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. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Internal Controls Policy

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**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY**

1. Purpose.

- 1.1. The purpose of this internal controls policy is to establish and maintain internal controls for Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District.
- 1.2. Consistent with Section 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*, the internal controls adopted herein are designed to:
 - 1.2.1. Prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (as hereinafter defined).
 - 1.2.2. Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.
 - 1.2.3. Support economical and efficient operations.
 - 1.2.4. Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.
 - 1.2.5. Safeguard Assets (as hereinafter defined).

2. Definitions.

- 2.1. “Abuse” means behavior that is deficient or improper when compared with behavior that a prudent person would consider a reasonable and necessary operational practice given the facts and circumstances. The term includes the misuse of authority or position for personal gain.
- 2.2. “Assets” means District assets such as cash or other financial resources, supplies, inventories, equipment and other fixed assets, real property, intellectual property, or data.
- 2.3. “Auditor” means the independent auditor (and its employees) retained by the District to perform the annual audit required by state law.
- 2.4. “Board” means the Board of Supervisors for the District.
- 2.5. “District Management” means (i) the independent contractor (and its employees) retained by the District to provide professional district management services to the District and (ii) any other independent contractor (and its employees) separately retained by the District to provide amenity management services, provided said services include a responsibility to safeguard and protect Assets.
- 2.6. “Fraud” means obtaining something of value through willful misrepresentation, including, but not limited to, intentional misstatements or intentional omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive users of financial statements, theft of an entity’s assets, bribery, or the use of one’s position for personal enrichment through the deliberate misuse or misapplication of an organization’s resources.
- 2.7. “Internal Controls” means systems and procedures designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse; promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant

agreements, and best practices; support economical and efficient operations; ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and safeguard assets.

- 2.8. “Risk” means anything that could negatively impact the District’s ability to meet its goals and objectives. The term includes strategic, financial, regulatory, reputational, and operational risks.
- 2.9. “Waste” means the act of using or expending resources unreasonably, carelessly, extravagantly, or for no useful purpose.

3. Control Environment.

3.1. Ethical and Honest Behavior.

- 3.1.1. District Management is responsible for maintaining a work environment that promotes ethical and honest behavior on the part of all employees, contractors, vendors and others.
- 3.1.2. Managers at all levels must behave ethically and communicate to employees and others that they are expected to behave ethically.
- 3.1.3. Managers must demonstrate through words and actions that unethical behavior will not be tolerated.

4. Risk Assessment.

- 4.1. Risk Assessment. District Management is responsible for assessing Risk to the District. District Management’s Risk assessments shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 4.1.1. Identifying potential hazards.
 - 4.1.2. Evaluating the likelihood and extent of harm.
 - 4.1.3. Identifying cost-justified precautions and implementing those precautions.

5. Control Activities.

- 5.1. Minimum Internal Controls. The District hereby establishes the following minimum Internal Controls to prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse:
 - 5.1.1. Preventive controls designed to forestall errors or irregularities and thereby avoid the cost of corrections. Preventive control activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 5.1.1.1. Identifying and segregating incompatible duties and/or implementing mitigating controls.

- 5.1.1.2. Performing accounting functions in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.
 - 5.1.1.3. Requiring proper authorizations to access and/or modify accounting software.
 - 5.1.1.4. Implementing computerized accounting techniques (e.g. to help identify coding errors, avoid duplicate invoices, etc.).
 - 5.1.1.5. Maintaining a schedule of the District's material fixed Assets.
 - 5.1.1.6. Maintaining physical control over the District's material and vulnerable Assets (e.g. lock and key, computer passwords, network firewalls, etc.).
 - 5.1.1.7. Retaining and restricting access to sensitive documents.
 - 5.1.1.8. Performing regular electronic data backups.
- 5.1.2. Detective controls designed to measure the effectiveness of preventive controls and to detect errors or irregularities when they occur. Detective control activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 5.1.2.1. Preparing financial reports in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.
 - 5.1.2.2. Reviewing financial statements and investigating any material variances between budgeted expenses and actual expenses.
 - 5.1.2.3. Establishing and implementing periodic reconciliations of bank, trust, and petty cash accounts.
 - 5.1.2.4. Establishing an internal protocol for reporting and investigating known or suspected acts of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse.
 - 5.1.2.5. Engaging in periodic physical inventory counts and comparisons with inventory records.
 - 5.1.2.6. Monitoring all ACH (electronic) transactions and the sequencing of checks.
- 5.2. Implementation. District Management shall implement the minimum Internal Controls described herein. District Management may also implement additional Internal Controls that it deems advisable or appropriate for the District. The specific ways District Management implements these minimum Internal Controls shall be consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and otherwise conform to Governmental Accounting Standards

Board (GASB) and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) standards and norms.

6. Information and Communication.

- 6.1. Information and Communication. District Management shall communicate to its employees (needing to know) information relevant to the Internal Controls, including but not limited to any changes to the Internal Controls and/or changes to laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.
- 6.2. Training. District Management shall regularly train its employees (needing the training) in connection with the Internal Controls described herein and promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

7. Monitoring Activities.

- 7.1. Internal Reviews. District Management shall internally review the District's Internal Controls at least once per year. In connection with this internal review, District Management shall:
 - 7.1.1.1. Review its operational processes.
 - 7.1.1.2. Consider the potential risk of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse inherent in each process.
 - 7.1.1.3. Identify the controls included in the process, or controls that could be included, that would result in a reduction in the inherent risk.
 - 7.1.1.4. Assess whether there are Internal Controls that need to be improved or added to the process under consideration.
 - 7.1.1.5. Implement new controls or improve existing controls that are determined to be the most efficient and effective for decreasing the risk of Fraud, Waste or Abuse.
 - 7.1.1.6. Train its employees in implementing new controls or improvements to existing controls.
- 7.2. External Audits and Other Reviews. Audits and other reviews may be performed on various components of the District's Internal Controls by the Auditor consistent with Government Auditing Standards (GAS). Audits may identify material deficiencies in the Internal Controls and make recommendations to improve them. District Management shall communicate and cooperate with the Board and the Auditor regarding the potential implementation of Auditor recommendations.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*

Effective date: April 29, 2026

SECTION Y

RESOLUTION 2026-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PUBLIC FACILITIES REPORT.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the “District”) is required pursuant to Section 189.08, *Florida Statutes*, to file a public facilities report with its applicable local general-purpose government(s) (City of Venice, Sarasota County) within one year of establishment; and

WHEREAS, the District is also required to submit a public facilities report specifying the anticipated time of the construction, improvement, or expansion of each facility, and the existing and anticipated capacity of and demands on each public facility when completed; and

WHEREAS, the District directs the District Manager to submit the attached to serve as its public facilities report for purposes of its first year and seven-year compliance, which is set forth in the attached **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District Manager is hereby approved to submit the attached public facilities report to the applicable local general-purpose government(s) (City of Venice, Sarasota County) in accordance with the requirements of Section 189.08, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION Z



KILINSKI | VAN WYK

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors; District Manager

From: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC

Date: April 29, 2026

Re: Section 189.0694, *Florida Statutes* (Performance Measures and Standards Reporting)

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with additional information regarding new performance measures and standards reporting requirements for special districts. This new requirement was enacted during Florida's 2024 Legislative Session and was originally reported in our legislative newsletters. It has been codified as Section 189.0694, *Florida Statutes*, effective July 1, 2024.

What is required?

The new statute requires special districts (including community development districts) to establish goals and objectives for its programs and activities and performance measures and standards to determine if its goals and objectives have been achieved. The goals, objectives, and performance measures and standards must be established by the end of the first full fiscal year after a District's creation, whichever is later.

The new statute also requires annual reporting each **December 1** (beginning December 1, 2026) on whether the goals and objectives were achieved, which goals or objectives were not achieved, and what measures were used to make the determination.

Are there any mandated goals, objectives, or performance measures/standards?

No. The new statute allows a great deal of flexibility for special districts to adopt the goals, objectives, and performance measures and standards that fit their needs. It is likely that many special districts with similar activities and programs may adopt similar measures, but special districts may also add specialized measures if they wish. Attached is a potential starting point for development of these goals, objectives and performance measures/standards in **Attachment A**. If you have questions about the new legal requirements, please consult your Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC attorney.

189.0694 Special districts; performance measures and standards.

(1) Beginning October 1, 2024, or by the end of the first full fiscal year after its creation, whichever is later, each special district must establish goals and objectives for each program and activity

undertaken by the district, as well as performance measures and standards to determine if the district's goals and objectives are being achieved.

(2) By December 1 of each year thereafter, each special district must publish an annual report on the district's website describing:

- (a) The goals and objectives achieved by the district, as well as the performance measures and standards used by the district to make this determination.

- (b) Any goals or objectives the district failed to achieve.

Exhibit A:
Goals, Objectives and Annual Reporting Form

**Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form
October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026**

1. Community Communication and Engagement

Goal 1.1: Public Meetings Compliance

Objective: Hold regular Board of Supervisor meetings to conduct CDD-related business and discuss community needs.

Measurement: Number of public board meetings held annually as evidenced by meeting minutes and legal advertisements.

Standard: A minimum of two board meetings were held during the Fiscal Year or more as may be necessary or required by local ordinance and establishment requirements.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal 1.2: Notice of Meetings Compliance

Objective: Provide public notice of each meeting at least seven days in advance, as specified in Section 190.007(1), *Florida Statutes*, using at least two communication methods.

Measurement: Timeliness and method of meeting notices as evidenced by posting to CDD website, publishing in local newspaper and via electronic communication.

Standard: 100% of meetings were advertised with 7 days' notice per statute by at least two methods (i.e., newspaper, CDD website, electronic communications, annual meeting schedule).

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal 1.3: Access to Records Compliance

Objective: Ensure that meeting minutes and other public records are readily available and easily accessible to the public by completing monthly CDD website checks.

Measurement: Monthly website reviews will be completed to ensure meeting minutes and other public records are up to date as evidenced by District Management's records.

Standard: 100% of monthly website checks were completed by District Management.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Infrastructure and Facilities Maintenance

Goal 2.1: Engineer or Field Management Site Inspections

Objective: Engineer or Field Manager will conduct inspections to ensure safety and proper functioning of the District's infrastructure once the District owns and operates infrastructure (as applicable).

Measurement: Field Manager and/or District Engineer visits were successfully completed per agreement as evidenced by Field Manager and/or District Engineer's reports, notes or other record keeping method (after District owns infrastructure).

Standard: 100% of site visits were successfully completed as described within the applicable services agreement

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal 2.2: District Infrastructure and Facilities Inspections

Objective: District Engineer will conduct an annual inspection of the District's infrastructure and related systems after such time as the District owns infrastructure..

Measurement: A minimum of one inspection completed per year as evidenced by District Engineer's report related to district's infrastructure and related systems once the District owns infrastructure.

Standard: Minimum of one inspection was completed in the Fiscal Year by the District's Engineer.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Financial Transparency and Accountability

Goal 3.1: Annual Budget Preparation

Objective: Prepare and approve the annual proposed budget by June 15 and adopt the final budget by September 30 each year.

Measurement: Proposed budget was approved by the Board before June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 as evidenced by meeting minutes and budget documents listed on CDD website and/or within district records.

Standard: 100% of budget approval & adoption were completed by the statutory deadlines and posted to the CDD website.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal 3.2: Financial Reports

Objective: Publish to the CDD website the most recent versions of the following documents: Annual audit, current fiscal year budget with any amendments, and most recent financials within the latest agenda package.

Measurement: Annual audit, previous years' budgets, and financials are accessible to the public as evidenced by corresponding documents on the CDD's website.

Standard: CDD website contains 100% of the following information: Most recent annual audit, most recently adopted/amended fiscal year budget, and most recent agenda package with updated financials.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal 3.3: Annual Financial Audit

Objective: Conduct an annual independent financial audit per statutory requirements and publish the results to the CDD website for public inspection and transmit to the State of Florida. Annual Financial Reports are sufficient if such reports meet Florida legal requirements.

Measurement: Timeliness of audit completion and publication as evidenced by meeting minutes showing board approval and annual audit is available on the CDD's website and transmitted to the State of Florida.

Standard: Audit was completed by an independent auditing firm per statutory requirements and results were posted to the CDD website and transmitted to the State of Florida.

Achieved: Yes ☐ No ☐

Chair/Vice Chair: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Venice Grand Oaks
Community Development District

District Manager: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Venice Grand Oaks
Community Development District

SECTION IV

SECTION A

RESOLUTION 2026-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER AND DISTRICT STAFF IN NOTICING THE LANDOWNERS' MEETING; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District held its organizational meeting on April 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager, District staff, and the landowner held the District's initial landowners meeting on April 29, 2026, and caused notice thereof to be provided pursuant to Florida law; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to ratify all the actions taken by the District Manager and District staff in noticing the initial landowners meeting, in accordance with Florida law, for April 29, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The actions of the District Manager and District staff in noticing the District's initial landowners meeting in accordance with Florida law, to elect five (5) supervisors of the District, held on the 29th day of April, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library, 2801 Newtown Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida 34234, are hereby ratified and approved.

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 29th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Composite Exhibit A: Sample Notice of Landowners' Meeting and Election, Proxy, Ballot Form and Instructions

Composite Exhibit A:

Sample Notice of Landowners' Meeting and Election, Proxy, Ballot Form and Instructions

NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Venice Grand Oaks Development District (the "District"), the location of which is generally described as comprising a parcel or parcels of land containing approximately 60.44 acres, generally located east of Knights Trail Road, and north of Gene Green Road, situated entirely within the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing five (5) persons to the District Board of Supervisors. Immediately following the landowners' meeting and election, there will be convened a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE & TIME:	Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 1:30 PM
PLACE:	Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library 2801 Newtown Boulevard Sarasota, Florida 34234

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (the "District Office"). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

The landowners' meeting and the Board of Supervisors meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. One or both of the meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from the District Office. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by speaker telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Office at (407) 841-5524, at least three business days before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that such person will need a record of the 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 the appeal is to be based.

Jill Burns
District Manager
Run Date(s): _____ & _____

PUBLISH: ONCE A WEEK FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, THE LAST DAY OF PUBLICATION TO BE NOT FEWER THAN 14 DAYS OR MORE THAN 28 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF ELECTION, IN A NEWSPAPER WHICH IS IN GENERAL PAID CIRCULATION IN THE AREA OF THE DISTRICT.

LANDOWNER PROXY
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – APRIL 29, 2026

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints _____ (“Proxy Holder”) for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District to be held at April 29, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., at Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library, 2801 Newtown Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida 34234, and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

Any proxy heretofore given by the undersigned for said meeting is hereby revoked. This proxy is to continue in full force and effect from the date hereof until the conclusion of the landowners’ meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof but may be revoked at any time by written notice of such revocation presented at the landowners’ meeting prior to the Proxy Holder’s exercising the voting rights conferred herein.

CSP-Grand Oaks Venice Land I, LLC
Printed Name of Legal Owner

Signature of Legal Owner

Date

Parcel Description

Acreage

Authorized Votes

[See legal description attached]

60.44

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[Insert above the street address of each parcel, the legal description of each parcel, or the tax identification number of each parcel. If more space is needed, identification of parcels owned may be incorporated by reference to an attachment hereto.]

Total Number of Authorized Votes: 61

NOTES: Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

If the fee simple landowner is not an individual, and is instead a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or other entity, evidence that the individual signing on behalf of the entity has the authority to do so should be attached hereto (e.g., bylaws, corporate resolution, etc.).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF VENICE GRAND OAKS CDD

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (AS FURNISHED):

A parcel of land lying in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida described as follows:

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Parcel contains 2,632,597 square feet, or 60.4361 acres more or less.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SARASOTA COUNTY FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

For Election (5 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4)-year term, and the three (3) candidates receiving the next highest number of votes will each receive a two (2)-year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District and described as follows:

Description

Acreage

[See legal description attached]

60.44

[Insert above the street address of each parcel, the legal description of each parcel, or the tax identification number of each parcel.] [If more space is needed, identification of parcels owned may be incorporated by reference to an attachment hereto.]

or

Attach Proxy.

I, _____, as Landowner, or as the proxy holder of CSP-Grand Oaks Venice Land I, LLC (Landowner) pursuant to the Landowner's Proxy attached hereto, do cast my votes as follows:

NAME OF CANDIDATE

NUMBER OF VOTES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

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SECTION B

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2026-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE AND AMENITY RATES AND DISCIPLINARY RULES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) is authorized by Sections 190.011(5) and 190.035, *Florida Statutes*, to adopt rules, orders, policies, rates, fees and charges pursuant to Chapter 120, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt Rules of Procedure and the District’s Amenity Rates and Disciplinary Rules on **Monday, June 29, 2026, at 1:15 PM at the Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library, 2801 Newtown Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida 34234**. The proposed Rules of Procedure are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The proposed Amenity Rates and Disciplinary Rules are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

SECTION 2. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 120.54 and Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Rules of Procedure

Exhibit B: Amenity Rates and Disciplinary Rules

SECTION (a)

Exhibit A:
Rules of Procedure

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF _____

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (“District”) was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (“Rules”) is to describe the general operations of the District.
- (2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.
- (3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- (4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

- (1) Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board (“Supervisors”) appointed by ordinance or rule or elected by landowners must be citizens of the United States of America and residents of the State of Florida. Supervisors elected or appointed by the Board to elector seats must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District and registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located and for those elected, shall also be qualified to run by the Supervisor of Elections. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District under Florida law.
 - (a) Supervisors shall hold office for the term specified by Section 190.006 of the Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office, any Board member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s). If three or more vacancies exist at the same time, a quorum, as defined herein, shall not be required to appoint replacement Board members.
 - (b) Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, exercising powers and all other purposes. A Board member shall be counted toward the quorum if physically present at the meeting, regardless of whether such Board member is prohibited from, or abstains from, participating in discussion or voting on a particular item.
 - (c) Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law. Subject to Rule 1.3(10), a Board member participating in the Board meeting by teleconference or videoconference shall be entitled to vote and take all other action as though physically present.
 - (d) Unless otherwise provided for by an act of the Board, any one Board member may attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board. Any agreement resulting from such mediation session must be approved pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this Rule.
- (2) Officers. At the first Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - (a) The Chairperson must be a member of the Board. If the Chairperson resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairperson. The Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairperson shall be authorized to execute resolutions and contracts on the District’s behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a

meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall convene and conduct the meeting. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may delegate the responsibility of conducting the meeting to the District's manager ("District Manager") or District Counsel, in whole or in part.

- (b) The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. The Vice-Chairperson has the authority to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf in the absence of the Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. An employee of the District Manager may serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of the State of Florida. The Treasurer shall perform duties described in Section 190.007(2) and (3) of the Florida Statutes, as well as those assigned by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall either be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (e) In the event that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a Board meeting and a quorum is present, the Board may designate one of its members or a member of District staff to convene and conduct the meeting. In such circumstances, any of the Board members present are authorized to execute agreements, resolutions, and other documents approved by the Board at such meeting. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both unavailable to execute a document previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.
- (f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.

- (g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.
- (3) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation. Florida Open Meetings Laws apply to such Committees.
- (4) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at a District office and shall be available for inspection by the public.
- (5) Meetings. For each fiscal year, the Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located and filed with the local general-purpose governments within whose boundaries the District is located. All meetings of the Board and Committees serving an advisory function shall be open to the public in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.
- (6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapters 112 and 190 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member's special private gain or loss or the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.
 - (a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The Board member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board

member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

The Board's Secretary shall prepare a Memorandum of Voting Conflict (Form 8B) which shall then be signed by the Board member, filed with the Board's Secretary, and provided for attachment to the minutes of the meeting within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.

- (b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board's Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the Memorandum of Voting Conflict. The Board member's vote is unaffected by this filing.
- (c) It is not a conflict of interest for a Board member, the District Manager, or an employee of the District to be a stockholder, officer or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner.
- (d) In the event that a Board member elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, has a continuing conflict of interest, such Board member is permitted to file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.2 District Offices; Public Information and Inspection of Records; Policies; Service Contract Requirements; Financial Disclosure Coordination.

- (1) District Offices. Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:
 - (a) Agenda packages for prior twenty-four (24) months and next meeting;
 - (b) Official minutes of meetings, including adopted resolutions of the Board;
 - (c) Names and addresses of current Board members and District Manager, unless such addresses are protected from disclosure by law;
 - (d) Adopted engineer's reports;
 - (e) Adopted assessment methodologies/reports;
 - (f) Adopted disclosure of public financing;
 - (g) Limited Offering Memorandum for each financing undertaken by the District;
 - (h) Proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts;
 - (i) District policies and rules;
 - (j) Fiscal year end audits; and
 - (k) Adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

The District Manager shall ensure that each District records office contains the documents required by Florida law.

- (2) Public Records. District public records include, but are not limited to, all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received in connection with the transaction of official business of the District. All District public records not otherwise restricted by law may be copied or inspected at the District Manager's office during regular business hours. Certain District records can also be inspected and copied at the District's local records office during regular business hours. All written public records requests shall be directed to the Secretary who by these rules

is appointed as the District's records custodian. Regardless of the form of the request, any Board member or staff member who receives a public records request shall immediately forward or communicate such request to the Secretary for coordination of a prompt response. The Secretary, after consulting with District Counsel as to the applicability of any exceptions under the public records laws, shall be responsible for responding to the public records request. At no time can the District be required to create records or summaries of records, or prepare opinions regarding District policies, in response to a public records request.

- (3) Service Contracts. Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.
- (4) Fees; Copies. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting person at a charge of \$0.15 per page for one-sided copies and \$0.20 per page for two-sided copies if not more than 8 ½ by 14 inches. For copies of public records in excess of the sizes listed in this section and for outside duplication services, the charge shall be equal to the actual cost of reproduction. Certified copies of public records shall be made available at a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) per page. If the nature or volume of records requested requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, the District may charge, in addition to the duplication charge, a special service charge that is based on the cost the District incurs to produce the records requested. This charge may include, but is not limited to, the cost of information technology resource, employee labor, and fees charged to the District by consultants employed in fulfilling the request. In cases where the special service charge is based in whole or in part on the costs incurred by the District due to employee labor, consultant fees, or other forms of labor, those portions of the charge shall be calculated based on the lowest labor cost of the individual(s) who is/are qualified to perform the labor, taking into account the nature and volume of the public records to be inspected or copied. The charge may include the labor costs of supervisory and/or clerical staff whose assistance is required to complete the records request, in accordance with Florida law. For purposes of this Rule, the word "extensive" shall mean that it will take more than 15 minutes to locate, review for confidential information, copy and re-file the requested material. In cases where extensive personnel time is determined by the District to be necessary to safeguard original records being inspected, the special service charge provided for in this section shall apply. If the total fees, including but not limited to special service charges, are anticipated to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), then, prior to commencing work on the request, the District will inform the person making the public records request of the estimated cost, with the understanding that the final cost may vary from that estimate. If the person making the public records request decides to proceed with the request, payment of the estimated cost is required in advance. Should the person fail to pay the estimate, the District is under no duty to produce the requested records. After the request has been fulfilled, additional payments or credits may be

due. The District is under no duty to produce records in response to future records requests if the person making the request owes the District for past unpaid duplication charges, special service charges, or other required payments or credits.

- (5) Records Retention. The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- (6) Policies. The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.
- (7) Financial Disclosure Coordination. Unless specifically designated by Board resolution otherwise, the Secretary shall serve as the Financial Disclosure Coordinator ("Coordinator") for the District as required by the Florida Commission on Ethics ("Commission"). The Coordinator shall create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, all Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to their affiliation with the District ("Reporting Individual"). The Coordinator shall provide this list to the Commission by February 1 of each year, which list shall be current as of December 31 of the prior year. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Coordinator in writing if there are any changes to such person's name, e-mail address, or physical address. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission if there are any changes to such person's e-mail address.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 112.31446(3), 112.3145(8)(a)1., 119.07, 119.0701, 190.006, Fla. Stat.

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' 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. "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, and shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice stated herein. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least three (3) business days before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at Jill Burns, jburns@gmscfl.com, Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (407) 841-5524. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the 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 the appeal is to be based."

- (f) The following or substantially similar language: “The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record.”

The date, time, and place of each meeting, hearing, or workshop of the Board shall additionally be posted on the District’s website at least seven (7) days before each meeting, hearing, or workshop.

- (2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval (“Meeting Materials”). Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into Meeting Materials. For good cause, which includes but is not limited to emergency situations, time-sensitive matters, or newly discovered information essential for Board consideration, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

The District may, but is not required to, use the following format, or similar format, in preparing its agenda for its regular meetings:

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Public comment
- Organizational matters
- Review of minutes
- Specific items of old business
- Specific items of new business
- Staff reports
 - (a) District Counsel
 - (b) District Engineer
 - (c) District Manager

1. Financial Report

2. Approval of Expenditures

Supervisor's requests and comments

Public comment

Adjournment

- (4) Minutes. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Secretary may work with other staff members in preparing draft minutes for the Board's consideration.
- (5) Special Requests. Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to pre-pay the cost of the copying and postage.
- (6) Emergency Meetings. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable, upon consultation with the District Manager and District Counsel, if available, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with sections (1) and (3) of this Rule, to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to provide public notice and notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. Notice of the emergency meeting must be provided both before and after the meeting on the District's website, including the specific reasons for the emergency meeting. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.
- (7) Public Comment. The Board shall set aside three (3) minutes per person, unless extended or reduced by the Chairperson based on the number of speakers, the meeting agenda and other reasonable factors, at each meeting for public comment, and members of the public shall be permitted to provide comment on any proposition before the Board. The portion of the meeting generally reserved for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Policies governing public comment may be adopted by the Board in accordance with Florida law.
- (8) Budget Hearing. Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes. Once adopted in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the

funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.

- (9) Public Hearings. Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and published as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.
- (10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist. Extraordinary circumstances may include, but are not limited to, illness, family emergencies, or other significant schedule conflicts which prevent in-person meeting attendance.
- (11) Board Authorization. The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, an opportunity for final board discussion and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.
- (12) Continuances. Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:
 - (a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;
 - (b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and
 - (c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.

- (13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.
- (14) Security and Firesafety Board Discussions. Portions of a meeting which relate to or would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by section 119.071(3)(a), Florida Statutes, are exempt from the public meeting requirements and other requirements of section 286.011, *Florida Statutes*, and section 24(b), Article 1 of the State Constitution. Should the Board wish to discuss such matters, members of the public shall be required to leave the meeting room during such discussion. Any records of the Board's discussion of such matters, including recordings or minutes, shall be maintained as confidential and exempt records in accordance with Florida law.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

- (1) Internal Controls. The District shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:
- (a) Prevent and detect “fraud,” “waste” and “abuse” as those terms are defined in section 11.45(1), *Florida Statutes*; and
 - (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules,, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
 - (c) Support economical and efficient operations; and
 - (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
 - (e) Safeguard assets.
- (2) Adoption. The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

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

Law Implemented: § 218.33(3), Fla. Stat.

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

- (1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District Rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A “rule” is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District (“Rule”). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.
- (2) Notice of Rule Development.
 - (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least seven (7) days before the notice of rulemaking described in Section 2.0(3), *infra.*, and at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule and law being implemented, include the proposed rule number, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.
 - (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.
- (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.
 - (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, including: a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, the proposed rule number (if applicable), a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific, and the name, e-mail address, and telephone number of the staff member who may be contacted regarding the intended action. The notice shall include a summary of the District’s statement of estimated regulatory costs and the website address where the complete statement of estimated regulatory costs may be viewed, if such a

statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 120.541(2), *Florida Statutes*, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

- (b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and each county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule and any material proposed to be incorporated by reference shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.
 - (c) The notice shall be mailed, delivered electronically to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to publication of the notice, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing.
- (4) Rule Development Workshops. Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the Chairperson must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.
 - (5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. Not later than thirty (30) calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the Board shall initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial. If the petition is directed to an existing policy that the District has not formally adopted as a rule, the District may, in its discretion, notice and hold a public hearing on the petition to consider the comments of the public directed to the policy, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the policy on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule. However, this section shall not be construed as requiring the District to adopt a rule to replace a policy.

- (6) Rulemaking Materials. After the publication of the notice referenced in section (3) of this Rule, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:
- (a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;
 - (b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
 - (c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes; and
 - (d) The published notice.
- (7) Hearing. The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. The District shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District either in the text of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (8) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that it is necessitated by immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare which requires immediate action, or if the Legislature authorizes the Board to adopt emergency rules. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of the emergency rules together with the Board's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness or a citation to the grant of emergency rulemaking authority shall be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule provided that such procedure protects the public interest and complies with applicable law and these provisions.
- (9) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may

be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.

- (10) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:
- (a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;
 - (b) All notices given for a proposed rule;
 - (c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;
 - (d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;
 - (e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and
 - (f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.
- (11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.
- (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
 - (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.
 - (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within ten (10) days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other qualified person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within thirty (30) days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.
 - (d) Within thirty (30) days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.

- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:
 - (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
 - (iv) Enter orders; and
 - (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
 - (f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (12) Variances and Waivers. A “variance” means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A “waiver” means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
- (a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, safety-related, or other significant type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
 - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District’s Rule. Each petition shall specify:
 - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
 - (ii) The type of action requested;

- (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
 - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
 - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.
 - (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 120.54, 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Board Authorization. Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.
- (3) Definitions.
 - (a) “Competitive Solicitation” means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.
 - (b) “Continuing Contract” means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
 - (c) “Contractual Service” means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.
 - (d) “Design-Build Contract” means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.

- (e) “Design-Build Firm” means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- (f) “Design Criteria Package” means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) “Design Criteria Professional” means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) “Emergency Purchase” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where

the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- (i) “Invitation to Bid” is a written or electronically posted solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.
- (j) “Invitation to Negotiate” means a written or electronically posted solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.
- (k) “Negotiate” means to conduct legitimate, arm’s length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.
- (l) “Professional Services” means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm's or individual's professional employment or practice.
- (m) “Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District” means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:
 - (i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;
 - (ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and
 - (iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.
- (n) “Purchase” means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.

- (o) “Request for Proposals” or “RFP” is a written or electronically posted solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) “Responsive and Responsible Bidder” means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. “Responsive and Responsible Vendor” means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual, provided that for a public works project as defined in Section 255.0992, *Florida Statutes*, the District may not penalize a bidder for performing a larger volume of construction work for the District or reward a bidder for performing a smaller volume of construction work for the District;

- (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
- (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise as defined in Section 287.0943, *Florida Statutes*.
- (q) “Responsive Bid,” “Responsive Proposal,” “Responsive Reply,” and “Responsive Response” all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0992, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, "Project" means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.
- (2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm's qualification submittal:
 - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
 - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with this Rule may be submitted with the qualifications, if requested by the District. In addition, evidence of compliance must be submitted any time requested by the District.

- (3) Public Announcement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when Professional Services are required for a Project or a Continuing Contract by publishing a notice providing a general description of the Project, or the nature of the Continuing Contract, and the method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The notice must allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of qualifications from the date of publication. The District may maintain lists of consultants interested in receiving such notices. These consultants are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such consultants, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process. The Board has the right to reject any and all

qualifications, and such reservation shall be included in the published notice. Consultants not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover from the District any costs of qualification package preparation or submittal.

(4) Competitive Selection.

- (a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described in section (3) of this Rule regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualifications on file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by consultants regarding their qualifications, approach to the Project, and ability to furnish the required services. The Board shall then select and list the consultants, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required Professional Services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each consultant;
 - (ii) Whether a consultant is a certified minority business enterprise;
 - (iii) Each consultant's past performance;
 - (iv) The willingness of each consultant to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (v) The geographic location of each consultant's headquarters, office and personnel in relation to the project;
 - (vi) The recent, current, and projected workloads of each consultant; and
 - (vii) The volume of work previously awarded to each consultant by the District.
- (b) Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a consultant if less than three (3) Responsive qualification packages, including packages indicating a desire not to provide Professional Services on a given Project, are received.
- (c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.
- (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants

by United States Mail, hand delivery, electronic mail, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."
- (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
- (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

(6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 218.391 of the Florida Statutes, the following procedures are outlined for selection of firms or individuals to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts. For audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but not meeting the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes, the District need not follow these procedures but may proceed with the selection of a firm or individual to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District.

(1) Definitions.

- (a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
- (b) "Committee" means the auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.

(2) Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an auditor selection committee ("Committee"), the primary purpose of which is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes. The Committee shall include at least three individuals, at least one of which must also be a member of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board. The Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board. An employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the District may not serve as a member of the Committee; provided however such individual may serve the Committee in an advisory capacity.

(3) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Committee shall meet at a publicly noticed meeting to establish minimum qualifications and factors to use for the evaluation of Auditing Services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.

- (a) Minimum Qualifications. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at all relevant times including the time of receipt of the proposal by the District:

- (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
- (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any pre-qualification requirements established by the Committee and set forth in the RFP or other specifications.

If requested in the RFP or other specifications, evidence of compliance with the minimum qualifications as established by the Committee must be submitted with the proposal.

- (b) Evaluation Criteria. The factors established for the evaluation of Auditing Services by the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Ability of personnel;
 - (ii) Experience;
 - (iii) Ability to furnish the required services; and
 - (iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

The Committee may also choose to consider compensation as a factor. If the Committee establishes compensation as one of the factors, compensation shall not be the sole or predominant factor used to evaluate proposals.

- (4) Public Announcement. After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (3) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.
- (5) Request for Proposals. The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee determines is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and

place for submitting proposals.

- (6) Committee's Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting to evaluate all qualified proposals and may, as part of the evaluation, require that each interested firm provide a public presentation where the Committee may conduct discussions with the firm, and where the firm may present information, regarding the firm's qualifications. At the public meeting, the Committee shall rank and recommend in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this Rule. If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP or if no firms respond to the RFP, the Committee shall recommend such firm as it deems to be the most highly qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may recommend that any and all proposals be rejected.
- (7) Board Selection of Auditor.
 - (a) Where compensation was not selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall negotiate with the firm ranked first and inquire of that firm as to the basis of compensation. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked firm at a price deemed by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the Board shall immediately begin negotiations with the second ranked firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second ranked firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third ranked firm shall be undertaken. The Board may reopen formal negotiations with any one of the three top-ranked firms, but it may not negotiate with more than one firm at a time. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any of the selected firms, the Committee shall recommend additional firms in order of the firms' respective competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
 - (b) Where compensation was selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall select the highest-ranked qualified firm or document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm.
 - (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.

- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (8) Contract. Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
 - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
 - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
 - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule but must be in writing.
 - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, electronic mail, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 218.33, 218.391, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

- (1) Scope. The purchases of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all of any kinds of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the purchase of any other type of insurance by the District, including but not limited to liability insurance, property insurance, and directors and officers insurance. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.
- (2) Procedure. For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of bids.
 - (c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such persons, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process.
 - (d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.
 - (e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.
 - (f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.
 - (g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies that have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, the cost, if any, to the District officers, employees, or their dependents, relevant business presence and capability to service the District's needs, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance shall be

awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.

- (h) Notice of the intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of insurance under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

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

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

- (1) Scope. In its discretion, the District may undertake a pre-qualification process in accordance with this Rule for vendors to provide construction services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Procedure. When the District seeks to pre-qualify vendors, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Request for Qualifications.
 - (b) For construction services exceeding the thresholds described in Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, the Board must advertise the proposed prequalification criteria and procedures and allow at least seven (7) days' notice of the public hearing for comments on such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. At such public hearing, potential vendors may object to such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. Following such public hearing, the Board shall formally adopt pre-qualification criteria and procedures prior to the advertisement of the Request for Qualifications for construction services.
 - (c) The Request for Qualifications shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of qualifications for goods, supplies and materials, Contractual Services, maintenance services, and construction services under two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of qualifications for construction services estimated to cost over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and thirty (30) days for construction services estimated to cost over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
 - (d) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Qualifications. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any pre-qualification determination or contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be a basis for a protest of any pre-qualification determination or contract award.
 - (e) If the District has pre-qualified vendors for a particular category of purchase, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

- (f) In order to be eligible to submit qualifications, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the qualifications:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
 - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the qualifications if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the qualifications.

- (g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.
- (h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.
- (i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.
- (j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall

include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

(a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:

- i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), *Florida Statutes*, has occurred.
- ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
- iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
- iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
- v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
- vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.
- vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension,

revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's pre-qualified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.

- viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
 - ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
 - x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
 - xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
 - xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
 - 1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
 - 2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
 - xiii. Any other circumstance constituting "good cause" under Section 337.16(2), *Florida Statutes*, exists.
- (b) The pre-qualified status of a contractor found delinquent under Section 337.16(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall be denied, suspended, or revoked. A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.

- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within ten (10) days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued in writing within fifteen (15) business days after the hearing.
- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) If a contractor's pre-qualified status is revoked, suspended, or denied and the contractor receives an additional period of revocation, suspension, or denial of its pre-qualified status, the time periods will run consecutively.
- (f) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

- i. Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;
 - ii. Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;
 - iii. Complaints from the public;
 - iv. Delay or interference with the bidding process;
 - v. The potential for repetition;
 - vi. Integrity of the public contracting process;
 - vii. Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- (g) The District shall deny or revoke the pre-qualified status of any contractor and its affiliates for a period of 36 months when it is determined by the District that the contractor has, subsequent to January 1, 1978, been convicted of a contract crime within the jurisdiction of any state or federal court. Any such contractor shall not act as a prime contractor, material supplier, subcontractor, or consultant on any District contract or project during the period of denial or revocation.

(4) Reapplication and Reinstatement

- (a) A contractor whose qualification to bid has been revoked or denied because of

contract crime may, at any time after revocation or denial, file a petition for reapplication or reinstatement. However, a contractor may not petition for reapplication or reinstatement for a period of 24 months after revocation or denial for a subsequent conviction occurring within 10 years of a previous denial or revocation for contract crime.

- (b) If the petition for reapplication or reinstatement is denied, the contractor cannot petition for a subsequent hearing for a period of nine months following the date of the final order of revocation or denial.
- (c) If the petition for reapplication or reinstatement is granted, the contractor must file a current Application for Qualification with the Contracts Administration Office. Reinstatement shall not be effective until issuance of a Certificate of Qualification.

(5) Emergency Suspension and Revocation

- (a) The District may summarily issue an emergency suspension of a contractor's qualification to bid if it finds that imminent danger exists to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (b) The written notice of emergency suspension shall state the specific facts and reasons for finding an imminent danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists.
- (c) The District, within 10 days of the emergency suspension, shall initiate formal suspension or revocation proceedings in compliance with Rule 3.4(3), except the 10-day notice requirement shall not be construed to prevent a hearing at the earliest time practicable upon request of the aggrieved party.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.; §§ 14-22.012, 14-22.0121, 14-22.014, Fla. Admin. Code.

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure, or other public construction works authorized by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and the procedures of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of construction services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, proposals, replies, or responses, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses. If the Board has previously pre-qualified contractors pursuant to Rule 3.4 and determined that only the contractors that have been pre-qualified will be permitted to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation need not be published. Instead, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be sent to the pre-qualified contractors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

- (d) If the District has pre-qualified providers of construction services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses to Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations.
- (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation; and
 - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to, reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past five (5) years shall be deemed ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response, if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids,

proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board, provided such corrections do not result in a material change to the bid amount or create an unfair advantage. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all contractors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the

bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules only when there exists an immediate and serious need for construction services that cannot be met through normal procurement methods and the lack of such services would seriously threaten: (i) the District's ability to perform essential services; (ii) the preservation or protection of property or improvements; or (iii) the health, safety, or welfare of any person. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary, along with a detailed description of the basis for the emergency determination, shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board

that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:
- (2) Procedure.
 - (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
 - (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
 - (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
 - (i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.
 - (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards

and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.
2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
 - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
 - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;
 - d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past five (5) years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

4. The proposals, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. In consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if the proposals are too high, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Proposals are received, the District may proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.

7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, electronic mail, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.
10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.

- (3) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (4) Emergency Purchase. The Board may, in case of a public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.
- (5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.
- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.
- (3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of “goods, supplies, and materials” do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

Any firm or individual whose principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must also submit a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that foreign state to business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state, in the letting of any or all public contracts. Failure to submit such a written opinion or submission of a false or misleading written opinion may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and this Rule. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid, after taking into account the preferences provided for in this subsection, submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be accepted. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of

Florida shall be awarded a preference of five percent (5%). If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which grants a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference equal to the preference granted by such foreign state.

To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.
- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 189.053, 190.033, 287.017, 287.084, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, and responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be

entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.

- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
 - (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, , or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of maintenance services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
 - (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Exemptions. Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
 - (4) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
 - (5) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
 - (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.033, 287.017, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.

- (2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.11 Protests with Respect to Proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9.

The resolution of any protests with respect to proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9 shall be in accordance with this Rule.

(1) Filing.

- (a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,

3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9, any person who files a notice of protest must post the protest bond. The amount of the protest bond shall be determined by District staff after consultation with the Board and within the limits, if any, imposed by Florida law. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor.

- (d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- (2) Contract Execution. Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.
- (3) Informal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via certified mail, hand delivery, or email with delivery confirmation to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
- (4) Formal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other qualified person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:
 - (a) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

(d) Enter orders; and

(e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

The hearing officer shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing or receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is later, file a recommended order which shall include a caption, time and place of hearing, appearances entered at the hearing, statement of the issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and a recommendation for final District action. The District shall allow each party fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of the recommended order in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. The District shall issue a final order within sixty (60) days after the filing of the recommended order.

- (5) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors by filing a motion to intervene within 10 calendar days of the initial protest filing, on terms that shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (6) Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.
- (7) Settlement. Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

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

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective _____, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

SECTION (b)

Exhibit B:
Amenity Rates and Disciplinary Rules

**PROPOSED
SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF ACCESS RULE**

Law Implemented: ss. 120.69, 190.011, 190.012, Fla. Stat.

Effective Date: _____

In accordance with Chapters 190 and 120, *Florida Statutes*, and on _____ at a duly noticed public meeting, the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) of Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (“District”) adopted the following rules / policies to govern disciplinary and enforcement matters. All prior rules / policies of the District governing this subject matter are hereby rescinded for any violations occurring after the date stated above.

1. **Introduction.** This rule addresses disciplinary and enforcement matters relating to the use of the Amenities and other properties owned and managed by the District (“Amenity Center” or “Amenity Facilities”).

2. **General Rule.** All persons using the Amenity Facilities and entering District properties are responsible for compliance with the Policies established for the safe operations of the District’s Amenity Facilities.

3. **Access Card.** Access Cards are the property of the District. The District may request surrender of, or may deactivate, an Access Card for violation of the District’s Policies established for the safe operations of the District’s Amenity Facilities.

4. **Suspension and Termination of Rights.** The District, through its Board of Supervisors (“Board”) and District Manager shall have the right to restrict or suspend, and after a hearing as set forth herein, terminate the Amenity Facilities access of any Patron and members of their household or Guests to use all or a portion of the Amenity Facilities for any of the following acts (each, a “Violation”):

- a. Submitting false information on any application for use of the Amenity Facilities, including but not limited to facility rental applications;
- b. Failing to abide by the terms of rental applications;
- c. Permitting the unauthorized use of a Patron Card or otherwise facilitating or allowing unauthorized use of the Amenity Facilities;
- d. Exhibiting inappropriate behavior or repeatedly wearing inappropriate attire;
- e. Failing to pay amounts owed to the District in a proper and timely manner (with the exception of special assessments);
- f. Failing to abide by any District rules or policies (e.g., Amenity Policies);
- g. Treating District Staff, contractors, representatives, residents, Patrons or Guests, in a harassing or abusive manner;
- h. Damaging, destroying, rendering inoperable or interfering with the operation of District property, Amenities or other property located on District property;
- i. Failing to reimburse the District for Amenities or property damaged by such person, or a minor for whom the person has charge, or a Guest;

- j. Engaging in conduct that is likely to endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the District, District Staff, contractors, representatives, landowners, Patrons or Guests;
- k. Committing or being alleged, in good faith, to have committed a crime on District property that leads the District to reasonably believe the health, safety or welfare of the District, District Staff, contractors, representatives, landowners, Patrons or Guests is likely endangered;
- l. Engaging in another Violation after a verbal warning has been given by staff (which verbal warning is not required); or
- m. Such person's Guest or a member of their household committing any of the above Violations.

Permanent termination of access to the District's Amenity Facilities shall only be considered and implemented by the Board in situations that pose a long term or continuing threat to the health, safety and/or welfare of the District, District Staff, contractors, representatives, landowners, Patrons or Guests. The Board, in its sole discretion and upon motion of any Board member, may vote to rescind a termination of access to the Amenity Facilities.

5. Suspension Procedures.

- a. **Immediate Suspension.** The District Manager or his or her designee has the ability to immediately remove any person from one or all Amenities or issue a suspension for up to sixty (60) days for the Violations described above, or when such action is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of other Patrons and their Guests, or to protect the District's Amenities or property from damage. If, based on the nature of the offense, staff recommends a suspension longer than sixty (60) days, such suspension shall be considered at the next Board meeting. Crimes committed or allegedly committed on District property shall automatically result in an immediate suspension until the next Board meeting.
- b. **Notice of Suspension.** The District Manager or his or her designee shall mail a letter to the person suspended referencing the conduct at issue, the sections of the District's rules and policies violated, the time, date, and location of the next regular Board meeting where the person's suspension will be presented to the Board, and a statement that the person has a right to appear before the Board and offer testimony and evidence why the suspension should be lifted. If the person is a minor, the letter shall be sent to the adults at the address within the community where the minor resides.

6. Administrative Reimbursement. The Board may in its discretion require payment of an administrative reimbursement of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) in order to offset the actual legal and/or administrative expenses incurred by the District as a result of a Violation ("Administrative Reimbursement"). Such Administrative Reimbursement shall be in addition to any suspension or termination of Amenity access, any applicable legal action warranted by the circumstances, and/or any Property Damage Reimbursement (defined below).

7. Property Damage Reimbursement. If damage to District property or Amenities occurred in connection with a Violation, the person or persons who caused the damage, or the person whose guest caused the damage, or the person who has charge of a minor that caused the damage, shall reimburse the District for the costs of cleaning, repairing, and/or replacing the property ("Property Damage Reimbursement"). Such Property Damage Reimbursement shall be in addition to any suspension or termination of Amenity access, any applicable legal action warranted by the circumstances, and/or any

Administrative Reimbursement.

8. Initial Hearing by the Board; Administrative Reimbursement; Property Damage Reimbursement.

- a. If a person's Amenity Facilities privileges are suspended, as referenced in Section 5, such person shall be entitled to a hearing at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting that is at least eight (8) days after the initial suspension, as evidenced by the date of notice sent by certified electronic or other mail service or as soon thereafter as a Board meeting is held if the meeting referenced in the letter is canceled, during which both District staff and the person subject to the suspension shall be given the opportunity to appear, present testimony and evidence, cross examine witnesses present, and make arguments. The Board may also ask questions of District Staff, the person subject to the suspension, and witnesses present. All persons are entitled to be represented by a licensed Florida attorney at such hearing if they so choose. Any written materials should be submitted at least seven (7) days before the hearing for consideration by the Board. If the date of the suspension is less than eight (8) days before a Board meeting, the hearing may be scheduled for the following Board meeting at the discretion of the person subject to the suspension.
- b. The person subject to the suspension may request an extension of the hearing date to a future Board meeting, which shall be granted upon a showing of good cause, but such extension shall not stay the suspension.
- c. After the presentations by District Staff, witnesses and the person subject to the suspension, the Board shall consider the facts and circumstances and determine whether to lift or extend the suspension or impose a termination. In determining the length of any suspension, or a termination, the Board shall consider the nature of the conduct, the circumstances of the conduct, the number of rules or policies violated, the person's escalation or de-escalation of the situation, and any prior Violations and/or suspensions.
- d. The Board shall also determine whether an Administrative Reimbursement is warranted and, if so, set the amount of such Administrative Reimbursement.
- e. The Board shall also determine whether a Property Damage Reimbursement is warranted and, if so, set the amount of such Property Damage Reimbursement. If the cost to clean, repair and/or replace the property is not yet available, the Property Damage Reimbursement shall be fixed at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting after the cost to clean, repair, and/or replace the property is known.
- f. After the conclusion of the hearing, the District Manager or his/her designee shall mail a letter to the person suspended identifying the Board's determination at such hearing.

9. Suspension by the Board. The Board on its own initiative acting at a noticed public meeting may elect to consider a suspension of a person's access for committing any of the Violations outlined in Section 4. In such circumstances, a letter shall be sent to the person suspended which contains all the information required by Section 5, and the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Section 8.

10. Automatic Extension of Suspension for Non-Payment. Unless there is an affirmative vote of the Board otherwise, no suspension or termination will be lifted or expire until all Administrative Reimbursements and Property Damage Reimbursements have been paid to the District. If an Administrative Reimbursement or Property Damage Reimbursement is not paid by its due date, the District reserves the right to request surrender of, or deactivate, all Access Cards associated with an address within the District until such time as the outstanding amounts are paid.

11. Appeal of Board Suspension. After the hearing held by the Board required by Section 8, a person subject to a suspension or termination may appeal the suspension or termination, or the assessment or amount of an Administrative Reimbursement or Property Damage Reimbursement, to the Board by filing a written request for an appeal (“Appeal Request”). The filing of an Appeal Request shall not result in the stay of the suspension or termination. The Appeal Request shall be filed within thirty (30) calendar days after mailing the notice of the Board’s determination as required by Section 8(f), above. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file an Appeal Request shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District’s suspension or termination and shall constitute a failure to exhaust administrative remedies. The District shall consider the appeal at a Board meeting and shall provide reasonable notice to the person of the Board meeting where the appeal will be considered. At the appeal stage, no new evidence shall be offered or considered. Instead, the appeal is an opportunity for the person subject to the suspension or termination to argue, based on the evidence elicited at the hearing, why the suspension or termination should be reduced or vacated. The Board may take any action deemed by it in its sole discretion to be appropriate under the circumstances, including affirming, overturning, or otherwise modifying the suspension or termination. The Board’s decision on appeal shall be final.

12. Legal Action; Criminal Prosecution; Trespass. If any person is found to have committed a Violation, such person may additionally be subject to arrest for trespassing or other applicable legal action, civil or criminal in nature. If a person subject to suspension or termination is found at the Amenity Facilities, such person will be subject to arrest for trespassing. If a trespass warrant is issued to a person by a law enforcement agency, the District has no obligation to seek a withdrawal or termination of the trespass warrant even though the issuance of the trespass warrant may effectively prevent a person from using the District’s Amenities after expiration of a suspension imposed by the District.

13. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this rule shall be held to be invalid or ineffective for any reason, the remainder of this rule shall continue in full force and effect, it being expressly hereby found and declared that the remainder of this rule would have been adopted despite the invalidity or ineffectiveness of such section, paragraph, clause or provision.

Proposed Rates:

Fee	Proposed
Non-Resident Annual User Fee	\$2,500.00 – \$4,000.00
Lost Access Card Replacement	\$25.00 – \$50.00
Amenity Facilities Rental Deposit / Fee	Refundable Deposit \$250 Non-refundable rental fee \$0 – \$500
Returned Check/Insufficient Funds Fee	\$50.00
Administrative Reimbursement	Up to \$500.00

SECTION C

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2026-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) of the Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (“**District**”) proposed budgets for the remainder of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026 (“**Fiscal Year 2026**”), and for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027 (“**Fiscal Year 2027**”) (together, the “**Proposed Budgets**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Budgets and desires to set the required public hearing thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **PROPOSED BUDGETS APPROVED.** The Proposed Budgets prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, are hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budgets.

2. **SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing on said approved Proposed Budgets is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE:	Monday, June 29, 2026
HOUR:	1:15 p.m.
LOCATION:	Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library 2801 Newtown Boulevard Sarasota, Florida 34234

3. **TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGETS TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budgets to Sarasota County and the City of Venice at least sixty (60) days prior to the hearing set above.

4. **POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGETS.** In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budgets on the District’s website at least two (2) days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least forty-five (45) days.

5. **PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.** Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

6. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026 & Fiscal Year 2027

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Proposed Budget
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Proposed Budget General Fund

Description	Proposed Budget FY2026*	Proposed Budget FY2027
<u>Revenues</u>		
Developer Contributions	\$ 64,002	\$ 388,628
Total Revenues	\$ 64,002	\$ 388,628
<u>Expenditures</u>		
<i><u>General & Administrative</u></i>		
Supervisor Fees	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000
FICA Expenditures	\$ 459	\$ 918
Engineering	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,000
Attorney	\$ 12,500	\$ 25,000
Dissemination	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Trustee Fees	\$ -	\$ 4,500
Arbitrage	\$ -	\$ 450
Audit Fees	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Management Fees	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000
Information Technology	\$ 900	\$ 1,800
Website Maintenance **	\$ 2,350	\$ 1,200
Telephone	\$ 150	\$ 300
Postage & Delivery	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Insurance	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Copies	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Legal Advertising	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,000
Contingencies	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Office Supplies	\$ 313	\$ 625
Travel Per Diem	\$ 330	\$ 660
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ 175
General and Administrative Expenditures	\$ 64,002	\$ 138,628
<i><u>Field Operations</u></i>		
Contingencies	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Total Field Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 64,002	\$ 388,628
Excess Revenues/(Expenditures)	\$ -	\$ -

* This budget is prorated for April 2026

**Budget amount includes a one-time website creation fee.

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Revenues:

Developer Contributions

The District will enter into a funding agreement with the Developer to fund the General Fund expenditures for the Fiscal Year.

Expenditures:

General & Administrative:

Supervisor Fees

Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, allows for each Board member to receive \$200 per meeting, not to exceed \$4,800 per year paid to each Supervisor for the time devoted to District business and meetings.

FICA Expenditures

Represents the Employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from Board of Supervisors checks.

Engineering

The District's engineer will be providing general engineering services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review invoices and various projects as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Attorney

The District's legal counsel will be providing general legal services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for meetings, preparation and review of agreements, resolutions, etc. as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Dissemination

The District is required by the Security and Exchange Commission to comply with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) which relates to additional reporting requirements for unrated bond issues. This cost is based upon the anticipated bond series.

Trustee Fees

The District will incur trustee related costs with the issuance of its' anticipated bond series.

Management Fees

The District receives Management, Accounting and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC. The services include but are not limited to, recording and transcription of board meetings, administrative services, budget preparation, all financial reports, annual audits, etc.

Information Technology

Represents costs with Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC related to the District's information systems, which include but are not limited to video conferencing services, cloud storage services and servers, security, accounting software, etc.

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Website Maintenance

Represents the costs with Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC associated with monitoring and maintaining the District's website created in accordance with Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. These services include site performance assessments, security and firewall maintenance, updates, document uploads, hosting and domain renewals, website backups, etc.

Telephone

Telephone and fax machine.

Postage & Delivery

The District incurs charges for mailing of Board meeting agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Insurance

The District's general liability and public official's liability insurance coverages.

Copies

Printing and Binding agenda packages for board meetings, printing of computerized checks, stationary, envelopes, etc.

Legal Advertising

The District is required to advertise various notices for monthly Board meetings, public hearings, etc. in a newspaper of general circulation.

Contingencies

Bank charges and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the fiscal year.

Office Supplies

Any supplies that may need to be purchased during the fiscal year, e.g., paper, minute books, file folders, labels, paper clips, etc.

Travel Per Diem

The Board of Supervisors can be reimbursed for travel expenditures related to the conducting of District business.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for \$175. This is the only expense under this category for the District.

Field Operations:

Contingencies

Represents funds allocated for unforeseen field-related expenses that are incurred during the fiscal year.

SECTION 2

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this 29th day of April, 2026 by and between:

VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, with a mailing address of c/o Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (the “District”), and

CSP-GRAND OAKS VENICE LAND I, LLC, a New York limited liability company, and the developer of lands within the boundaries of the District, whose mailing address is 1080 Pittsford Victor Road, Suite 300, Pittsford, New York 14534, and its successors and assigns (the “Developer” and together with the District, “Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance No. 2026-12, adopted by the City Council of the City of Venice, effective as of April 28, 2026, 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 is the primary developer of the portions of all real property described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the “**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 is adopting its general fund budget for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026, beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, and for Fiscal Year 2027, beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027 (the “**Budgets**”); and

WHEREAS, the Budgets, which both Parties recognize may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the District, are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Composite Exhibit B**; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, 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 **Composite Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, Developer and the District desire to secure funding for the Budgets through the imposition of a continuing lien against the Property described in **Exhibit A** and otherwise as provided herein.

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

SECTION 1. The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein as a material part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the Budgets attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit B**, as may be amended from time to time in the District's sole discretion, within fifteen (15) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the District's Budgets as shown on **Composite Exhibit B** adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. Funds provided hereunder shall be placed in the District's general checking account. In no way shall the foregoing in any way affect the District's ability to levy special assessments upon the property within the District, including any property owned by Developer, in accordance with Florida law, to provide funds for any unfunded expenditures whether such expenditures are the result of an amendment to the District's Budgets or otherwise. These payments are made by Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.

SECTION 3. The District shall have the right to file a continuing lien upon the Property described in **Exhibit A** for all payments due and owing under the terms of this Agreement and for interest thereon, and for reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegals' fees, expenses and court costs incurred by the District incident to the collection of funds under this Agreement or for enforcement of this lien, and all sums advanced and paid by the District for taxes and payment on account of superior interests, liens and encumbrances in order to preserve and protect the District's lien. The lien shall be effective as of the execution of this Agreement. If Developer fails to pay sums due according to the terms of this Agreement, at the District Manager's direction, the District may bring an action at law against the record title holder to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement or may foreclose the lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may partially release any filed lien for portions of the Property subject to a plat if and when Developer has demonstrated, in the District's sole discretion, that such release will not materially impair the ability of the District to enforce the collection of funds hereunder.

SECTION 4. This Section provides for alternative methods of collection. In the event Developer fails to make payments due to the District pursuant to this Agreement, and the District first provides Developer with written notice of the delinquency to the address identified in this Agreement and such delinquency is not cured within five (5) business days of the notice, then the District shall have the following remedies:

- A.** In the alternative or in addition to the collection method set forth in Section 2 above, the District may enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement by action against Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for Sarasota County, Florida. The enforcement of the collection of funds in this manner shall be in the sole discretion of the District Manager on behalf of the District. In the event that either Party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the Parties agree that the substantially 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.

- B.** The District hereby finds that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Composite Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property, which benefit is initially allocated on an equal developable acreage basis. Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Composite Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs set forth in **Composite Exhibit B**, on an equal developable acreage basis. Therefore, in the alternative, or in addition to the other methods of collection set forth in this Agreement, the District, in its sole discretion, may choose to certify amounts due hereunder as a non-ad valorem assessment on all or any part of the Property for collection, either through the Uniform Method of Collection set forth in Chapter 197 or under any method of direct bill and collection authorized by Florida law. Such assessment, if imposed, may be certified on the next available tax roll of the Sarasota County property appraiser. Developer hereby waives and/or relinquishes any rights it may have to challenge, object to or otherwise fail to pay such assessments if imposed, as well as the means of collection thereof.

SECTION 5. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between 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.

SECTION 6. 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 the requirements of law, and each Party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 7. This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either Party only upon the written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION 8. 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 and specifically including the ability of the District to enforce any and all payment obligations under this Agreement in the manner described herein in Sections 3 and 4 above.

SECTION 9. 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. In the event Developer sells or otherwise disposes of its business or of all or substantially all of its assets relating to improvements, work product, or lands within the District, Developer shall continue to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and additionally shall expressly require that the purchaser agrees to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. In the event of such sale or disposition, Developer may place into escrow an amount equal to the then unfunded portion of the applicable adopted Budget to fund any budgeted expenses that may arise during the remainder of the applicable fiscal year. Upon confirmation of the deposit of said funds into escrow, and evidence of an assignment to, and assumption by the purchaser, of this Agreement, Developer's obligation under this Agreement shall be deemed fulfilled and this Agreement terminated. Developer shall give 90 days' prior written notice to the District under this Agreement of any such sale or disposition.

SECTION 10. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. The Parties agree and consent to, for the purposes of venue, the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Sarasota County, Florida.

SECTION 11. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between 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.

SECTION 12. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records and treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

SECTION 13. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

SECTION 14. This Agreement shall be effective after execution by both Parties hereto. The enforcement provisions of this Agreement shall survive its termination, until all payments due under this Agreement are paid in full.

SECTION 15. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Developer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including, but not limited, to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Developer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, hereinafter defined, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this Agreement term, if Developer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Developer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Developer, Developer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Developer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC**.

IF DEVELOPER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO DEVELOPER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (407) 841-5524, OR BY EMAIL AT RECORDREQUEST@GMSCFL.COM, OR BY

REGULAR MAIL AT C/O GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES - CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC, 219 E. LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO FLORIDA 32801.

SECTION 16. All notices, requests, consents, and other communications hereunder (“Notices”) shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, electronic mail with read receipt, or overnight delivery service, to the Parties, as follows:

A. If to the District: Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services-CF, LLC
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: Jill Burns, District Manager
E-mail: jburns@gmscfl.com

With copy to: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel
E-mail: jennifer@cddlattorneys.com

B. If to Developer : CSP-Grand Oaks Venice Land I, LLC
1080 Pittsford Victor Road, Suite 300
Pittsford, New York 14534
Attn: Mark Shortino
E-mail: markshortino@radec.com

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the Parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the Parties. Any Party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other Parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days’ written notice to the Parties and addressees set forth herein.

[signatures on following page]

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

CSP-GRAND OAKS VENICE LAND I, LLC

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Its: _____

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A:
Legal Description of Property

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (AS FURNISHED):

A parcel of land lying in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.00°30'20"E., along the West line of said Section 22, a distance of 2680.99 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence S.89°44'18"E., leaving said West line of Section 22, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on the East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road as recorded in Official Records Book 2089, Page 2446 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, same being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S.00°29'36"E., along said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road, a distance of 1280.55 feet to the intersection of the East Right of Way of Knight's Trail Road and the North Right of Way of Gene Green Road (50' Wide Right of Way) per Official Records Book 1084, Page 1581 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.89°46'54"E., along said North Right of Way line of Gene Green Road, a distance of 1970.62 feet to a point on the East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence N.00°56'32"W., along said East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, a distance of 1338.90 feet; thence N.89°43'52"W., a distance of 1960.16 feet to a point on said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road; thence S.00°30'19"E., along said East Right of Way line, a distance of 59.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel contains 2,632,597 square feet, or 60.4361 acres more or less.

Composite Exhibit B:

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget; Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Venice Grand Oaks
Community Development District

Proposed Budget
FY2026 - FY2027



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Community Development District

Proposed Budget General Fund

Description	Proposed Budget FY2026*	Proposed Budget FY2027
<u>Revenues</u>		
Developer Contributions	\$ 64,002	\$ 388,628
Total Revenues	\$ 64,002	\$ 388,628
<u>Expenditures</u>		
<i><u>General & Administrative</u></i>		
Supervisor Fees	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000
FICA Expenditures	\$ 459	\$ 918
Engineering	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,000
Attorney	\$ 12,500	\$ 25,000
Dissemination	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Trustee Fees	\$ -	\$ 4,500
Arbitrage	\$ -	\$ 450
Audit Fees	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Management Fees	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000
Information Technology	\$ 900	\$ 1,800
Website Maintenance **	\$ 2,350	\$ 1,200
Telephone	\$ 150	\$ 300
Postage & Delivery	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Insurance	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Copies	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Legal Advertising	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,000
Contingencies	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Office Supplies	\$ 313	\$ 625
Travel Per Diem	\$ 330	\$ 660
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ 175
General and Administrative Expenditures	\$ 64,002	\$ 138,628
<i><u>Field Operations</u></i>		
Contingencies	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Total Field Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 64,002	\$ 388,628
Excess Revenues/(Expenditures)	\$ -	\$ -

* This budget is prorated for April 2026

**Budget amount includes a one-time website creation fee.

Venice Grand Oaks

Community Development District

General Fund Narrative

Revenues:

Developer Contributions

The District will enter into a funding agreement with the Developer to fund the General Fund expenditures for the Fiscal Year.

Expenditures:

General & Administrative:

Supervisor Fees

Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, allows for each Board member to receive \$200 per meeting, not to exceed \$4,800 per year paid to each Supervisor for the time devoted to District business and meetings.

FICA Expenditures

Represents the Employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from Board of Supervisors checks.

Engineering

The District's engineer will be providing general engineering services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review invoices and various projects as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Attorney

The District's legal counsel will be providing general legal services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for meetings, preparation and review of agreements, resolutions, etc. as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Dissemination

The District is required by the Security and Exchange Commission to comply with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) which relates to additional reporting requirements for unrated bond issues. This cost is based upon the anticipated bond series.

Trustee Fees

The District will incur trustee related costs with the issuance of its' anticipated bond series.

Management Fees

The District receives Management, Accounting and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC. The services include but are not limited to, recording and transcription of board meetings, administrative services, budget preparation, all financial reports, annual audits, etc.

Information Technology

Represents costs with Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC related to the District's information systems, which include but are not limited to video conferencing services, cloud storage services and servers, security, accounting software, etc.

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General Fund Narrative

Website Maintenance

Represents the costs with Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC associated with monitoring and maintaining the District's website created in accordance with Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. These services include site performance assessments, security and firewall maintenance, updates, document uploads, hosting and domain renewals, website backups, etc.

Telephone

Telephone and fax machine.

Postage & Delivery

The District incurs charges for mailing of Board meeting agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Insurance

The District's general liability and public official's liability insurance coverages.

Copies

Printing and Binding agenda packages for board meetings, printing of computerized checks, stationary, envelopes, etc.

Legal Advertising

The District is required to advertise various notices for monthly Board meetings, public hearings, etc. in a newspaper of general circulation.

Contingencies

Bank charges and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the fiscal year.

Office Supplies

Any supplies that may need to be purchased during the fiscal year, e.g., paper, minute books, file folders, labels, paper clips, etc.

Travel Per Diem

The Board of Supervisors can be reimbursed for travel expenditures related to the conducting of District business.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for \$175. This is the only expense under this category for the District.

Field Operations:

Contingencies

Represents funds allocated for unforeseen field-related expenses that are incurred during the fiscal year.

SECTION D

RESOLUTION 2026-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 197.3632, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 190.021, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, is authorized to levy, collect, and enforce certain special assessments, which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) to levy, collect, and enforce special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to use the Uniform Method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes* (the “Uniform Method”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the Uniform Method on **Monday, June 29, 2026 at 1:15 PM at the Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library, 2801 Newtown Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida 34234.**

SECTION 2. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION V

SECTION A

SECTION 1

RESOLUTION 2026-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BONDS.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) desires to appoint Bond Counsel to advise it regarding the proposed validation and issuance of Bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that the employment of Bond Counsel is necessary and is in the District’s best interests;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. All of the above representations, findings, and determinations contained above are recognized as true and accurate and are expressly incorporated into this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Board hereby appoints Greenberg Traurig, P.A. as Bond Counsel and agrees to provide compensation for same in the amount and manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Bond Counsel Agreement

April 21, 2026

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
c/o Government Management Services-Central Florida, LLC
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, FL 32801

Attention: Jillian Burns
District Manager

Re: Bond Counsel – Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Greenberg Traurig P.A. would be pleased to serve as Bond Counsel to Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the “District”) in connection with its proposed financing program involving the issuance of special assessment bonds which will provide infrastructure for an approximately 60.44 acre community ultimately serving approximately 338 single family and townhome residential dwelling units located within the City of Venice, Florida. In tendering this engagement letter, the Firm contemplates a continuing relationship with the District as its bond counsel. The master bond resolution and a master trust indenture, together with supplemental indentures, are designed to authorize future issuance, and facilitate the validation process for, special assessment bonds to be issued from time to time by the District to carry out the capital improvement program described in a Master Engineer’s Report and Master Assessment Methodology approved by the Board from time to time. Because the amount and timing of any particular series of bonds or other debt is undetermined at this time, we would propose a flat fee structure. Such fee will be dependent on the terms, size, structure and timing of the particular financing. However, based on our review of the master reports presented to us currently, and absent unusual circumstances such as inordinate delays or major changes in structure, we would expect to charge a fee not to exceed \$60,000 for the initial series of bonds.

Assistance to District counsel in the validation of the District’s financing program in Circuit Court will be included in the fee quoted above. We assume that District counsel will take the lead in the validation process. A flat amount of \$3,000 will be added to our invoice at bond closing to cover expenses. CD or other electronic transcripts will be provided after closing of each series at no charge. In the event that for any reason the District is unable to complete a financing that the finance team has been working on, we would expect to be paid for our time and expenses at our normal hourly rates less 10%, subject to a cap equal to the otherwise applicable fixed fee set forth above. In such an unlikely case, we would expect that payment would be made under a developer funding agreement with CSP-Grand Oaks Venice Land I, LLC or affiliates or principals thereof.

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
c/o Government Management Services-Central Florida, LLC
Attention: Jillian Burns
April 21, 2026
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We would appreciate it if this fee arrangement for special assessment bonds could be presented to the Board of Supervisors at its organizational meeting on November 6, 2025. If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the District, please so indicate by executing this letter and emailing a copy back to me.

We look forward to serving the District as its Bond Counsel.

Yours sincerely,



Robert C. Gang

Accepted and agreed to
this ____ day of April, 2026

Chair, Board of Supervisors

RCG/ech

cc: Kevin Chinoy

SECTION 2

RESOLUTION 2026-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AN INVESTMENT BANKER IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE BONDS.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks 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 the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) desires to appoint an Investment Banker to advise it regarding the proposed issuance of Special Assessment Revenue Bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The Board hereby appoints FMSbonds, Inc., as the Investment Banker of the District, and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Investment Banker Agreement



20660 W. Dixie Highway
North Miami Beach, FL 33180

April 17, 2026

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services Central Florida, LLC
219 East Livingston Streete
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: Ms. Jillian Burns

Re: Agreement for Underwriter Services & Rule G-17 Disclosure

Dear Ms. Burns:

Thank you for the opportunity to work with the Venice Gand Oaks Community Development District (the "Issuer") regarding the underwriting of the Issuer's Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2026 and future series of bonds (the "Bonds"). The Issuer and FMSbonds, Inc. ("FMS"), solely in its capacity as underwriter, agree to the proposed terms set forth herein in Attachment I. By executing this letter both parties agree to the terms set forth herein.

FMS's role is limited to act as Underwriter within the Scope of Services set forth herein as Attachment I, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor. Any information that FMS has previously provided was solely for discussion purposes in anticipation of being retained as your underwriter. Attachment II, attached hereto, contains the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) Rule G-17 Disclosure, as set forth in the amended and restated MSRB Notice 2019-20 (November 8, 2019)¹ (the "Notice"). We ask that you provide this letter to the appropriate person at the Issuer.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours truly,

FMSbonds, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JK", written over a horizontal line.

By: _____

Name: Jon Kessler

Title: Executive Director

Agreed to and accepted as of the date first written above:

VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

¹ Interpretive Notice Concerning the Application of MSRB Rule G-17 to underwriters and Underwriters of Municipal Securities (effective March 31, 2021).

ATTACHMENT I

Section 1 Scope of Services of FMS: FMS proposes that its duties as Underwriter shall be limited to the following:

1. To provide advice to the Issuer on the structure, timing and terms of the Bonds;
2. To coordinate the financing process;
3. To conduct due diligence;
4. To assist in the preparation of an offering memorandum;
5. To review the assessment methodology and Bond documents;
6. To market and offer Bonds to investors.

Section 2 Terms and Conditions:

1. Underwriter Fee (“Underwriting Fee”). FMS shall act as sole lead underwriter. The Underwriting Fee to FMS for acting as Underwriter shall be 2% of the par amount of any Bonds issued. The Underwriting Fee shall be due and payable only upon the closing of the Bonds. The Underwriting Fee may be modified pursuant to a bond delegation or award resolution approved by the Board and consented to by the Underwriter.
2. Price and Interest Rates: The offering price and interest rates are expected to be based on recent comparable transactions in the market, if any. FMS and the Issuer will jointly determine the offering price and interest rates immediately prior to the start of the order period, based on market conditions then prevailing.
3. Bond Purchase Agreement. The obligations of the Underwriter and those of the Issuer would be subject to the satisfactory completion of due diligence and to the customary representations, warranties, covenants, conditions, including provisions respecting its termination contained in the form of a bond purchase agreement FMS will prepare and as generally used in connection with the offering of Bonds for this type of transaction.
4. Costs of Issuance. The Issuer shall be responsible for the payment of all expenses relating to the offering, including but not limited to, attorney fees, consultant fees, costs associated with preparing offering documents, if any, the purchase agreement, regulatory fees and filing fees and expenses for qualification under blue sky laws designated by FMS and approved by the Issuer.
5. Assumptions. The proposed terms and statements of intention set forth in this attachment are based on information currently available to FMS about the Issuer and the market for special assessment bonds similar to the Bonds and the assumptions that:

- a) the financial condition and history of the project shall be substantially as understood, and the financial information for the relevant and appropriate period ended to be included in the final offering memorandum will not vary materially from those set forth in the material furnished to FMS;
 - b) no adverse developments shall occur which materially and adversely affect the underlying security and financial condition of the Issuer and the primary landowner and developer;
 - c) the offering memorandum will comply with all applicable laws and regulations;
 - d) there will not be any unanticipated substantial delays on the part of the Issuer in completing the transaction; and
 - e) all conditions of the Underwriter to purchase Bonds will be included in the bond purchase agreement and conditions shall be satisfied or waived, in the sole discretion of the Underwriter.
6. Information. The Issuer agrees to reasonably and actively assist FMS in achieving an underwriting that is satisfactory to FMS and the Issuer. To assist FMS in the underwriting the Issuer will (a) provide and cause the Issuer's staff and its professionals to provide FMS upon request with all information reasonably deemed necessary by FMS to complete the underwritings, included but not limited to, information and evaluations prepared by the Issuer and its advisors and the primary landowner and developer; and (b) otherwise assist FMS in its underwriting efforts.
7. Term of Engagement. The term of our engagement shall commence as of the date the covering letter is executed by the Issuer and continue in full force and effect unless terminated by either party. In event of termination by the Issuer without cause, FMS shall be entitled to recover its reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred up to the date of termination.
8. No Commitment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall constitute an agreement to provide a firm commitment, underwriting or placement or arrangement of any securities by FMS or its affiliates. Any such commitment, placement or arrangement shall only be made a part of an underwriting agreement or purchase agreement at the time of the sale of the Bonds.

The engagement contemplated hereby is solely for the benefit of the Issuer and FMS and their respective successors, assigns and representatives and no other person or entity shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue hereof.

This engagement contains the entire understanding of the parties relating to the transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings and negotiations with respect thereto.

9. No Financial Advisor. FMS's role is limited to that of an Underwriter and not a financial advisor or municipal advisor.

ATTACHMENT II

MSRB Rule G-17 Disclosure --- The Issuer recognizes that FMSbonds, Inc. will serve as the underwriter (the “Underwriter”) and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, in connection with the issuance of the bonds relating to this financing (herein, the “Bonds”). As part of our services as Underwriter, FMSbonds, Inc. may provide advice concerning the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the issuance of the Bonds. Any such advice, if given, will be provided by FMSbonds, Inc. as Underwriter and not as your financial advisor or municipal advisor in this transaction. The Issuer may choose to engage the services of a municipal advisor with a fiduciary obligation to represent the Issuer’s interest in this transaction.

Pursuant to the Notice, we are required by the MSRB to advise you that:

- MSRB Rule G-17 requires a broker to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors.
- The Underwriter’s primary role is to purchase the Bonds in an arm’s-length commercial transaction with the Issuer. As such, the Underwriter has financial and other interests that differ from those of the Issuer.
- Unlike a municipal advisor, the Underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the Issuer under the federal securities laws and is, therefore, not required by federal law to act in the best interests of the Issuer without regard to its own financial or other interests.
- The Underwriter has a duty to purchase the Bonds from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with its duty to use its best efforts to resell the Bonds with purchases at prices that are fair and reasonable.
- The Bonds may be sold into a trust either at the time of issuance or subsequent to issuance. In such instance FMSbonds, Inc., not in its capacity of Underwriter, may participate in such trust arrangement by performing certain administrative roles. Any compensation paid to FMSbonds, Inc. would not be derived from the proceeds of the Bonds or from the revenues pledged thereunder.

The Underwriter will be compensated in accordance with the terms of a bond purchase contract by and between the Underwriter and Issuer. Payment or receipt of the Underwriter’s compensation will be contingent on the closing of the transaction. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since an Underwriter may have an incentive to recommend a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of a transaction be larger than is necessary. The Issuer acknowledges no such recommendation has been made by the Underwriter.

Please note nothing in this letter is an expressed or an implied commitment by us to provide financing or to place or purchase the Bonds. Any such commitment shall only be set forth in a bond purchase contract or other appropriate form of agreement for the type of transaction undertaken by you.

Further, our participation in any transaction (contemplated herein or otherwise) remains subject to, among other things, the execution of a bond purchase contract (or other appropriate form of agreement), further internal review and approvals, satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigation and market conditions.

FMSbonds, Inc. is acting independently in seeking to act as Underwriter in the transaction contemplated herein and shall not be deemed for any purpose to be acting as an agent, joint venturer or partner of any other principal involved in the proposed financing. FMSbonds, Inc. assumes no responsibility, express or implied, for any actions or omissions of, or the performance of services by, the purchasers or any other brokers in connection with the transactions contemplated herein or otherwise.

If you or any other representative of the Issuer have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to the undersigned. In addition, you should consult with your own financial, municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent deemed appropriate.

The MSRB requires that we seek the Issuer's acknowledgement that it has received this letter. We request that the person at the Issuer who has the authority to bind the Issuer (herein, "Authorized Issuer Representative") acknowledge this letter as soon as practicable and by nature of such acknowledgment that such person is not a party to any conflict of interest relating to the subject transaction. If our understanding is incorrect, please notify the undersigned immediately.

Depending on the structure of the transaction that the Issuer decides to pursue, or if additional actual or perceived material conflicts are identified, we may be required to send you additional disclosures. At that time, we also will seek your acknowledgement of receipt of any such additional disclosures.

We look forward to working with you in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and we appreciate the opportunity to assist you in this transaction. Thank you.

FMSbonds, Inc.

By: _____

Name: Jon Kessler

Title: Executive Director

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SECTION 4



Global Corporate Trust
500 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 460
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Phone: 954.938.2476

usbank.com

April 21, 2026

Jill Burns
Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

Re: Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
Special Assessment and/or Capital Improvement Bonds

Ms. Burns:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our services to Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District. This letter will confirm U.S. Bank Trust Company's proposed fee structure for the District (per Series):

Acceptance Fee	\$2,400
Closing Expenses	\$150 (Not to Exceed, Remote Closing)
Annual Trustee, Paying Agent & Registrar Fee (0.033% of Bonds O/S, Min \$4,350 & Max \$8,250)	\$4,350 (Est.)
Ongoing Out-of-Pocket Expenses	7.50% of Annual Fees (Not to Exceed \$350)
Trustee Counsel Fee	\$6,250 (Not to Exceed)

Extraordinary Administration Services ("EAS") are duties, responsibilities or activities not expected to be provided by the trustee or agent at the outset of the transaction, not routine or customary, and/or not incurred in the ordinary course of business, and which may require analysis or interpretation. Billing for fees and expenses related to EAS is appropriate in instances where particular inquiries, events or developments are unexpected, even if the possibility of such circumstances could have been identified at the inception of the transaction, or as changes in law, procedures, or the cost of doing business demand. At our option, EAS may be charged on an hourly (time expended multiplied by current hourly rate), flat or special fee basis at such rates or in such amounts in effect at the time of such services, which may be modified by us in our sole discretion from time to time. In addition, all fees and expenses incurred by the trustee or agent, in connection with the trustee's or agent's EAS and ordinary administration services and including without limitation the fees and expenses of legal counsel, financial advisors and other professionals, charges for document amendments and substitutions, tenders, optional redemptions, UCC filings, investment agreements, outside held money market funds, default administration, wire transfers, checks, internal transfers and securities transactions, travel expenses, communication costs, postage (including express mail and overnight delivery charges), copying charges and the like will be payable, at cost, to the trustee or agent. EAS fees are due and payable in addition to annual or ordinary administration fees. Failure to pay for EAS owed to U.S. Bank within 45 days may result in interest being charged on amounts owed to U.S. Bank for EAS fees and expenses at the prevailing market rate. This proposal and the fees detailed herein are subject in all aspects to U.S. Bank's review and acceptance of the final financing documents which set forth our duties and responsibilities. Fees are subject to change at our discretion and upon written notice. Fees paid in advance will not be pro-rated. The fees set forth above and any subsequent modifications thereof are part of your agreement. Finalization of the transaction constitutes agreement to the terms and conditions set forth herein, including agreement to any subsequent changes upon proper written notice. In the event your transaction is not finalized, any related expenses will be billed to the client directly.

All fees and expenses are payable in advance. Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide our services to the District and the District's professional team. Please contact me at 954.938.2476 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Schuhle

Scott A. Schuhle, Vice President

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT:

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a Trust or other legal entity we will ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. We may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and other relevant documentation from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity.

SECTION B

BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

THIS BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this 29th day of April 2026, by and between:

VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in Sarasota County, Florida, whose mailing address is c/o Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (the “District”), and

CSP-GRAND OAKS VENICE LAND I, LLC, a New York limited liability company, and the developer of lands within the boundaries of the District, whose mailing address is 1080 Pittsford Victor Road, Suite 300, Pittsford, New York 14534, and its successors and assigns (the “Developer” and together with the District, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance No. 2026-12, adopted by the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, effective as of April 28, 2026, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating, and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District presently expects to access the public bond market to provide for the financing of certain capital improvements, facilities, and services to benefit the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Developer desire to enter into this Agreement to provide funds to enable the District to commence its financing program.

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

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. PROVISION OF FUNDS. The Developer agrees to make available to the District such monies as are necessary to proceed with the issuance of bonds or other indebtedness to fund the District’s improvements, facilities, and services.

A. The Developer agrees to provide to the District any such monies upon receipt of an invoice from the District requesting such funds. Such funds, and all future funds provided pursuant to this Agreement, may be supplied by check, cash, wire transfer, or other form of payment deemed satisfactory in the sole discretion of the District as determined by the District Manager. The District agrees to authorize District staff, including the District Engineer, District Manager, and District Counsel to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement, and to retain a Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor and other professional assistance as may be necessary to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement.

B. The Parties agree that all fees, costs, or other expenses incurred by the District for the services of the District’s Engineer, Counsel, Financial Advisor, or other professionals, for the work contemplated by this Agreement shall be paid solely from the funds provided by the Developer pursuant to this Agreement. Such payments shall be made in accordance with the District’s normal invoice and payment

procedures. The District agrees that any funds provided by the Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be used solely for fees, costs, and expenses arising from or related to the work contemplated by this Agreement.

C. The District agrees to provide to the Developer, on a monthly basis, copies of all invoices, requisitions, or other bills for which payment is to be made from the funds provided by the Developer. The District agrees to provide to the Developer, monthly, a statement from the District Manager showing funds on deposit prior to payment, payments made, and funds remaining on deposit with the District.

D. The Developer agrees to provide funds within fifteen (15) days of receipt of written notification from the District Manager of the need for such funds.

E. In the event that the Developer fails to provide any such funds pursuant to this Agreement, the Parties agree the work may be halted until such time as sufficient funds are provided by the Developer to ensure payment of the costs, fees, or expenses which may be incurred in the performance of such work.

SECTION 3. TERMINATION. The Parties agree that the Developer may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing ten (10) days' written notice of termination to the District. Any such termination by the Developer is contingent upon the Developer's provision of sufficient funds to cover any and all fees, costs, or expenses incurred by the District in connection with the work to be performed under this Agreement as of the date by when notice of termination is received. The Parties agree that the District may terminate this Agreement due to a failure of the Developer to provide funds in accordance with Section 1 of this Agreement, by providing ten (10) days' written notice of termination to the Developer; provided, however, that the Developer shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any such failure.

SECTION 4. CAPITALIZATION. The Parties agree that all funds provided by the Developer pursuant to this Agreement may be reimbursable from proceeds of District financing for capital improvements, and that within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the proceeds by the District of bonds or notes for the District's capital projects, the District shall reimburse the Developer in full, exclusive of interest, for these advances; provided, however, that in the event Bond Counsel determines that any such monies are not properly reimbursable, such funds shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments. In the event that District bonds are not issued within five (5) years of the date of this Agreement, all funds provided by the Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments.

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

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either Party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees, and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 7. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENTS. 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.

SECTION 9. 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 the requirements of law, and each Party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 10. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents, and other communications hereunder (the “Notices”) shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, electronic mail with read receipt, or overnight delivery service, to the Parties, as follows:

A. If to the District: Venice Grand Oaks CDD
c/o Governmental Management Services – CF, LLC
219 E. Livingston St.
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: District Manager
E-mail: jburns@gmscfl.com

With a copy to: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel
E-mail: jennifer@cddlattorneys.com

B. If to the Developer: CSP-Grand Oaks Venice Land I, LLC
1080 Pittsford Victor Road, Suite 300
Pittsford, New York 14534
Attn: Mark Shortino
E-mail: markshortino@radec.com

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the Parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the Parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other Parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days’ written notice to the Parties and addressees set forth herein.

SECTION 11. THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the 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 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.

SECTION 12. ASSIGNMENT. Neither Party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other Party.

SECTION 13. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

Each party consents to and agrees that the exclusive venue for any litigation arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in a court of appropriate jurisdiction, in and for Sarasota County, Florida

SECTION 14. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both Parties hereto and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either of the Parties hereto.

SECTION 16. PUBLIC RECORDS. The Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, the Developer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including, but not limited, to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Developer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this Agreement term if the Developer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in the Developer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Developer, the Developer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. The Developer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC**.

IF DEVELOPER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO DEVELOPER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (407) 841-5524, OR BY EMAIL AT RECORDREQUEST@GMSCFL.COM, OR BY REGULAR MAIL AT C/O GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES - CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC, 219 E. LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801.

[signature page follows]

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

CSP-GRAND OAKS VENICE LAND I, LLC

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Its: _____

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

SECTION VI

SECTION A

**VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MASTER ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Prepared for:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Prepared by:

ABSOLUTE ENGINEERING, INC.

APRIL 29, 2026

VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**ENGINEER'S REPORT
VENICE GRAND OAKS
CDD**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (“CDD” OR “District”) is located along the east side of Knights Trail Road, north of Gene Green Road, Venice, Florida. The District currently contains approximately 60.44 acres and is expected to consist of 222 single family lots, 116 townhomes, recreation / amenity areas, parks, and associated infrastructure.

The CDD will own and operate the roadways, stormwater management facilities, as well as the landscape, irrigation, signage, and recreational facilities within the community. The water, sewer and reclaimed utilities will be dedicated to the City of Venice for ownership and operation.

Improvements and facilities financed, acquired, and/or constructed by the CDD will be required to conform to regulatory criteria of the City of Venice, Southwest Florida Water Management District (“SWFWMD”), and other applicable agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over the development. All improvements acquired by the District will be on land owned, or subject to a permanent easement for the benefit of, the District or another governmental entity. An overall estimate of probable cost is provided in Section 9 of this Report.

The development plan reflects the present intentions of the CDD. It should be noted that the location of proposed facilities and improvements may be adjusted during the final design, permitting, and implementation phases. It should also be noted that these modifications are not expected to diminish the benefits received by the lands within the CDD. The CDD reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to the development plan to meet applicable regulatory requirements of agencies with jurisdiction over the development, while maintaining comparable level of benefits to the lands served by the improvements. Changes and modifications are expected as changes in regulatory

criteria are implemented.

Implementation of any proposed facilities or improvements outlined in this Report requires approval by the CDD's Board of Supervisors. Estimated costs outlined in this Report were based on best available information, which includes but is not limited to previous experience with similar projects. Actual costs could be different than estimates because final engineering and specific field conditions may affect construction costs.

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Report is to provide engineering support to fund improvements in the CDD. Venice Grand Oaks is entitled through Mixed Use Corridor Land Use and Knights Trail Mixed Use Zoning. This Report will identify the proposed capital improvements to be constructed or acquired by the District along with an opinion of probable cost.

Contained within this Report is a description of the public infrastructure to be constructed or acquired by the District ("Capital Improvements".) The District will finance, construct, operate, and maintain specific portions of the proposed Capital Improvements. An assessment methodology consultant has been retained by the District, who will develop the assessment and financing methodology to be applied to this Report.

The predominant portion of this Report provides descriptions of the proposed Capital Improvements, determination of estimated probable construction costs, and the corresponding benefits associated with the implementation of the described improvements. Detailed site construction plans and specifications have not yet been completed but will require permits through the City of Venice, Sarasota County, SWFWMD, and FDEP for the improvements described herein. The engineer has considered, and in specific instances has relied upon, the information and documentation prepared or supplied by others, and information that may have been provided by public entities, public employees, the developer, site construction contractors, other engineering professionals, land surveyors, the District Board of Supervisors, and its staff and consultants.

III. THE DEVELOPMENT

The Venice Grand Oaks Community will consist of 222 single family homes and 116 townhomes and associated infrastructure (“the Development”). The Development is a planned residential community located on the east side of Knights Trail Road, north of Gene Green Road in Venice, Florida. The Development lies within, Section 22 Township 38 South, Range 19 East, in Venice, Florida. The Development received Knights Trail Mixed Use zoning approval by the city of Venice and has an underlying Future Land Use Designation of Mixed-Use Corridor. The Development will be constructed in a single phase.

IV. THE PROJECT

The Capital Improvements consist of public infrastructure as more specifically described herein. The primary portions of the Capital Improvements will entail stormwater pond construction, roadways built to an "urban" typical section, water, reclaimed and sewer utility facilities and off-site improvements including water and sewer utility extensions and roadway improvements.

There will also be stormwater structures and conveyance culverts within the Capital Improvements which will outfall into the on-site retention ponds. These structures and pond areas comprise the overall stormwater facilities of the Capital Improvements. Installation of the water distribution and wastewater collection system are also included. Below ground installation of conduits for power, telecommunications, cable TV, and street lights within the public right of way and in the adjacent utility easement will be funded by the District. Only the incremental cost of undergrounding the utilities will be financed by the District.

As a part of the recreational component of the Development, a public park will be constructed in the center of the Development and is accessed by the public roadways.

V. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The Capital Improvements include the following:

Stormwater Management Facilities

Stormwater management facilities consisting of storm conveyance systems and retention ponds are contained within the District boundaries. Stormwater runs off via roadway curb and gutter to storm inlets. From that point storm culverts convey the runoff into the proposed retention ponds for water quality treatment and attenuation. The proposed stormwater systems will utilize wet detention for biological pollutant assimilation to achieve water quality treatment. The design criteria for the District's stormwater management systems is regulated by the City of Venice and SWFWMD. There are surface waters and natural wetlands within the Project.

FEMA Community Panel Numbers 12115C245G dated 03/27/24, demonstrates that the property is located within Flood Zones X and X500. The Project has been designed to provide adequate floodplain compensation for proposed floodplain encroachment.

During the construction of stormwater management facilities, utilities and roadway improvements, the contractor will be required to adhere to a *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan* (SWPPP) as required by FDEP as delegated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The SWPPP will be prepared to depict for the contractor the proposed locations of required erosion control consisting of floating and staked turbidity barriers specifically along the down gradient side of any proposed construction activity and adjacent to the edge of existing ponds, surface water ditches, wetland edges and the perimeter of the site. The site contractor will be required to provide the necessary reporting on various forms associated with erosion control, its maintenance and any rainfall events that occur during construction activity.

Roadways

The proposed public roadway sections are to be 50' R/W with 20' of asphalt and Miami curb and gutter on both sides. The proposed roadway section will consist of stabilized subgrade, crushed concrete or cement treated base and asphalt wearing surface. The proposed curb is to be 2' wide and placed along the edge of the proposed roadway section for purposes of protecting the integrity of the pavement and also to provide stormwater runoff conveyance to the proposed stormwater inlets. Underdrain is provided as necessary to control groundwater and protect the roadway base material.

The proposed roadways will require signing and pavement markings within the public rights-of-way, as well as street signs depicting street name identifications, and addressing, which will be utilized by the residents and public. As stated above, the District's funding of roadway construction will occur for all public roadways.

Water and Wastewater Facilities

A potable water system inclusive of water main, gate valves, fire hydrants and appurtenances will be installed for the Development. The water service provider will be the city of Venice Utilities Department. The water system will be a "looped" system consisting of 4" and 6" diameter PVC water main. These facilities will be installed within the proposed public rights-of-way within the District. This water will provide the potable (domestic) and fire protection services which will serve the entire District.

A domestic wastewater collection system inclusive of gravity sanitary sewer mains, sewer laterals, one pump station and pressure force mains will be installed. The gravity sanitary sewer mains will be 8" diameter PVC. The gravity sanitary sewer lines will be placed inside of the proposed public rights-of-way, under the proposed paved roadways. Branching off from these sewer lines will be laterals to serve the individual lots. A sanitary sewer pump station is currently proposed within the District to collect the gravity sanitary sewer and pump it to the proposed City of Venice force main in the planned right-of-way donation of Knights Trail Road along the Project frontage. The future force main is being designed and permitted by others for a project north of the District and is expected to be installed prior to completion of the proposed Project.

A reclaimed water system inclusive of water main, gate valves and appurtenances will be installed for the Development. The reclaimed water service provider for single family homes will be the City of Venice Utilities Department and the reclaimed water system serving townhomes will be owned and operated by the District. The reclaimed water system will be a "looped" system consisting of 4" diameter PVC water main. These facilities will be installed within the proposed public rights-of-way within the District. This reclaimed water main will provide the reclaimed water which will serve the entire District.

Off-Site Improvements

The District will provide funding for the required off-site improvements to facilitate connection of the District's internal roads to Knights Trail Road & Gene Green Road at the project entrances.

The District will also provide funding for the required off-site improvements to facilitate connection of the District's water, wastewater and reclaim utility facilities to existing off-site utilities.

Upon completion of these improvements, inspection / certifications will be obtained from SWFWMD, the City of Venice and Sarasota County. Roadway Improvements located within the Knights Trail Road right-of-way will be owned and operated by Sarasota County. Roadway Improvements located within the Knights Trail Road right-of-way will be owned and operated by the City of Venice. Roadway Improvements located within the Gene Green Road right-of-way will be owned and operated by the District. Roadway Improvements located within the Gene Green Road right-of-way will be owned and operated by the City of Venice.

Miscellaneous:

The stormwater improvements, landscaping and irrigation, hardscaping and signage, mitigation area(s), and certain permits and professional fees as described in this Report, are being financed by the District with the intention for benefiting all of the developable real property within the District. The construction and maintenance of the proposed public Capital Improvements will benefit the Development for the intended use as a mixed use planned development.

VI. PERMITTING

Construction permits are currently being obtained, which include the SWFWMD Environmental Resource Permit (ERP), City of Venice Preliminary Plat and Construction Plan, FDEP Water and Wastewater and Sarasota County Construction Plan. There are no Army Corps of Engineer (ACOE) jurisdictional wetlands within the Development, therefore no permits are required from that agency.

Following is a summary of required permits obtained and pending for the construction of the public Capital Improvements for the District:

Permits / Approvals	Approval / Date
Zoning Approval (Venice)	Knights Trail Mixed Use
Preliminary Plat (Venice)	April 2026
SWFWMD ERP	August 2026
Construction Permits (Venice)	August 2026
FDEP Water	September 2026
FDEP Sewer	September 2026

VII. RECOMMENDATION

As previously described within this Report, the public Capital Improvements as described are necessary for the development and functional operation as required by the City of Venice and all other applicable agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over the Development.. The site planning, engineering design and construction plans for the infrastructure are in accordance with the applicable requirements of the City of Venice and SWFWMD. It should be noted that the Capital Improvements will provide their intended use and function so long as the construction and installation is in substantial conformance with the design construction plans and regulatory permits.

Items utilized in the *Opinion of Probable Costs* for this Report are based upon current plan quantities for the infrastructure as shown on construction drawings incorporating specifications in the most recent review comments received from SWFWMD and the City of Venice.

VIII. REPORT MODIFICATION

During development and implementation of the public Capital Improvements as described for the District, it may be necessary to make modifications and/or deviations for the plans. However, if such deviations and/or revisions do not change the overall primary objective of the plan for such improvements, then the costs differences would not materially affect the proposed cost estimates.

IX. CONCLUSION

It is our professional opinion that the Capital Improvements cost for the District provided in this report are reasonable to complete the construction of the infrastructure required for community development within the CDD. Furthermore, the public infrastructure improvements will benefit and add value to lands within the District equal to or in excess above the costs of such improvements.

The *Opinion of Probable Costs* of the Capital Improvements is only an estimate and is not a guaranteed maximum price. The estimated costs are based upon unit prices currently experienced on an ongoing and similar basis for work in the city of Venice. Furthermore, the quantities are a derivative of line items from specific construction documents and construction contracts as of this date. However, labor market, future costs of equipment, materials, changes to the regulatory permitting agencies activities, and the actual construction processes employed by the chosen site contractor are beyond the engineer's control. Due to this inherent opportunity for changes (upward or downward) in the construction costs, the total, final construction cost may be more or less than this estimate.

Based upon the presumption that the construction of the Capital Improvements continues in a timely manner, it is our professional opinion that the proposed Capital Improvements when constructed and built in substantial conformance with the approved plans and specifications, can be completed and used for their intended function. Be advised that we have utilized historical costs and direct unit costs from site contractors and consultants in the City of Venice, which we believe to be necessary in order to facilitate accuracy associated with the *Opinion of Probable Costs*. Based upon the information above, it is our professional opinion that the acquisition and construction costs of the proposed Capital Improvements can be completed at the cost stated.

TABLE 1:
SUMMARY OF OPINION OF
PROBABLE COSTS

Summary of Opinion of Probable Cost

<u>Number of Lots</u>	<u>338⁽¹⁰⁾</u>
<u>Infrastructure⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾</u>	<u>Nokomis Groves CDD</u>
Offsite Improvements ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 1,193,500
Stormwater Management ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	\$ 3,580,500
Utilities (Water)	\$ 1,071,090
Utilities (Sewer)	\$ 1,300,609
Utilities (Reclaimed Water)	\$ 535,545
Utilities (Street Lighting) ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 76,506
Roadway ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 2,387,000
Entry Feature & Signage ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 596,750
Parks and Amenities	\$ 1,193,500
Contingency	\$ 1,193,500
TOTAL	\$ 13,128,500

1. Infrastructure consists of public roadway improvements, stormwater management facilities, master sanitary sewer lift station and utilities, entry feature, landscaping and signage, and neighborhood parks. Any land or other acquisitions will be made at the lower of cost or fair market value.
2. Stormwater does not include grading associated with building pads, both for initial construction and in conjunction with home construction.
3. Includes stormwater pond excavation, and storage of fill, but not the cost of transporting the fill to private lots.
4. Includes sub-grade, base, asphalt paving, curbing, and civil/site engineering. All roadways will be public and accessible by public.
5. Includes subdivision infrastructure and civil/site engineering.
6. Estimates are based on 2025/2026 costs.
7. Includes entry features, signage, hardscape, landscape, irrigation and fencing.
8. CDD will enter into a Lighting Agreement with Florida Power and Light for the street light poles and lighting service. Only undergrounding of wires in public rights-of-way and on District land will be funded by the CDD.
9. Offsite Improvements include turn lanes on Knights Trail Road at Project Access and utility extensions.
10. Includes 116 - 40' Townhomes, 135 - 40' x 120' Single Family Units and 87 - 50' x 120'; Single Family Units
11. Infrastructure Construction timeline - 2026-2027.
12. All utilities shall be constructed to city standards.

TABLE 2:
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED DISTRICT
FACILITIES

**VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
TABLE 2 - SUMMARY OF PROPOSED DISTRICT FACILITIES**

DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE	CONSTRUCTION	OWNERSHIP	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE
ENTRY SIGNAGE AND FEATURES	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
PARKS AND AMENITIES	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
STORMWATER FACILITIES	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES	DISTRICT	CITY OF VENICE	CITY OF VENICE
RECLAIMED WATER UTILITIES (SINGLE FAMILY)	DISTRICT	CITY OF VENICE	CITY OF VENICE
RECLAIMED WATER UTILITIES (TOWNHOMES)	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
STREET LIGHTING/CONDUIT	DISTRICT	STREET LIGHTS - FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT CONDUIT - DISTRICT	FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT
ROAD CONSTRUCTION¹	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
OFFSITE ROADWAY (GENE GREEN ROAD ACCESS)	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT ²
OFFSITE ROADWAY (KNIGHTS TRAIL ACCESS)	DISTRICT	SARASOTA COUNTY	SARASOTA COUNTY

1. Roadways will be constructed in accordance with city standards.

2. The District shall be the responsible O&M entity for access improvements constructed to connect the District's internal roads to existing rights-of-way. The District shall not be the responsible O&M entity for any existing rights-of-way.

EXHIBIT 1:
LOCATION MAP

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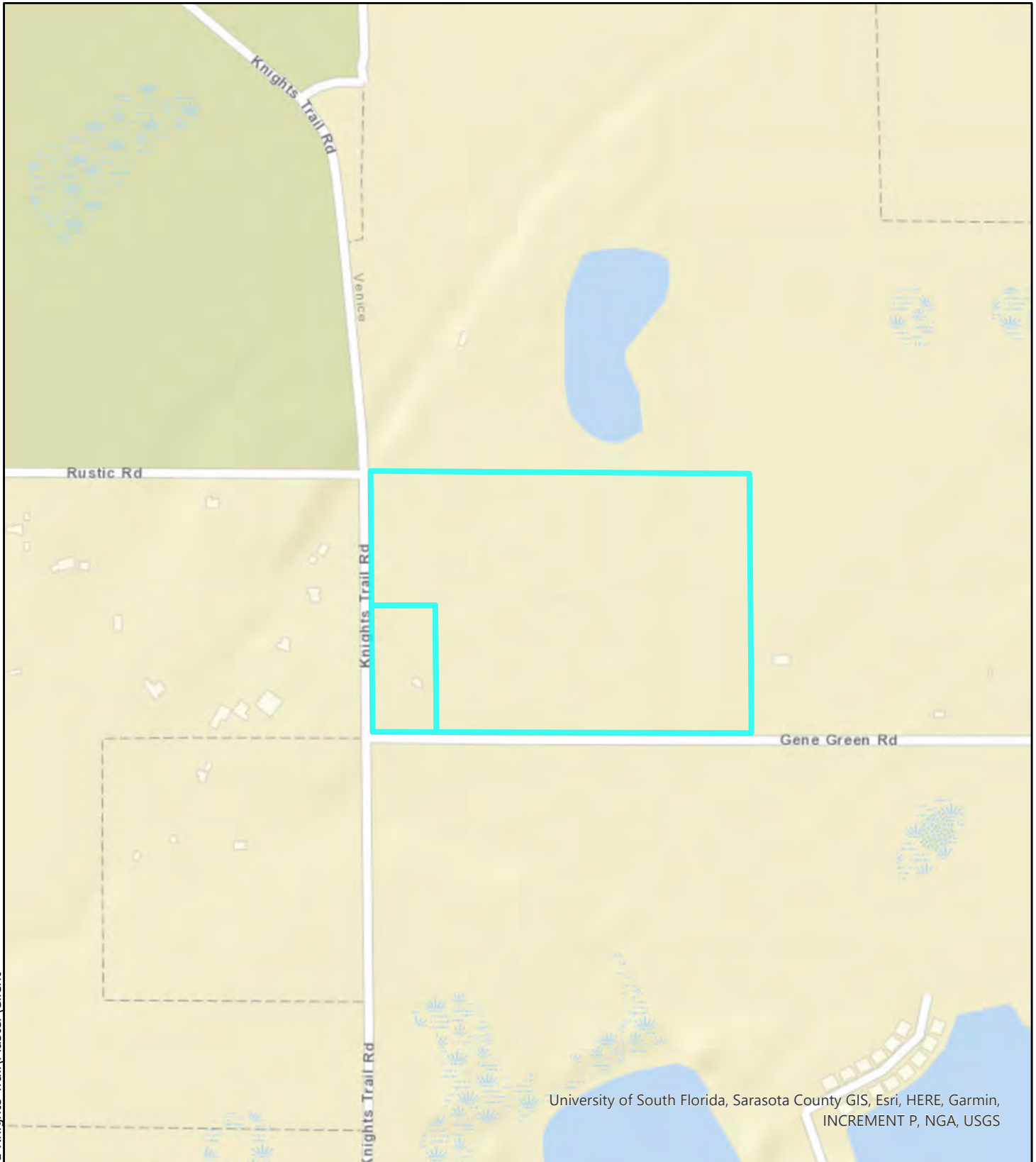


EXHIBIT 1 - LOCATION MAP
VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT



MAP DATE: 11/13/2025 LOCATION: CITY OF VENICE

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EXHIBIT 2:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (AS FURNISHED):

A parcel of land lying in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.00°30'20"E., along the West line of said Section 22, a distance of 2680.99 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence S.89°44'18"E., leaving said West line of Section 22, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on the East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road as recorded in Official Records Book 2089, Page 2446 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, same being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S.00°29'36"E., along said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road, a distance of 1280.55 feet to the intersection of the East Right of Way of Knight's Trail Road and the North Right of Way of Gene Green Road (50' Wide Right of Way) per Official Records Book 1084, Page 1581 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.89°46'54"E., along said North Right of Way line of Gene Green Road, a distance of 1970.62 feet to a point on the East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence N.00°56'32"W., along said East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, a distance of 1338.90 feet; thence N.89°43'52"W., a distance of 1960.16 feet to a point on said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road; thence S.00°30'19"E., along said East Right of Way line, a distance of 59.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel contains 2,632,597 square feet, or 60.4361 acres more or less.

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EXHIBIT 2 - METES & BOUNDS DESC. KNIGHTS TRAIL SUBDIVISION

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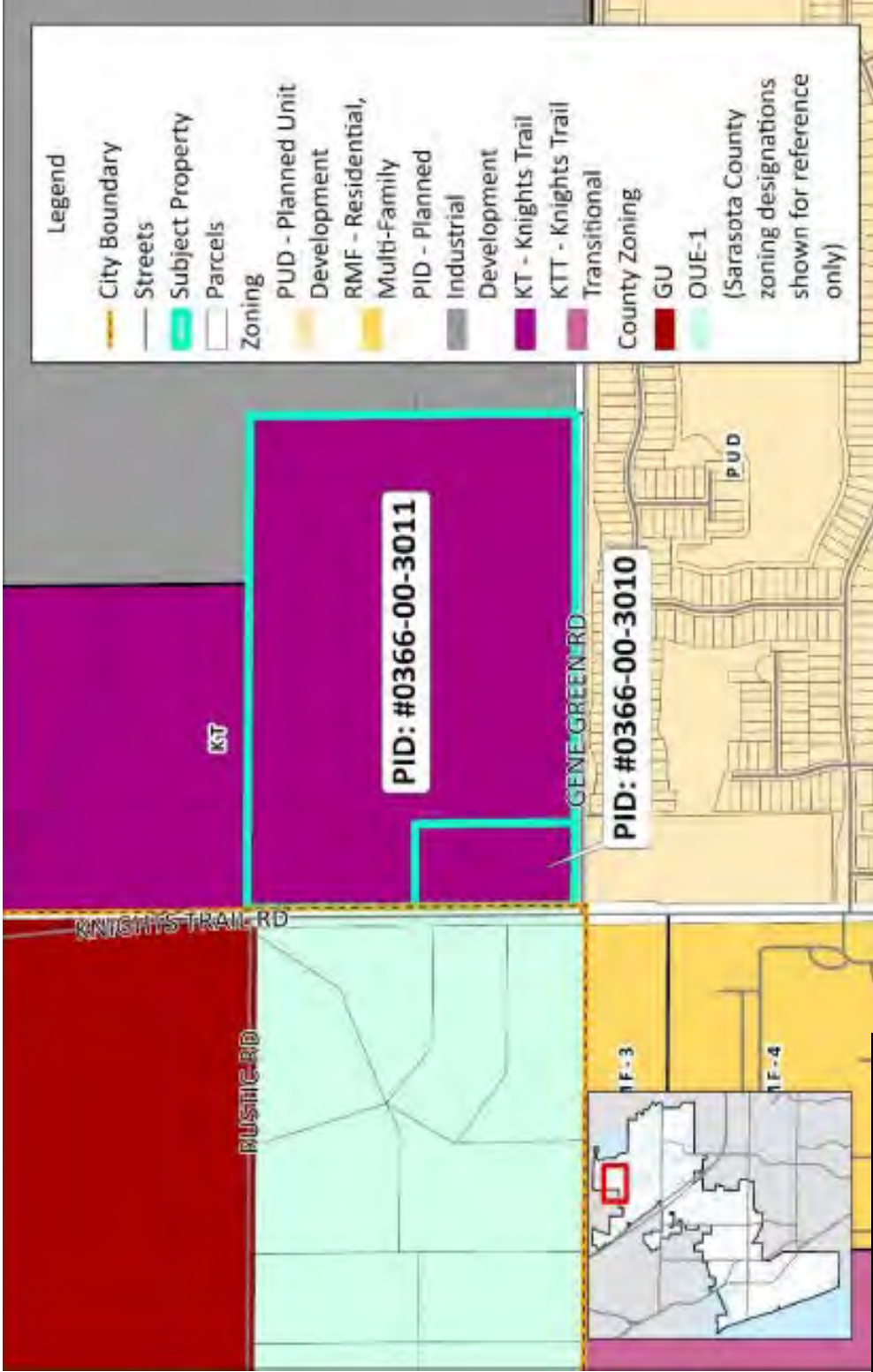
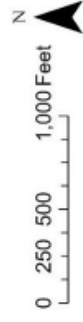


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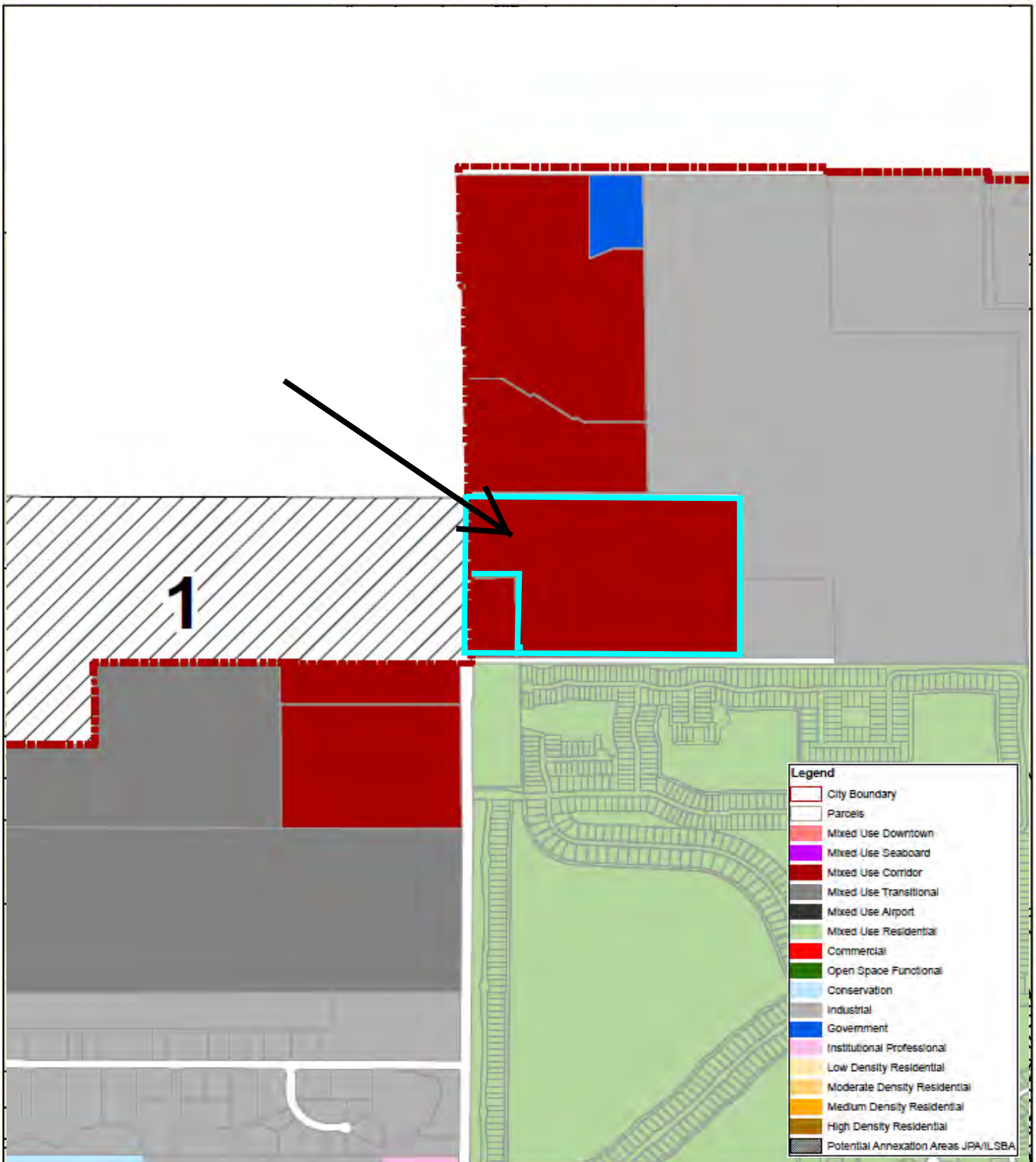
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EXHIBIT 4:
FUTURE LAND USE MAP



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EXHIBIT 4 - EXISTING AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP

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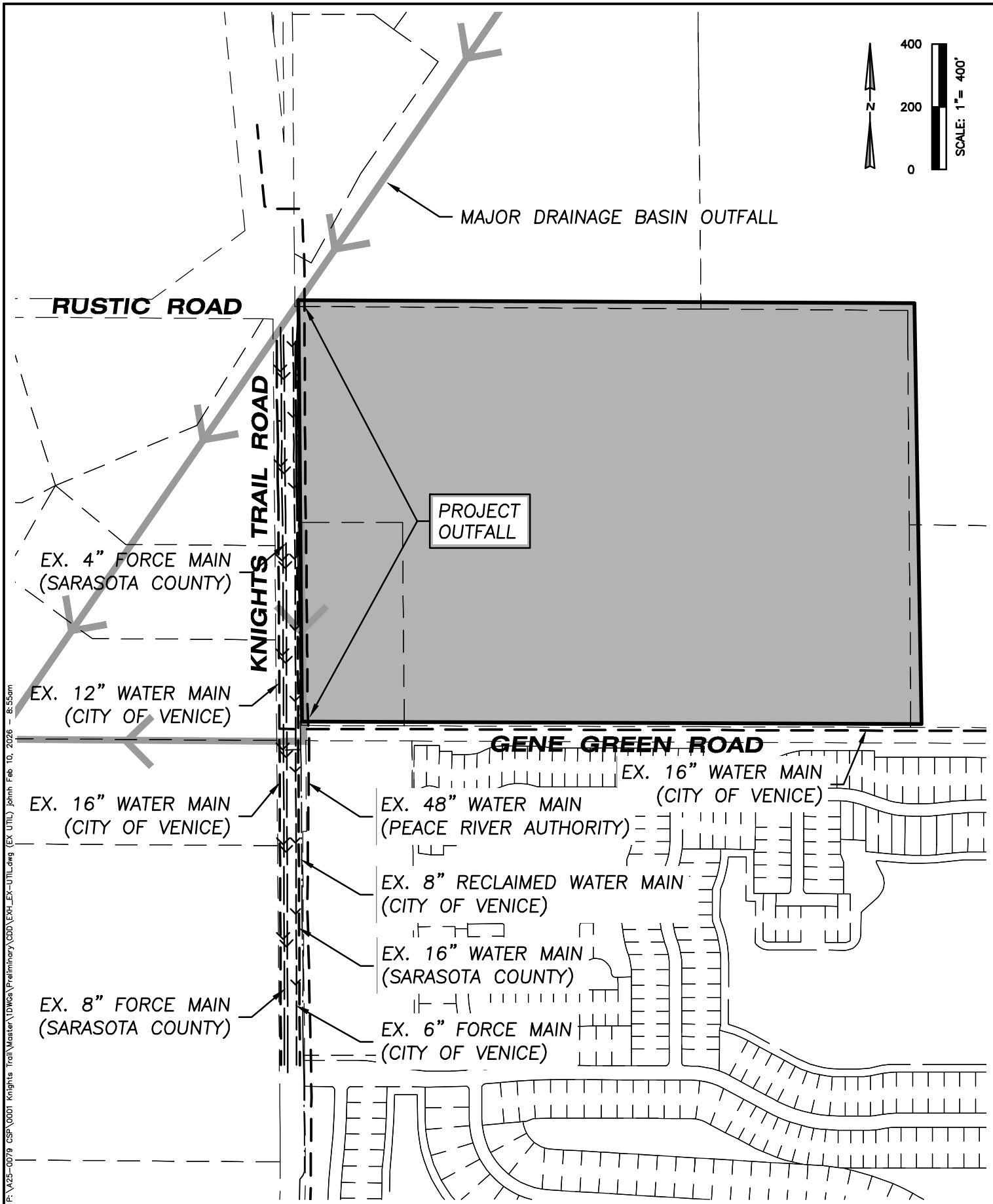
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EXHIBIT 5:
UTILITY LOCATION MAP



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EXHIBIT 6:
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EXHIBIT A - AERIAL MAP
VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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EXHIBIT 7:
OVERALL SITE PLAN

EXHIBIT 8:
DRAINAGE MAP

SECTION B

**MASTER
ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

FOR
VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Date: April 29, 2026

Prepared by

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1.0 Introduction

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the “District”). The District plans to issue up to \$17,560,000 of special assessment bonds in one or more series (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of financing certain infrastructure improvements within the District, more specifically described in the Master Engineer’s Report dated April 29, 2026 prepared by Absolute Engineering, Inc as may be amended and supplemented from time to time (the “Engineer’s Report”). The District anticipates the construction of public infrastructure improvements consisting of improvements that benefit property owners within the District.

1.1 Purpose

This Master Assessment Methodology Report (the “Assessment Report”) provides for an assessment methodology for allocating the debt to be incurred by the District to benefiting properties within the District. This Assessment Report allocates the debt to properties based on the special benefits each receives from the District’s capital improvement plan (“CIP”). This Assessment Report will be supplemented with one or more supplemental methodology reports to reflect the actual terms and conditions at the time of the issuance of each series of Bonds. This Assessment Report is designed to conform to the requirements of Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes, with respect to special assessments and is consistent with our understanding of case law on this subject.

The District intends to impose non ad valorem special assessments on the benefited lands within the District based on this Assessment Report. It is anticipated that all of the proposed special assessments will be collected through the Uniform Method of Collection described in Chapter 197.3632, Florida Statutes, collected directly, or through any other legal means of collection available to the District. It is not the intent of this Assessment Report to address any other assessments, if applicable, that may be levied by the District, a homeowner’s association, or any other unit of government.

1.2 Background

The District currently includes approximately 60.44 acres within the City of Venice within Sarasota County, Florida. The development program currently envisions approximately 338 residential units (herein the “Development”). The proposed Development program is depicted in Table 1. It is recognized that such land use plan may change, and this Assessment Report will be modified accordingly.

The public improvements contemplated by the District in the CIP will provide facilities that benefit certain property within the District. The CIP is delineated in the Engineer's Report. Specifically, the District may construct and/or acquire certain offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, potable water utilities, sewer utilities, reclaimed water utilities, undergrounding of conduit, roadways, entry features & signage, parks and amenities, professional costs, and contingency along with any other public projects authorized by Florida law. The acquisition and construction costs are summarized in Table 2.

The Assessment Report is a four-step process.

1. The District Engineer must first determine the public infrastructure improvements that may be provided by the District and the costs to implement the CIP.
2. The District Engineer determines the assessable acres that benefit from the District's CIP.
3. A calculation is made to determine the funding amounts necessary to acquire and/or construct CIP.
4. This amount is initially divided equally among the benefited properties on a prorated gross acreage basis. Ultimately, as land is platted, this amount will be assigned to each of the benefited properties based on the number of platted units.

1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

Improvements undertaken by the District create special and peculiar benefits to the assessable property, different in kind and degree than general benefits, for properties outside its borders as well as general benefits to the public at large.

However, as discussed within this Assessment Report, these general benefits are incidental in nature and are readily distinguishable from the special and peculiar benefits, which accrue to the assessable property within the District. The implementation of the CIP enables properties within its boundaries to be developed. Without the District's CIP, there would be no infrastructure to support development of land within the District. Without these improvements, development of the property within the District would be prohibited by law.

There is no doubt that the general public and property owners outside the District will benefit from the provision of the District's CIP. However, these benefits will be incidental to the District's CIP, which is designed solely to meet the needs of property within the District. Properties outside the District boundaries do not depend upon the District's CIP. The property owners within the District are therefore receiving special benefits not received by those outside the District's boundaries. The District has determined that the general benefits conferred upon the public at large and properties

outside the District are de minimis in relation to the special and peculiar benefits conferred upon assessed properties within the District. Accordingly, no portion of the assessments levied hereunder represents a charge for general benefits, and the full amount of the assessments reflects only special benefits conferred upon the assessed properties.

1.4 Requirements of a Valid Assessment Methodology

There are two requirements under Florida law for a valid special assessment:

- 1) The properties must receive a special benefit from the improvements being paid for.
- 2) The assessments must be fairly and reasonably allocated to the properties being assessed.

Florida law provides for a wide application of special assessments that meet these two requirements for valid special assessments.

1.5 Special Benefits Exceed the Costs Allocated

The special benefits provided to the property owners within the District are greater than the costs associated with providing these benefits. The District Engineer estimates that the District's CIP that is necessary to support full development of property will cost approximately \$13,128,500. The District's Underwriter projects that financing costs required to fund the infrastructure improvements, including project costs, the cost of issuance of the Bonds, the funding of debt service reserves and capitalized interest, will be approximately \$17,560,000. Additionally, funding required to complete the CIP which is not financed with Bonds is expected to be funded by Cassidy Land Development, LLC, its successors, assigns or future purchaser or another related entity (the "Developer"). Without the CIP, the property would not be able to be developed and occupied by future residents of the community. For each product type within the District, the special and peculiar benefits received - including the added use of the property, added enjoyment, and increased marketability and value resulting from the CIP - are greater than the assessments allocated to that product type as set forth in Tables 5 and 6. This finding is supported by the fact that the CIP is necessary to enable any development of the property and that the market value attributable to a fully serviced lot in this location exceeds the per-unit assessment obligations set forth herein.

2.0 Assessment Methodology

2.1 Overview

The District is planning to issue up to \$17,560,000 in Bonds, in one or more series to fund the District's CIP, provide for capitalized interest, a debt service reserve account and cost of issuance. It is the purpose of this Assessment Report to allocate the \$17,560,000 in debt to the properties benefiting from the CIP.

Table 1 identifies the proposed land uses as identified by the Developer and current landowners of the land within the District. The District has relied on the Engineer's Report to develop the costs of the CIP needed to support the Development. These construction costs are outlined in Table 2. The improvements needed to support the Development are described in detail in the Engineer's Report and are estimated to cost \$13,128,500. Based on the estimated costs, the size of the Bond issue under current market conditions needed to generate funds to pay for the CIP and related costs was determined by the District's Underwriter to total approximately \$17,560,000. Table 3 shows the breakdown of the bond sizing.

2.2 Allocation of Debt

Allocation of debt is a continuous process until the development plan is completed. The CIP funded by District Bonds benefits all developable acres within the District.

The initial assessments will be levied on an equal basis to all acres within the District. A fair and reasonable methodology allocates the debt incurred by the District proportionately to the properties receiving the special benefits. At this point all of the lands within the District are benefiting from the improvements.

Once platting, site planning, or the recording of declaration of condominium, ("Assigned Properties") has begun, the assessments will be levied to the Assigned Properties based on the benefits they receive. The Unassigned Properties, defined as property that has not been platted, assigned development rights or subjected to a declaration of condominium, will continue to be assessed on a per acre basis ("Unassigned Properties"). Eventually the development plan will be completed and the debt relating to the Bonds will be allocated to the planned 338 residential units within the District, which are the beneficiaries of the CIP, as depicted in Table 5 and Table 6. If there are changes to the development plan, a true up of the assessment will be calculated to determine if a debt reduction or true-up payment from the Developer is required. The process is outlined in Section 3.0.

Until all the land within the District has been platted and sold, the assessments on the portion of the land that has not been platted and sold are not fixed and determinable.

The reasons for this are (1) until the lands are platted, the number of developable acres within each tract against which the assessments are levied is not determined; (2) the lands are subject to re-plat, which may result in changes in development density and product type; and (3) until the lands are sold it is unclear of the timing of the absorptions. Only after the property has been platted and sold will the developable acreage be determined, the final plat be certain, the developable density known, the product types be confirmed, and the timing of the sales solidified.

The assignment of debt in this Assessment Report sets forth the process by which debt is apportioned. As mentioned herein, this Assessment Report will be supplemented from time to time.

2.3 Allocation of Benefit

The CIP consists of offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, potable water utilities, sewer utilities, reclaimed water utilities, undergrounding of conduit, roadways, entry features & signage, parks and amenities, professional costs, and contingency. There are three residential product types within the planned development. The Single Family 50' unit has been set as the base unit and has been assigned one equivalent residential unit ("ERU"). The ERU factors for each product type are based on the relative special benefit each product type receives from the CIP, as measured by factors including lot size, anticipated impervious surface area, demand placed on stormwater, utility and roadway infrastructure, and access to parks and amenities. A Townhome unit, with a smaller footprint and shared walls, is estimated to generate proportionally less demand on the CIP improvements and has been assigned an ERU factor of 0.75. A Single Family 40' unit, with a larger footprint than a Townhome but smaller than a Single Family 50' unit, has been assigned an ERU factor of 0.80. A Single Family 50' unit, having the largest footprint and placing the greatest demand on the CIP, serves as the base unit at 1.00 ERU. Table 4 shows the allocation of benefit to the particular land uses. It is important to note that the benefit derived from the improvements on the particular units exceeds the cost that the units will be paying for such benefits.

2.4 Lienability Test: Special and Peculiar Benefit to the Property

Construction and/or acquisition by the District of its proposed CIP will provide several types of systems, facilities and services for its residents. These may include but are not limited to offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, potable water utilities, sewer utilities, reclaimed water utilities, undergrounding of conduit, roadways, entry features & signage, parks and amenities, professional costs, and contingency. These improvements accrue in differing amounts and are somewhat dependent on the type of land use receiving the special benefits peculiar to those properties, which flow from the logical relationship of the improvements to the properties.

Once these determinations are made, they are reviewed in the light of the special benefits peculiar to the property, which flow to the properties as a result of their logical connection from the improvements in fact actually provided.

For the provision of CIP, the special and peculiar benefits are:

- 1) the added use of the property,
- 2) added enjoyment of the property, and
- 3) the probability of increased marketability and value of the property.

These special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable but are not yet capable of being calculated as to value with mathematical certainty. However, each is more valuable than either the cost of, or the actual non-ad valorem special assessment levied for the improvement or the debt as allocated.

2.5 Lienability Test: Reasonable and Fair Apportionment of the Duty to Pay Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

A reasonable estimate of the proportion of special and peculiar benefits received from the public improvements described in the Engineer's Report is delineated in Table 5 (expressed as Allocation of Par Debt per Product Type).

The determination has been made that the duty to pay the non-ad valorem special assessments is fairly and reasonably apportioned because the special and peculiar benefits to the property derived from the acquisition and/or construction of the District's CIP have been apportioned to the property according to reasonable estimates of the special and peculiar benefits provided consistent with the land use categories.

Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the boundaries of the District will have a lien for the payment of any non-ad valorem special assessment more than the determined special benefit peculiar to that property and therefore, the debt allocation will not be increased more than the debt allocation set forth in this Assessment Report.

In accordance with the benefit allocation suggested for the product types in Table 4, a total debt per unit and an annual assessment per unit have been calculated for each product type (Table 6). These amounts represent the preliminary anticipated per unit debt allocation assuming all anticipated units are built and sold as planned, and the entire proposed CIP is developed or acquired and financed by the District.

3.0 True Up Mechanism

Although the District does not process plats, declaration of condominiums, site plans or revisions thereto for the Developer, it does have an important role to play during

the course of platting and site planning. Whenever a plat, declaration of condominium or site plan is processed, the District must allocate a portion of its debt to the property according to this Assessment Report outlined herein. In addition, the District must also prevent any buildup of debt on Unassigned Property. Otherwise, the land could be fully conveyed and/or platted without all of the debt being allocated. To preclude this, at the time Unassigned Properties become Assigned Properties, the District will determine the amount of anticipated assessment revenue that remains on the Unassigned Properties, taking into account the proposed plat, or site plan approval. If the total anticipated assessment revenue to be generated from the Assigned and Unassigned Properties is greater than or equal to the maximum annual debt service then no adjustment is required. In the case that the revenue generated is less than the required amount then a debt reduction or true-up payment by the landowner in the amount necessary to reduce the par amount of the outstanding Bonds plus accrued interest to a level that will be supported by the new net annual debt service assessments will be required. In addition, if any Unassigned Property is permanently removed from the developable land base for any reason (including changes in entitlements, environmental restrictions, dedication, or condemnation), the District shall treat such removal as a triggering event requiring a true-up calculation, and the landowner shall be required to make a true-up payment or the District shall reduce the outstanding par amount of the Bonds to a level supportable by the remaining assessable properties.

4.0 Assessment Roll

The District will initially distribute the liens across the property within the District boundaries on a gross acreage basis. As Assigned Property becomes known with certainty, the District will refine its allocation of debt from a per acre basis to a per unit basis as shown in Table 7. If the land use plan changes, then the District will update Tables 1, 4, 5 and 6 to reflect the changes. As a result, the assessment liens are neither fixed nor are they determinable with certainty on any acre of land in the District prior to the time final Assigned Properties become known. At this time the debt associated with the District's CIP will be distributed evenly across the acres within the District. As the development process occurs, the debt will be distributed against the Assigned Property in the manner described in this Assessment Report. The current assessment roll is depicted in Table 7.

TABLE 1
 VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
 MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	Totals	ERUs per Unit (1)	Total ERUs
Townhome	116	116	0.75	87.00
Single Family - 40'	135	135	0.80	108.00
Single Family - 50'	87	87	1.00	87.00
Total Units	338	338		282.0

(1) Benefit is allocated on an ERU basis based on the special benefit received from the CIP improvements. The allocation is density of planned development, with a Single Family 50' unit equal to 1 ERU. The District has determined that this allocation methodology provides a fair and reasonable apportionment of the debt among the benefited properties in accordance with Section 170.201, Florida Statutes

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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TABLE 2
 VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 INFRASTRUCTURE COST ESTIMATES
 MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP") (1)	Total Cost Estimate
Offsite Improvements	\$1,193,500
Stormwater Management	\$3,580,500
Utilities (Water)	\$1,071,090
Utilities (Sewer)	\$1,300,609
Utilities (Reclaimed Water)	\$535,545
Undergrounding of Conduit	\$76,506
Roadway	\$2,387,000
Entry Feature & Signage	\$596,750
Parks and Amenities	\$1,193,500
Contingency	\$1,193,500
	\$13,128,500

(1) A detailed description of these improvements is provided in the Master Engineer's Report dated April 29, 2026

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TABLE 3
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOND SIZING
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Description	Total
Construction Funds	\$13,128,500
Debt Service Reserve	\$1,344,700
Capitalized Interest	\$2,282,800
Underwriters Discount	\$351,200
Cost of Issuance	\$450,000
Rounding	\$2,800
Par Amount*	\$17,560,000

Bond Assumptions:

Average Coupon	6.50%
Amortization	30 years
Capitalized Interest	24 months
Debt Service Reserve	Max Annual D/S
Underwriters Discount	2%

* Par amount is subject to change based on the actual terms at the sale of the Bonds

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TABLE 4
 VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 ALLOCATION OF BENEFIT
 MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	ERU Factor	Total ERUs	% of Total ERUs	Total Improvements	
					Costs Per Product Type	Improvement Costs Per Unit
Townhome	116	0.75	87.00	30.85%	\$4,050,282	\$34,916
Single Family - 40'	135	0.80	108.00	38.30%	\$5,027,936	\$37,244
Single Family - 50'	87	1.00	87.00	30.85%	\$4,050,282	\$46,555
Totals	338		282.00	100.00%	\$13,128,500	

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

TABLE 5
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ALLOCATION OF TOTAL BENEFIT/PAR DEBT TO EACH PRODUCT TYPE
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	Total Improvements Costs Per Product	Allocation of Par Debt Per Product	Par Debt Per Unit
		Type	Type	
Townhome	116	\$4,050,282	\$5,417,447	\$46,702
Single Family - 40'	135	\$5,027,936	\$6,725,106	\$49,816
Single Family - 50'	87	\$4,050,282	\$5,417,447	\$62,270
Totals	338	\$13,128,500	\$17,560,000	

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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TABLE 6
 VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 PAR DEBT AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH PRODUCT TYPE
 MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	Allocation of Par Debt Per Product Type	Total Par Debt Per Unit	Maximum Annual Debt Service	Net Annual Debt Assessment Per Unit	Gross Annual Debt Assessment Per Unit (1)
Townhome	116	\$5,417,447	\$46,702	\$414,854	\$3,576	\$3,805
Single Family - 40'	135	\$6,725,106	\$49,816	\$514,991	\$3,815	\$4,058
Single Family - 50'	87	\$5,417,447	\$62,270	\$414,854	\$4,768	\$5,073
Totals	338	\$17,560,000		\$1,344,700		

(1) This amount includes collection fees and early payment discounts when collected on the Sarasota County Tax Bill

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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TABLE 7
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Owner	Parcel ID	Net Acres	Total Par Debt Allocation Per Acre	Total Par Debt Allocated	Net Annual Debt Assessment Allocation	Gross Annual Debt Assessment Allocation (1)
CSPGRAND OAKS VENICE LAND I LLC	0366-00-3010	5.48	\$290,555	\$1,591,674	\$121,886	\$129,666
CSPGRAND OAKS VENICE LAND I LLC	0366-00-3011	54.96	\$290,555	\$15,968,326	\$1,222,814	\$1,300,866
Totals		60.44		\$17,560,000	\$1,344,700	\$1,430,532

(1) This amount includes 6% to cover collection costs and early payment discounts when collected utilizing the uniform method. As authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, when collected utilizing the uniform method of collection pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes

Annual Assessment Periods	30
Average Coupon Rate (%)	6.50%
Maximum Annual Debt Service	\$1,344,700

* - See Metes and Bounds, attached as Exhibit A

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Exhibit A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (AS FURNISHED):

A parcel of land lying in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.00°30'20"E., along the West line of said Section 22, a distance of 2680.99 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence S.89°44'18"E., leaving said West line of Section 22, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on the East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road as recorded in Official Records Book 2089, Page 2446 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, same being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S.00°29'36"E., along said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road, a distance of 1280.55 feet to the intersection of the East Right of Way of Knight's Trail Road and the North Right of Way of Gene Green Road (50' Wide Right of Way) per Official Records Book 1084, Page 1581 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.89°46'54"E., along said North Right of Way line of Gene Green Road, a distance of 1970.62 feet to a point on the East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence N.00°56'32"W., along said East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, a distance of 1338.90 feet; thence N.89°43'52"W., a distance of 1960.16 feet to a point on said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road; thence S.00°30'19"E., along said East Right of Way line, a distance of 59.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel contains 2,632,597 square feet, or 60.4361 acres more or less.

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EXHIBIT 2 - METES & BOUNDS DESC. KNIGHTS TRAIL SUBDIVISION

SEC TWP RGE	JOB NUMBER	DRAWN BY	DATE	SHEET
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SECTION C

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$17,560,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF THE PLANNING, FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENTRY FEATURES AND SIGNAGE, STORMWATER FACILITIES, WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES, RECREATION FACILITIES AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION, AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONAL FEES AND INCIDENTAL COSTS RELATED THERETO PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; APPOINTING A TRUSTEE; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER TRUST INDENTURE; PROVIDING THAT SUCH BONDS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT, LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, OR THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, BUT SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ASSESSED AND LEVIED ON THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT BENEFITED BY THE IMPROVEMENTS AND SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE JUDICIAL VALIDATION OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special purpose government duly organized and existing under the provisions of the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act") and created by Ordinance No. 2026-12 enacted by the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida (the "City") on April 28, 2026;

WHEREAS, the District was created for the purpose of delivering certain community development services and facilities within and outside its jurisdiction, and the District has decided to undertake the planning, financing, construction and/or acquisition of public infrastructure improvements including, but not limited to entry features and signage, stormwater facilities, water and sewer facilities, street lighting and road construction, offsite improvements and associated professional fees and incidental costs related thereto pursuant to the Act (the "Project"), as set forth in **Schedule I** attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the issuance, in one or more series, of not to exceed \$17,560,000 aggregate principal amount of its Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds (collectively, the "Bonds"), in order to pay all or a portion of the costs of the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of the Project;

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide the terms and conditions under which the District will acquire and cause to be constructed the improvements serving District lands;

WHEREAS, authority is conferred upon the District by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, specifically the Act, to issue the Bonds;

WHEREAS, the District desires to appoint a trustee for the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize and approve various instruments to be executed and delivered in connection with the Bonds and to provide for the judicial validation of the Bonds pursuant to Section 190.016(12), Florida Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District, as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. Capitalized terms used herein without definitions shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the Indenture described in Section 5 hereof, the form of which is set out as Exhibit A attached hereto, unless the context otherwise clearly requires.

Section 2. Authorization of Bonds. The District hereby authorizes the issuance of not to exceed \$17,560,000 aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (excluding any refunding Bonds issued as provided in the Indenture) in one or more series to pay all or a portion of the costs of the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, equipping and installation of the Project. Pursuant to Section 190.016(1), Florida Statutes, the Bonds may be issued and delivered by the District in payment of all or a portion of the purchase price of the Project or may be sold at public or private sale.

Section 3. Certain Details of the Bonds. The Bonds, and the interest thereon, shall not be deemed to constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the District, of Sarasota County, the City, or the State of Florida (the "State"), or of any political subdivision thereof, but shall be payable solely from the Pledged Revenues designated for the Bonds, including Special Assessments levied by the District on property within the District benefited by the Project and subject to assessment, as set forth in the Indenture, and neither the faith and credit nor any taxing power of the District, the City, the County, or the State, nor of any political subdivision thereof, is pledged to the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, except for Special Assessments to be assessed and levied by the District to secure and pay the Bonds.

The Bonds shall:

- (i) be issued in one or more series and may be delivered upon receipt of the purchase price therefor, for the purpose of financing or refinancing the costs of all or a portion of the Project and may be sold at public or private sale, as provided in Section 190.016(1), Florida Statutes, each series to be in an aggregate principal amount to be determined by subsequent resolution or resolutions of the District; provided, however, that the total aggregate principal amount of all series of Bonds (excluding refunding Bonds, as described in the Indenture) issued may not exceed \$17,560,000;
- (ii) be issued in fully registered form in such principal denominations of \$5,000 if the Bonds bear an investment grade rating by a nationally recognized rating agency, and otherwise, initially in principal amounts of \$100,000 and any integral multiple of \$5,000 in excess thereof, and thereafter, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof;
- (iii) be secured and payable from the Pledged Revenues, as provided in the Indenture and any supplement thereto (a "Supplemental Indenture") and the resolution of the District relating to such series of Bonds;
- (iv) bear interest at an average annual rate not exceeding the maximum rate as may then be permitted by the laws of the State as more particularly provided in a resolution adopted by the District prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds;
- (v) be payable in not more than the maximum number of annual installments allowed by law (currently thirty (30) annual installments of principal); and
- (vi) be dated as provided in a resolution adopted by the District prior to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

The final maturity date or dates of the Bonds and the interest rate or rates thereon shall be determined, within the foregoing limits, and any optional, mandatory and extraordinary redemption provisions thereof shall be fixed, by the Indenture hereinafter referred to, as supplemented from time to time, or by one or more resolutions of the District to be adopted prior to the delivery of the Bonds. In other respects, the Bonds shall be in the form, shall be executed and authenticated, shall be subject to replacement and shall be delivered as provided in the Indenture and a Supplemental Indenture.

Prior to the issuance and delivery of any series of Bonds (other than refunding Bonds), the District shall have undertaken and, to the extent then required under applicable law and the Supplemental Indenture for a particular series, completed all necessary proceedings, including, without limitation, the approval of assessment rolls, the holding of public hearings, the adoption of resolutions and the establishment of all necessary collection proceedings, in order to levy and collect Special Assessments upon the lands within the District subject to assessment, all as more

specifically required and provided for by the Act and Chapters 170 and 190, Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, or any successor statutes thereto.

Section 4. Designation of Attesting Members. The Secretary of the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the District, or in the case of the Secretary's absence or inability to act, any Assistant Secretary of the Board (each individually a "Designated Member"), are hereby designated and authorized on behalf of the Board to attest to the seal of the Board and to the signature of the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board as they appear on the Bonds, the Indenture and any other documents which may be necessary or helpful in connection with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and in connection with the application of the proceeds thereof.

Section 5. Authorization of Execution and Delivery of Master Trust Indenture. The District does hereby authorize and approve the execution by the Chair, Vice-Chair or any Designated Member and the delivery of a Master Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") for the Bonds, between the District and the trustee appointed pursuant to Section 7 of this resolution (the "Trustee"). The Indenture shall provide, among other things, for the security of the Bonds and express the contract between the District and the owners of such Bonds. The Indenture shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and is hereby approved, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the Chair, Vice Chair or Designated Member executing the same, with such execution to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval and the District's approval of any changes therein from the form of Indenture attached hereto.

Section 6. Sale of Bonds. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.016(1), Florida Statutes, the Bonds may be issued in one or more series and may be delivered upon receipt of the purchase price therefor, for the purpose of financing or refinancing the costs of all or a portion of the Project and may be sold at public or private sale, after such advertisement, if any, as the Board may deem advisable but not in any event at less than ninety percent (90%) of the par value thereof, together with accrued interest thereon, unless otherwise permitted by the Act.

Section 7. Appointment of Trustee. The District does hereby appoint U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee under the Indenture. The Trustee shall also serve as the Paying Agent, Registrar and Authenticating Agent under the Indenture.

Section 8. Bond Validation. District Counsel and Bond Counsel to the District are hereby authorized and directed to take appropriate proceedings in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Sarasota County, for validation of the Bonds and the proceedings incident thereto to the extent required by and in accordance with Section 190.016(12), Florida Statutes. The Chair or Vice-Chair or any Designated Member is authorized to sign any pleadings and to offer testimony in any such proceedings for and on behalf of the District. The other members of the Board, the officers of the District and the agents and employees of the District, including, without limitation, the District Manager, the engineer or engineering firm serving as engineer to the District, and the District's financial advisor are hereby also authorized to offer testimony for and on behalf of the District in connection with any such validation proceedings.

Section 9. Authorization and Ratification of Prior and Subsequent Acts. The members of the Board, the officers of the District, and the agents and employees of the District,

are hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any closing documents, as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of this resolution and the Indenture, and all of the acts and doings of such members of the Board, the officers of the District, and the agents and employees of the District, which are in conformity with the intent and purposes of this resolution, whether heretofore or hereafter taken or done, shall be and are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 10. Subsequent Resolution(s) Required. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no series of Bonds may be issued or delivered until the District adopts a subsequent resolution and/or supplemental indenture for each such series fixing the details of such series of Bonds remaining to be specified or delegating to a Designated Member the authority to fix such details.

Section 11. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or ineffective for any reason, the remainder of this resolution shall continue in full force and effect, it being expressly hereby found and declared that the remainder of this resolution would have been adopted despite the invalidity or ineffectiveness of such section, paragraph, clause or provision.

Section 12. Open Meetings. It is hereby found and determined that all acts of the Board concerning and relating to adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of the Board and all deliberations of the Board that resulted in such official acts were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including, but not limited to, the requirements of Section 286.011, Florida Statutes.

Section 13. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and any provisions of any previous resolutions in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby superseded.

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PASSED in Public Session of the Board of Supervisors of Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District this 29th day of April, 2026.

Attest:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary, Board of Supervisors

Chair, Board of Supervisors

SCHEDULE I

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AND SUMMARY OF OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS

The Project includes the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, equipping and installation of the following public infrastructure improvements and associated professional fees and incidental costs related thereto pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended, including, without limitation, the items listed below, all of which is described in more detail in the Master Engineer's Report prepared for the Board of Supervisors of Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District, dated April 29, 2026, prepared by Absolute Engineering, Inc.:

<u>Number of Lots</u>	<u>338⁽¹⁰⁾</u>
<u>Infrastructure⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾</u>	
Offsite Improvements ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 1,193,500
Stormwater Management ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	\$ 3,580,500
Utilities (Water)	\$ 1,071,090
Utilities (Sewer)	\$ 1,300,609
Utilities (Reclaimed Water)	\$ 535,545
Utilities (Street Lighting) ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 76,506
Roadway ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 2,387,000
Entry Feature & Signage ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 596,750
Parks and Amenities	\$ 1,193,500
Contingency	\$ 1,193,500
TOTAL	\$ 13,128,500

Notes:

1. Infrastructure consists of public roadway improvements, stormwater management facilities, master sanitary sewer lift station and utilities, entry feature, landscaping and signage, and neighborhood parks and any land or other acquisitions will be made at the lower of cost or fair market value.
2. Stormwater does not include grading associated with building pads, both for initial construction and in conjunction with home construction.
3. Includes stormwater pond excavation, and storage of fill, but not the cost of transporting the fill on private lots.
4. Includes sub-grade, base, asphalt paving, curbing, and civil/site engineering. All roadways will be accessible by the public.
5. Includes subdivision infrastructure and civil/site engineering.
6. Estimates are based on 2025 costs and include connection to existing utilities.
7. Includes entry features, signage, hardscape, landscape, irrigation and fencing.
8. CDD will enter into a Lighting Agreement with Florida Power and Light for the street light poles and lighting service. Only undergrounding of wires in public rights-of-way and on District land will be funded by the CDD.
9. Offsite Improvements include turn lanes on Knights Trail Road at Project Access and utility extensions.
10. Includes 116 - 40' Townhomes, 135 - 40' x 120' Single Family Units, and 87 - 50' x 120 Single Family Units.
11. Infrastructure Construction timeline - 2026-2027.
12. All utilities shall be constructed to City standards.

EXHIBIT A
FORM OF INDENTURE

MASTER TRUST INDENTURE

between

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
(SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA)**

and

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Trustee

Dated as of _____ 1, 2026

relating to

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS**

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THIS **MASTER TRUST INDENTURE**, dated as of _____ 1, 2026 (the "Master Indenture"), by and between **VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** (together with its permitted successors and assigns, the "Issuer"), a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and **U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, a national banking association duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America and having a corporate trust office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida (said national banking association and any bank or trust company becoming successor trustee under this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures (as hereinafter defined) being hereinafter referred to as the "Trustee");

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Issuer is a local unit of special purpose government duly organized and existing under the provisions of the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act") created pursuant to Ordinance No. 2026-12 (the "Ordinance") enacted by the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida (the "City") on April 28, 2026, for the purposes of delivering community development services and facilities to property to be served by the District (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, the premises governed by the Issuer (as further described in Exhibit A hereto, the "District" or "District Lands") currently consist of approximately 60.4361 gross acres of land located entirely within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has determined to undertake, in one or more stages, the planning, financing, construction and/or acquisition of public infrastructure improvements including, but not limited to offsite improvements, stormwater management, utilities including water, sewer and street lighting, roadways, entry feature and signage, parks and amenities and associated professional fees and incidental costs related thereto pursuant to the Act, for the special benefit of the District Lands (as further described in Exhibit B hereto, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer proposes to finance or refinance, as the case may be, the costs of the Project by the issuance of one or more series of bonds pursuant to this Master Indenture;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS MASTER INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that to provide for the issuance of Bonds (as hereinafter defined) under this Master Indenture, as supplemented from time to time by one or more Supplemental Indentures (as hereinafter defined), the security and payment of the principal, redemption or purchase price thereof (as the case may be) and interest thereon, any reimbursement due to a Credit Facility Issuer (hereinafter defined), if any, for any drawing on its Credit Facility (hereinafter defined), as required under the terms of the corresponding Credit Facility Agreement (hereinafter defined), the rights of the Owners of the Bonds of a Series (as hereinafter defined) and the performance and observance of all of the covenants contained herein and in said Bonds and in any Credit Facility Agreement for and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and of the purchase and acceptance of the Bonds of a Series by the Owners thereof, from time to time, the issuance by any Credit Facility Issuer of its Credit Facility, from time to time, and of the acceptance by the Trustee of the trusts hereby created, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Issuer hereby assigns, transfers, sets

over and pledges to the Trustee and grants a lien on all of the right, title and interest of the Issuer in and to the Pledged Revenues (hereinafter defined) as security for the payment of the principal, redemption or purchase price of (as the case may be) and interest on Bonds of a Series issued hereunder and any reimbursement due to any Credit Facility Issuer for any drawing on its Credit Facility issued with respect to any such Bonds, as required under the terms of the corresponding Credit Facility Agreement, all in the manner hereinafter provided, and the Issuer further hereby agrees with and covenants unto the Trustee as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

In this Master Indenture and any indenture supplemental hereto (except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires) terms defined in the recitals hereto shall have the same meaning throughout this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures, and in addition, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

"Account" shall mean any account or subaccount established pursuant to this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures.

"Acquisition Agreement" shall mean one or more improvement acquisition agreements between the Issuer and the Landowner, pursuant to which the Landowner agrees to provide, design, construct and sell to the Issuer, and the Issuer agrees to purchase from the Landowner, all or a portion of the Project.

"Acquisition and Construction Fund" shall mean the Fund so designated and established pursuant to Section 5.01 hereof.

"Act" shall mean the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, and any successor statute thereto.

"Annual Budget" shall mean the Issuer's budget of current operating and maintenance expenses for the Project for a Fiscal Year, as the same may be amended from time to time, adopted in accordance with the provisions hereof.

"Arbitrage Certificate" shall mean the certificate of the Issuer delivered at the time of issuance of a Series of Bonds setting forth the expectations of the Issuer with respect to the use of the proceeds of such Series and also containing certain covenants of the Issuer in order to achieve compliance with the Code relating to the tax-status of the Bonds.

"Authenticating Agent" shall mean the agent so described in, and appointed pursuant to, Section 2.03 of this Master Indenture.

"Authorized Denomination" shall mean, unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, \$5,000 if the Bonds bear an investment grade rating by a nationally recognized rating agency, and otherwise, initially in principal amounts of \$100,000 and any integral multiple of \$5,000 in excess thereof, and thereafter, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

"Authorized Newspaper" shall mean a newspaper printed in English and customarily published at least once a day at least five days a week and generally circulated in New York, New York, or such other cities as the Issuer from time to time may determine by written notice provided to the Trustee. When successive publications in an Authorized Newspaper are required, they may be made in the same or different Authorized Newspapers.

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean the actual owner of Bonds while the Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC. The Trustee is authorized to recognize the Beneficial Owners of a Series of Bonds for purposes of approvals, consents or other actions taken hereunder or under a Supplemental Indenture if beneficial ownership is proven to the satisfaction of the Trustee.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Supervisors of the Issuer.

"Bond Counsel" shall mean Counsel of nationally recognized standing in matters pertaining to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations issued by states and their political subdivisions.

"Bondholder," "Holder of Bonds," "Holder," or "Owner" or any similar term shall mean any Person or Persons who shall be the registered owner of any Outstanding Bond or Bonds, as evidenced on the Bond Register of the Issuer kept by the Registrar.

"Bond Redemption Fund" shall mean the Fund so designated which is established pursuant to Section 6.06 hereof.

"Bond Register" shall have the meaning specified in Section 2.04 of this Master Indenture.

"Bonds" shall mean the Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, issued in one or more Series pursuant to the provisions of this Master Indenture and one or more Supplemental Indentures, and Bonds subsequently issued to refund all or a portion of such aforementioned Bonds.

"Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or legal holiday or a day on which the designated corporate office of the Trustee, the Registrar or any Paying Agent is closed, or any day on which the payment system of the U.S. Federal Reserve is not operational.

"Certified Public Accountant" shall mean a Person, who shall be Independent, appointed by the Board, actively engaged in the business of public accounting and duly certified as a certified public accountant under the laws of the State.

"Certified Resolution" or "Certified Resolution of the Issuer" shall mean a copy of one or more resolutions certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Issuer, under its seal, to have been duly adopted by the Board and to be in full force and effect as of the date of such certification.

"City" shall mean the City of Venice, Florida.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and the applicable United States Treasury Department regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Completion Date" shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 5.01 of this Master Indenture.

"Consultant" shall mean a Person, who shall be Independent, appointed by the Board, qualified to pass upon questions relating to municipal entities and having a favorable reputation for skill and experience in the financial affairs of municipal entities.

"Consultant's Certificate" shall mean a certificate or a report prepared in accordance with then applicable professional standards duly executed by a Consultant.

"Consulting Engineer" shall mean the Independent engineer or engineering firm or corporation at the time employed by the Issuer under the provisions of Section 9.21 of this Master Indenture to perform and carry out duties imposed on the Consulting Engineer by this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indentures. The Independent engineer or engineering firm or corporation at the time serving as the engineer to the Issuer may serve as Consulting Engineer under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indentures.

"Continuing Disclosure Agreement" shall mean a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, by and among the Issuer, the dissemination agent named therein and any Landowner that is the owner of at least twenty percent (20%) of the District Lands which have been determined by the Issuer to be lands benefited by the Project or portion thereof financed with the proceeds of a Series of Bonds or are responsible for payment of at least twenty percent (20%) of the Special Assessments levied and collected on all or a portion of the District Lands with respect to the Project or portion thereof financed by such Series of Bonds, and any other obligated person(s) under the Rule, in connection with the issuance of one or more Series of Bonds hereunder, pursuant to the requirements of the Rule.

"Cost" or "Costs," in connection with the Project or any portion thereof, shall mean all expenses which are properly chargeable thereto under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or which are incidental to the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, equipping and installation thereof, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (a) expenses of determining the feasibility or practicability of acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of the Project;

- (b) cost of surveys, estimates, plans, and specifications;

- (c) cost of improvements;

- (d) engineering, architectural, fiscal, legal, accounting and other professional and advisory expenses and charges;

- (e) cost of all labor, materials, machinery, and equipment (including, without limitation, (i) amounts payable to contractors, builders and materialmen and costs incident to the award of contracts and (ii) the cost of labor, facilities and services furnished by the Issuer and its

employees, materials and supplies purchased by the Issuer and permits and licenses obtained by the Issuer);

- (f) cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements, and franchises acquired;
- (g) financing charges;
- (h) creation of initial reserve and debt service funds;
- (i) working capital;
- (j) interest charges incurred or estimated to be incurred on money borrowed prior to and during construction and acquisition and for such reasonable period of time after completion of construction or acquisition as the Board may determine and as approved by Bond Counsel;
- (k) the cost of issuance of Bonds, including, without limitation, advertisements and printing;
- (l) the cost of any election held pursuant to the Act and all other expenses of issuance of bonds;
- (m) the discount, if any, on the sale or exchange of Bonds;
- (n) amounts required to repay temporary or bond anticipation loans made to finance any costs permitted under the Act;
- (o) costs of prior improvements performed by the Issuer in anticipation of the Project;
- (p) costs incurred to enforce remedies against contractors, subcontractors, any provider of labor, material, services, or any other Person, for a default or breach under the corresponding contract, or in connection with any other dispute;
- (q) premiums for contract bonds and insurance during construction and costs on account of personal injuries and property damage in the course of construction and insurance against the same;
- (r) payments, contributions, dedications, and any other exactions required as a condition to receive any government approval or permit necessary to accomplish any District purpose;
- (s) administrative expenses;
- (t) taxes, assessments and similar governmental charges during construction or reconstruction of the Project;
- (u) expenses of Project management and supervision;

(v) costs of effecting compliance with any and all governmental permits relating to the Project;

(w) such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of the Project or to the financing thereof; and

(x) any other "cost" or expense as provided by the Act.

In connection with the refunding or redeeming of any Bonds, "Cost" includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the items listed in (d), (k), (l) and (m) above, and other expenses related to the redemption of the Bonds to be redeemed and the Redemption Price of such Bonds (and the accrued interest payable on redemption to the extent not otherwise provided for). Whenever Costs are required to be itemized, such itemization shall, to the extent practicable, correspond with the items listed above. Whenever Costs are to be paid hereunder, such payment may be made by way of reimbursement to the Issuer or any other Person who has paid the same in addition to direct payment of Costs.

"Counsel" shall mean an attorney-at-law or law firm (who may be counsel for the Issuer) not unsatisfactory to the Trustee.

"County" shall mean Sarasota County, Florida.

"Credit Facility" shall mean any credit enhancement mechanism such as an irrevocable letter of credit, a surety bond, a policy of municipal bond insurance, a corporate or other guaranty, a purchase agreement, a credit agreement or deficiency agreement or other similar facility applicable to the Bonds, as established pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture, pursuant to which the entity providing such facility agrees to provide funds to make payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Master Indenture, the Bonds may be issued without a Credit Facility; the decision to provide a Credit Facility in respect of any Bonds shall be within the absolute discretion of the Issuer.

"Credit Facility Agreement" shall mean any agreement pursuant to which a Credit Facility Issuer issues a Credit Facility.

"Credit Facility Issuer" shall mean the issuer or guarantor of any Credit Facility.

"Debt Service Fund" shall mean the Fund so designated which is established pursuant to Section 6.04 hereof.

"Debt Service Requirements" with reference to a specified period, shall mean:

(a) interest payable on the Bonds during such period, subject to reduction for amounts held as capitalized interest in the Funds and Accounts established under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indentures;

(b) amounts required to be paid into any mandatory sinking fund account with respect to the Bonds during such period; and

(c) amounts required to pay the principal of the Bonds maturing during such period and not to be redeemed prior to or at maturity through any sinking fund account.

For any Bonds that bear interest at a variable rate, the interest payable for a specified period shall be determined as if such Bonds bear interest at the maximum rate provided for in the applicable Supplemental Indenture and if no maximum rate is provided for in the Supplemental Indenture, the maximum rate shall be 12% per annum.

"Debt Service Reserve Fund" shall mean the Fund so designated which is established pursuant to Section 6.05 hereof.

"Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy" shall mean the insurance policy, surety bond or other evidence of insurance, if any, deposited to the credit of the Debt Service Reserve Fund or any Account or subaccount therein in lieu of or in partial substitution for cash or securities on deposit therein, which policy, bond or the evidence of insurance constitutes an unconditional senior obligation of the issuer thereof. The issuer thereof shall be a municipal bond insurer whose obligations ranking *pari passu* with its obligations under such policy, bond or other evidence of insurance are rated at the time of deposit of such policy, bond or other evidence of insurance to the credit of the Debt Service Reserve Fund or any Account or subaccount therein in one of the three highest rating categories, without regard to gradations, of both Moody's and S&P, unless otherwise approved by the Credit Facility Issuer, if any, who has issued a Credit Facility with respect to the Bonds.

"Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit" shall mean the irrevocable, transferable letter or line of credit, if any, deposited for the credit of the Debt Service Reserve Fund or any Account or subaccount therein in lieu of or in partial substitution for cash or securities on deposit therein, which letter or line of credit constitutes an unconditional senior obligation of the issuer thereof. The issuer of such letter or line of credit shall be a banking association, bank or trust company or branch thereof whose senior debt obligations ranking *pari passu* with its obligations under such letter or line of credit are rated at the time of deposit of the letter or line of credit to the credit of the Debt Service Reserve Fund or any Account or subaccount therein in one of the three highest rating categories (without regard to gradations) of both Moody's and S&P, unless otherwise approved by the Credit Facility Issuer, if any, who has issued a Credit Facility with respect to the Bonds.

"Debt Service Reserve Requirement" shall mean, for each Series of Bonds, unless a different requirement shall be specified in a Supplemental Indenture, an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the maximum annual Debt Service Requirements for the Outstanding Bonds of such Series, (ii) 125% of the average annual Debt Service Requirements for the Outstanding Bonds of such Series, and (iii) 10% of the original proceeds (within the meaning of the Code) of the Bonds of such Series.

"Defeasance Securities" shall mean, to the extent permitted by law, (a) cash, or (b) non-callable Government Obligations.

"District Lands" or "District" shall mean the premises governed by the Issuer, consisting of approximately 60.4361 gross acres of land located entirely within the City, as more fully described in Exhibit A hereto.

"District Manager" shall mean the then District Manager or acting District Manager of the Issuer.

"Electronic Means" shall mean telecopy, facsimile transmission, email transmission or other similar electronic means of communicating providing evidence of transmission.

"Event of Default" shall mean any of the events described in Section 10.02 hereof.

"Fiscal Year" shall mean the period of twelve (12) months beginning October of each calendar year and ending on September 30 of the following calendar year, and also shall mean the period from actual execution hereof to and including the next succeeding September 30; or such other consecutive twelve-month period as may hereafter be established pursuant to a Certified Resolution as the fiscal year of the Issuer for budgeting and accounting purposes as authorized by law.

"Fund" shall mean any fund established pursuant to this Master Indenture.

"Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" shall mean those accounting principles applicable in the preparation of financial statements of municipalities.

"Government Obligations" shall mean direct obligations of, or obligations the timely payment of principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America.

"Indenture" shall mean, with respect to any Series of Bonds, this Master Indenture as supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which such Series of Bonds is issued.

"Independent" shall mean a Person who is not a member of the Issuer's Board, an officer or employee of the Issuer or Developer, or which is not a partnership, corporation or association having a partner, director, officer, member or substantial stockholder who is a member of the Issuer's Board, or an officer or employee of the Issuer; provided, however, that the fact that such Person is retained regularly by or regularly transacts business with the Issuer or Developer shall not make such Person an employee within the meaning of this definition.

"Interest Account" shall mean the Account so designated, established as a separate account within the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 6.04 hereof.

"Interest Payment Date" shall mean, unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, each May 1 and November 1 commencing on the date specified in the Certified Resolution of the Issuer or in the Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which a Series of Bonds is issued.

"Interest Period" shall mean the period from and including any Interest Payment Date to and excluding the next succeeding Interest Payment Date; provided, however, that upon final

payment of any Bond at maturity or upon redemption or mandatory purchase, the Interest Period shall extend to, but not include, the date of such final payment, which shall always be a Business Day.

"Investment Securities" shall mean and include any of the following securities, if and to the extent that such securities are legal investments for funds of the Issuer:

(a) Government Obligations that have a maturity of not more than three hundred sixty-five (365) days from the date of acquisition;

(b) money market deposit accounts, time deposits, and certificates of deposits issued by commercial banks, savings and loan associations or mutual savings banks whose short-term obligations are rated, at the time of purchase, at least "A-1" by S&P or "P-1" by Moody's;

(c) commercial paper of any entity formed under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof, (having maturities of not more than 270 days) and which commercial paper has a short term rating, at the time of purchase, of at least "A-1" by S&P and "P-1" by Moody's;

(d) obligations of any state of the United States or political subdivision thereof or constituted authority thereof the interest on which is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 103 of the Code, with maturities of not more than three hundred sixty-five (365) days, and which short term obligations are rated at least "A-1" by S&P and "P-1" by Moody's at the time of purchase;

(e) both (A) shares of a diversified open-end management investment company (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) or a regulated investment company (as defined in Section 851(a) of the Code) that is a money market fund that is rated in the highest rating category for such funds by both Moody's and S&P at the time of purchase (Aaa-mf and AAAM, respectively), and (B) shares of money market mutual funds that invest only in Government Obligations and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, which funds are rated in the highest categories for such funds by both Moody's and S&P at the time of purchase (Aaa-mf and AAAM, respectively);

(f) bonds, notes and other debt obligations of any corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any state or organized territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, with maturities of not more than three hundred sixty-five (365) days if such short term obligations are rated at least "A-1" by S&P and "P-1" by Moody's at the time of purchase; and

(g) the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund as described in Florida Statutes, Section 218.405 or the corresponding provisions of subsequent laws provided that such fund, at the time of purchase, is rated at least "AAM" by S&P or at least "Aa-mf" by Moody's.

Under all circumstances, the Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon as accurate an Officer's Certificate setting forth that any investment directed by the Issuer is permitted under this Master Indenture and is a legal investment for the funds of the Issuer under Florida law.

"Issuer" shall mean the Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District.

"Landowner" shall mean any owner of District Lands encumbered by Special Assessments.

"Majority Holder" shall mean the Beneficial Owners or Owner of more than 50% of the applicable principal amount of a Series of Bonds then Outstanding.

"Majority Landowner" shall mean, for purposes of this Master Indenture, any person or entity, including all affiliated persons and/or entities thereof, which collectively own more than 50% of the District Lands.

"Major Non-Recurring Expense" shall mean the cost of major replacement or reconstruction of the Project, or any part thereof, the cost of major repairs, renewals or replacements, the provision of a reserve for the payment of insurance premiums not due on an annual or more frequent basis, and the cost of studies, surveys, estimates and investigations in connection with any of the foregoing.

"Master Indenture" shall mean, this Master Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 2026, by and between the Issuer and the Trustee, as amended and or supplemented in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII hereof.

"Moody's" shall mean Moody's Ratings, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, its successors and assigns, and, if such corporation shall be dissolved or liquidated or shall no longer perform the functions of a securities rating agency, "Moody's" shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Issuer and acceptable to the Trustee.

"Officers' Certificate" or "Officer's Certificate" shall mean a certificate, duly executed by a Responsible Officer and delivered to the Trustee.

"Outstanding," in connection with a Series of Bonds, shall mean, as of the time in question, all Bonds of such Series authenticated and delivered under the Indenture, except:

(a) all Bonds theretofore cancelled or required to be cancelled under Section 2.07 hereof;

(b) Bonds for the payment, redemption or purchase of which moneys and/or Defeasance Securities, the principal of and interest on which, when due, will provide sufficient moneys to fully pay such Bonds in accordance with Article XIV hereof, shall have been or shall concurrently be deposited with the Trustee; provided that, if such Bonds are being redeemed, the required notice of redemption shall have been given or provision shall have been made therefor, and that if such Bonds are being purchased, there shall be a firm commitment for the purchase and sale thereof; and

(c) Bonds in substitution for which other Bonds have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to Article II hereof.

In determining whether the Holders of a requisite aggregate principal amount of Bonds Outstanding of a Series have concurred in any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver under the provisions of the Indenture, Bonds of such Series which are actually

known by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee to be held by or on behalf of the Issuer shall be disregarded for the purpose of any such determination, unless all of the Bonds of such Series are held by or on behalf of the Issuer; provided, however, this provision does not affect the right of the Trustee to deal in Bonds as set forth in Section 11.09 hereof.

"Participating Underwriter" shall mean any of the original underwriters of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

"Paying Agent" shall mean initially the Trustee, and thereafter any successor thereto appointed in accordance with Section 11.20 of this Master Indenture.

"Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, governmental body, political subdivision, municipality, municipal authority or any other group or organization of individuals.

"Pledged Revenues" shall mean, unless otherwise provided by Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, with respect to each Series of Bonds Outstanding, (a) all revenues received by the Issuer from Special Assessments levied and collected on all or a portion of the District Lands with respect to the Project or portion thereof financed by such Series of Bonds, including, without limitation, amounts received from any foreclosure proceeding for the enforcement of collection of such Special Assessments or from the issuance and sale of tax certificates with respect to such Special Assessments, and (b) all moneys on deposit in the Funds and Accounts established under the Indenture for, or otherwise expressly allocated to, such Series of Bonds; provided, however, that Pledged Revenues shall not include (i) any moneys transferred to the Rebate Fund, or investment earnings thereon and (ii) "special assessments" levied and collected by the Issuer under Section 190.022 of the Act for maintenance purposes or "maintenance special assessments" levied and collected by the Issuer under Section 190.021(3) of the Act (it being expressly understood that the lien and pledge of the Indenture shall not apply to any of the moneys described in the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) of this proviso).

"Prepayment" shall mean the payment by any owner of Property of the amount of Special Assessments encumbering its property, in whole or in part, prior to its scheduled due date.

"Project" shall mean with respect to any Series of Bonds, the portion or portions of certain infrastructure improvements including roadway, water, sewer, landscaping, irrigation, storm water management, entry features and recreational improvements to be acquired and/or constructed by the Issuer, whether within or outside the District Lands, all as more specifically described in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds; provided that a Project shall specially benefit all of the District Lands on which Special Assessments to secure such Series of Bonds have been levied.

"Project Documents" shall mean all permits, drawings, plans and specifications, contracts and other instruments and rights relating to the Project and the development assigned by the developer(s) of the District Lands to the Issuer pursuant to a collateral assignment.

"Property Appraiser" shall mean the property appraiser of the County.

"Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Agreement" shall mean the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Agreement described in Section 9.04 hereof.

"Rebate Fund" shall mean the Fund so designated, which is established pursuant to Section 6.11 of this Master Indenture.

"Record Date" shall mean, as the case may be, the applicable Regular or Special Record Date.

"Redemption Price" shall mean the principal amount of any Bond plus the applicable premium, if any, payable upon redemption thereof pursuant to the Indenture.

"Registered Owner" shall mean the person or entity in whose name or names any Bond is registered on the books maintained by the Registrar.

"Registrar" shall mean initially the Trustee, which entity shall have the responsibilities set forth in Section 2.04 of this Master Indenture, and thereafter any successor thereto appointed in accordance with Section 11.20 of this Master Indenture.

"Regular Record Date" shall mean the fifteenth day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month next preceding each Interest Payment Date or the date on which the principal of a Bond is to be paid, unless otherwise provided in any Supplemental Indenture.

"Regulatory Body" shall mean and include (a) the United States of America and any department of or corporation, agency or instrumentality heretofore or hereafter created, designated or established by the United States of America, (b) the State, any political subdivision thereof and any department of or corporation, agency or instrumentality heretofore or hereafter created, designated or established by the State, (c) the City, the County and any department of or corporation, agency or instrumentality heretofore or hereafter created, designated or established by the City or the County, and (d) any other public body, whether federal, state or local or otherwise having regulatory jurisdiction and authority over the Issuer.

"Responsible Officer" shall mean with respect to the Issuer, any member of the Board, the District Manager, or any other officer of the Issuer or other person designated by Certified Resolution of the Issuer, a copy of which shall be on file with the Trustee, to act for any of the foregoing, either generally or with respect to the execution of any particular document or other specific matter, and when used with respect to the Trustee, any vice president, assistant vice president, senior associate or other officer of the Trustee within the corporate trust office specified in Section 15.06 (or any successor corporate trust office) having direct responsibility for the administration of this Master Indenture.

"Revenue Fund" shall mean the Fund so designated which is established pursuant to Section 6.03 hereof.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"S&P" shall mean S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, its successors and assigns, and, if such corporation shall be dissolved or liquidated or shall no longer perform the functions of a securities rating agency, "S&P" shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Issuer and acceptable to the Trustee.

"Series" shall mean all of the Bonds authenticated and delivered at one time on original issuance and pursuant to any Certified Resolution of the Issuer authorizing such Bonds as a separate Series of Bonds, or any Bonds thereafter authenticated and delivered in lieu of or in substitution for such Bonds pursuant to Article II hereof and the applicable Supplemental Indenture, regardless of variations in maturity, interest rate or other provisions; provided, however, two or more Series of Bonds may be issued simultaneously under the same Supplemental Indenture if designated as separate Series of Bonds by the Issuer upon original issuance. Two or more Series or sub-Series of Bonds may be issued simultaneously under separate Supplemental Indentures, but under this Master Indenture. As may be provided by subsequent proceedings of the Issuer, one or more Series of Bonds or sub-Series Bonds, whether issued at the same time or not, may be separately secured by Special Assessments imposed pursuant to separate assessment proceedings. Such Bonds or sub-Series of Bonds which are secured by separate Special Assessments will not be issued as parity bonds even if issued at the same time.

"Series Account" shall mean any Account established as to a particular Series of Bonds.

"Sinking Fund Account" shall mean the Account so designated, established as a separate account within the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 6.04 hereof.

"Special Assessments" shall mean (a) the net proceeds derived from the levy and collection of "special assessments," as provided for in Sections 190.011(14) and 190.022 of the Act against District Lands that are subject to assessment as a result of a particular Project or any portion thereof or against one or more identified Assessment Areas, and (b) the net proceeds derived from the levy and collection of "benefit special assessments," as provided for in Section 190.021(2) of the Act, against the lands within the District that are subject to assessment as a result of a particular Project or any portion thereof, and in the case of both "special assessments" and "benefit special assessments," including the interest and penalties on such assessments, pursuant to all applicable provisions of the Act and Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 197, Florida Statutes (and any successor statutes thereto), including, without limitation, any amount received from any foreclosure proceeding for the enforcement of collection of such assessments or from the issuance and sale of tax certificates with respect to such assessments, less (to the extent applicable) the fees and costs of collection thereof payable to the Tax Collector and less certain administrative costs payable to the Property Appraiser pursuant to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Agreement. "Special Assessments" shall not include "special assessments" levied and collected by the Issuer under Section 190.022 of the Act for maintenance purposes or "maintenance special assessments" levied and collected by the Issuer under Section 190.021(3) of the Act.

"Special Record Date" shall mean such date as shall be fixed for the payment of defaulted interest on the Bonds in accordance with Section 2.01 hereof.

"State" shall mean the State of Florida.

"Supplemental Indenture" and "indenture supplemental hereto" shall mean any indenture amending or supplementing this Master Indenture which may be entered into in accordance with the provisions of this Master Indenture.

"Tax Collector" shall mean the tax collector of the County.

"Trust Accounts" shall mean Funds and Accounts that the Trustee administers as trustee, including, but not limited to, the trusts created by the Indenture for a Series of Bonds.

The words "hereof," "herein," "hereto," "hereby," and "hereunder" (except in the form of Bond), refer to the entire Master Indenture.

Every "request," "requisition," "order," "demand," "application," "notice," "statement," "certificate," "consent," or similar action hereunder by the Issuer shall, unless the form or execution thereof is otherwise specifically provided, be in writing signed by the Responsible Officer of the Issuer.

All words and terms importing the singular number shall, where the context requires, import the plural number and vice versa.

ARTICLE II THE BONDS

SECTION 2.01. Amounts and Terms of Bonds; Details of Bonds. The Issuer is hereby authorized to issue in one or more Series pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Master Indenture, its obligations to be known as "Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, Series ____" (the "Bonds"). The total principal amount of Bonds that may be issued and Outstanding under this Master Indenture is not expressly limited to a specific principal amount; provided, however, that the total principal amount of Bonds that may be issued and Outstanding under this Master Indenture shall be subject to any conditions and/or limitations (i) set forth in a Supplemental Indenture and (ii) under State law. The Bonds shall be issued in Authorized Denominations and within each Series shall be numbered consecutively from R-1 and upwards in each Series and in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, with such appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as are permitted or required by this Master Indenture or as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture. All Bonds shall be issued only upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Article III hereof; and the Trustee shall, at the Issuer's request, authenticate such Bonds and deliver them as specified in such request.

Each Bond shall be dated, shall have such Interest Payment Dates, shall bear interest from such date or dates and at such rate or rates until the maturity thereof, payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and shall be stated to mature (subject to the right of prior redemption), all as provided in, or pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

Both the principal of and the interest on the Bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender on the respective dates of payment thereof

for the payment of public and private debts. Unless otherwise provided in Section 2.11 hereof or in a Supplemental Indenture, the principal of all Bonds shall be payable at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent upon the presentation and surrender of such Bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Except to the extent otherwise provided in Section 2.11 hereof or in a Supplemental Indenture, interest on any Bond is payable on any Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed on the Interest Payment Date to the person in whose name that Bond is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such Interest Payment Date, at his address as it appears on the Bond Register. The Bonds shall bear interest from the Interest Payment Date next preceding the date on which they are authenticated unless authenticated on an Interest Payment Date in which event they shall bear interest from such Interest Payment Date, or unless authenticated before the first Interest Payment Date in which event they shall bear interest from their date; provided, however, that if a Bond is authenticated between a Record Date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, such Bond shall bear interest from such succeeding Interest Payment Date; provided further, however, that if at the time of authentication of any Bond interest thereon is in default, such Bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid. Any interest on any Bond which is payable, but is not punctually paid or provided for on any Interest Payment Date (hereinafter called "Defaulted Interest") shall be paid to the Owner in whose name the Bond is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date to be fixed by the Trustee, such date to be not more than fifteen (15) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of proposed payment. The Trustee shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be given by Electronic Means or mailed, first-class, postage-prepaid, to each Owner of record as of the fifth (5th) day prior to the giving of such notices, at its address as it appears in the Bond Register on the date of the giving of such notices. The foregoing notwithstanding, but subject to the procedures set forth in Section 2.11 hereof, any Owner of Bonds of a Series in an aggregate principal amount of at least \$1,000,000 shall be entitled to have interest paid by wire transfer to such Owner to the bank account number on file with the Trustee and Paying Agent, upon requesting the same in a writing received by the Trustee and Paying Agent at least fifteen (15) days prior to the relevant Record Date, which writing shall specify the bank, which shall be a bank within the continental United States, and bank account number to which interest payments are to be wired. Any such request for interest payments by wire transfer shall remain in effect until rescinded or changed, in a writing delivered by the Owner to the Trustee and Paying Agent, and any such rescission or change of wire transfer instructions must be received by the Trustee and Paying Agent at least fifteen (15) days prior to the relevant Record Date. Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, interest on the Bonds will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, on overdue interest will be payable at the numerical rate of interest borne by such Bonds on the day before the default occurred.

The Trustee is hereby constituted and appointed as Paying Agent for the Bonds.

SECTION 2.02. Execution. The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chair or Vice Chair of the Issuer or by any other member of the Board designated by the Chair for such purpose, and the corporate seal of the Issuer shall appear thereon (which may be in facsimile) and shall be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of its Secretary or

Assistant Secretary. Bonds executed as above provided may be issued and shall, upon request of the Issuer, be authenticated by the Trustee, notwithstanding that one or both of the officers of the Issuer whose signatures appear on such Bonds shall have ceased to hold office at the time of issuance or authentication or shall not have held office at the date of the Bonds.

SECTION 2.03. Authentication; Authenticating Agent. No Bond shall be valid until the certificate of authentication shall have been duly executed by the Trustee, and such authentication shall be proof that the Bondholder is entitled to the benefit of the trust hereby created. The Trustee shall at all times serve as Authenticating Agent.

SECTION 2.04. Registration and Registrar. The Trustee is hereby constituted and appointed as the Registrar for the Bonds. The Registrar shall act as registrar and transfer agent for the Bonds. The Issuer shall cause to be kept at an office of the Registrar a register (herein sometimes referred to as the "Bond Register" or "Register") in which, subject to the provisions set forth in Section 2.08 below and such other regulations as the Issuer and Registrar may prescribe, the Issuer shall provide for the registration of the Bonds and for the registration of transfers and exchanges of such Bonds. The Trustee shall notify the Issuer in writing of the specific office location (which may be changed from time to time, upon similar notification) at which the Bond Register is kept. Initially, and until the Trustee provides notice to the Issuer as provided in the immediately preceding sentence, the Bond Register shall be kept at the Trustee's corporate trust office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

SECTION 2.05. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Bonds. If any Bond shall become mutilated, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee or Authenticating Agent, as the case may be, shall thereupon authenticate and deliver a new Bond of like Series, tenor and denomination in exchange and substitution for the Bond so mutilated, but only upon surrender to the Trustee or Authenticating Agent, as the case may be, of such mutilated Bond for cancellation, and the Issuer and the Trustee or Authenticating Agent, as the case may be, may require reasonable indemnity therefor. If any Bond shall be reported lost, stolen or destroyed, evidence as to the ownership and the loss, theft or destruction thereof shall be submitted to the Issuer and the Trustee or Authenticating Agent, as the case may be; and if such evidence shall be satisfactory to both and indemnity satisfactory to both shall be given, the Issuer shall execute, and thereupon the Trustee or Authenticating Agent, as the case may be, shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond of like Series, tenor and denomination. The cost of providing any substitute Bond under the provisions of this Section shall be borne by the Bondholder for whose benefit such substitute Bond is provided. If any such mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed Bond shall have matured or be about to mature, the Issuer may, with the consent of the Trustee or Authenticating Agent, as the case may be, pay to the Owner the principal amount of and accrued interest on such Bond upon the maturity thereof and compliance with the aforesaid conditions by such Owner, without the issuance of a substitute Bond therefor.

Every substituted Bond issued pursuant to this Section 2.05 shall constitute an additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the Bond alleged to have been destroyed, lost or stolen shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Master Indenture and applicable Supplemental Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Bonds of such same Series duly issued hereunder and under such Supplemental Indenture.

All Bonds shall be held and owned upon the express condition that the foregoing provisions are exclusive with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds, and shall preclude any and all other rights or remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of negotiable instruments, investments or other securities without their surrender.

SECTION 2.06. Temporary Bonds. Pending preparation of definitive Bonds, or by agreement with the original purchasers of all Bonds, the Issuer may issue and, upon its request, the Trustee shall authenticate in lieu of definitive Bonds one or more temporary printed or typewritten Bonds of substantially the tenor recited above. Upon request of the Issuer, the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Bonds in exchange for and upon surrender of an equal principal amount of temporary Bonds. Until so exchanged, temporary Bonds shall have the same rights, remedies and security hereunder as definitive Bonds. So long as Cede & Co., or any other nominee of DTC is the Registered Owner of the Bonds, the definitive Bonds shall be in typewritten form.

SECTION 2.07. Cancellation and Destruction of Surrendered Bonds. All Bonds surrendered for payment or redemption and all Bonds surrendered for exchange shall, at the time of such payment, redemption or exchange, be promptly transferred by the Registrar, Paying Agent or Authenticating Agent to, and cancelled and disposed of by, the Trustee in accordance with its then current procedures. The Trustee shall deliver to the Issuer a certificate of destruction (or other evidence of destruction) in respect of all Bonds destroyed in accordance with this Section.

SECTION 2.08. Registration, Transfer and Exchange. As provided in Section 2.04 hereof, the Issuer shall cause a Bond Register in respect of the Bonds to be kept at the designated office of the Registrar.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Bond at the designated office of the Registrar, and upon compliance with the conditions for the transfer of Bonds set forth in this Section 2.08, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee (as Authenticating Agent and/or Registrar as described in Section 2.03 and Section 2.04 hereof) shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferees, one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and of the same Series and maturity.

At the option of the Bondholder, Bonds may be exchanged for other Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and of the same Series and maturity, upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged at any such office of the Registrar or agency. Whenever any Bonds are so surrendered for exchange, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee (as Authenticating Agent and/or Registrar as described in Section 2.03 and Section 2.04 hereof) shall authenticate and deliver the Bonds which the Bondholder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

All Bonds issued upon any transfer or exchange of Bonds shall be valid obligations of the Issuer, evidencing the same debt and entitled to the same benefits under this Master Indenture and applicable Supplemental Indenture as the Bonds of such Series surrendered upon such transfer or exchange.

Every Bond presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Trustee, Paying Agent or the Registrar, duly executed by the Bondholder or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

Transfers and exchanges shall be made without charge to the Bondholder, except that the Issuer or the Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds.

Neither the Issuer nor the Registrar on behalf of the Issuer shall be required (i) to issue, transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of giving of a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of giving such notice, or (ii) to transfer or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part.

SECTION 2.09. Persons Deemed Owners. The Issuer, the Trustee, any Paying Agent, the Registrar, or the Authenticating Agent shall deem and treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the absolute Owner thereof (whether or not such Bond shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing thereon made by anyone other than the Issuer, the Trustee, any Paying Agent, the Registrar or the Authenticating Agent) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on such Bond, and for all other purposes, and the Issuer, the Trustee, any Paying Agent, the Registrar and the Authenticating Agent shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary. All such payments so made to any such Owner, or upon his order, shall be valid and, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability for moneys payable upon any such Bond.

SECTION 2.10. Limitation on Incurrence of Certain Indebtedness. The Issuer will not issue Bonds of any Series, except upon the conditions and in the manner provided or as otherwise permitted in the Indenture, provided that the Issuer may enter into agreements with issuers of Credit Facilities which involve liens on Pledged Revenues on a parity with that of the Bonds or portion thereof which is supported by such Credit Facilities.

SECTION 2.11. Qualification for The Depository Trust Company. To the extent provided in a Supplemental Indenture or authorized and directed by a Resolution of the Issuer authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds, the Trustee shall be authorized to enter into agreements with The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and other depository trust companies, including, but not limited to, agreements necessary for wire transfers of interest and principal payments with respect to the Bonds, utilization of electronic book entry data received from DTC, and other depository trust companies in place of actual delivery of Bonds and provision of notices with respect to Bonds registered by DTC and other depository trust companies (or any of their designees identified to the Trustee) by overnight delivery, courier service, telegram, telecopy or other similar means of communication.

So long as there shall be maintained a book-entry-only system with respect to a Series of Bonds, the following provisions shall apply:

Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, each Series of Bonds shall initially be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for DTC, which will act initially as securities depository for the Bonds and so long as the Bonds are held in book-entry-only form, Cede & Co. shall be considered the Registered Owner for all purposes hereof. On original issue, such Bonds shall be deposited with DTC, which shall be responsible for maintaining a book-entry-only system for recording the ownership interest of its participants

("Direct Participants") and other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The Direct Participants and Indirect Participants will be responsible for maintaining records with respect to the beneficial ownership interests of individual purchasers of the Bonds ("Beneficial Owners").

Principal and interest on the Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. prior to and at maturity shall be payable directly to Cede & Co. in care of DTC without the need for presentment of such Bonds. Disbursal of such amounts to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC. Payments by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct Participants and Indirect Participants and not of DTC, the Trustee or the Issuer.

The Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. shall initially be issued in the form of one fully registered Bond for each maturity of each Series registered in the name of Cede & Co. and shall be held in such form until maturity. Individuals may purchase beneficial interests in Authorized Denominations in book-entry-only form, without certificated Bonds, through Direct Participants and Indirect Participants.

DURING THE PERIOD FOR WHICH CEDE & CO. IS REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, ANY NOTICES TO BE PROVIDED TO ANY REGISTERED OWNER WILL BE PROVIDED TO CEDE & CO. DTC SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTICES TO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AND DIRECT PARTICIPANTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTICES TO INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS, AND DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AND INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTICES TO BENEFICIAL OWNERS.

The Issuer and the Trustee, if appropriate, shall enter into a blanket letter of representations with DTC providing for such book-entry-only system. Such agreement may be terminated at any time by either DTC or the Issuer. In the event of such termination, the Issuer shall select another securities depository and in the event all references herein to DTC or Cede & Co. shall be deemed to be references to their respective successors. If the Issuer does not replace DTC, the Trustee will register and deliver to the Beneficial Owners replacement Bonds in the form of fully registered Bonds in accordance with the instructions from Cede & Co.

In the event DTC, any successor of DTC or the Issuer elects to discontinue the book-entry only system in conformity with the requirements of DTC, the Trustee shall deliver bond certificates in accordance with the instructions from DTC or its successor and after such time Bonds may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds in other Authorized Denominations and of the same maturity and Series upon surrender thereof at the corporate trust office of the Trustee.

ARTICLE III ISSUE OF BONDS

SECTION 3.01. Issue of Bonds. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.01 hereof, the Issuer may issue one or more Series of Bonds hereunder and under Supplemental Indentures from time to time for the purpose of financing the Costs of acquisition or construction of the Project or to refund all or a portion of a Series of Bonds (and to pay the costs of the issuance of such Bonds

and to pay the amounts required to be deposited with respect to such Bonds in the Funds and Accounts established under the Indenture). In connection with the issuance of a Series of Bonds the Trustee shall, at the written request of the Issuer, authenticate the Bonds and deliver or cause them to be authenticated and delivered, as specified in the request, but only upon receipt of:

(1) a Certified Resolution of the Issuer (a) approving a Supplemental Indenture under which the Series of Bonds are to be issued; (b) providing the terms of the Bonds and directing the payments to be made into the Funds and Accounts in respect thereof as provided in Article VI hereof; (c) authorizing the execution and delivery of the Series of Bonds to be issued; and (d) if the purpose is to effectuate a refunding, authorizing the redemption, if any, of the Bonds to be refunded and the defeasance thereof, and the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement, if applicable, and other matters contained in Article XIV hereof;

(2) a written opinion or opinions of Counsel to the Issuer, to the effect that (a) all conditions prescribed herein as precedent to the issuance of the Bonds have been fulfilled; (b) the Bonds have been validly authorized and executed and when authenticated and delivered pursuant to the request of the Issuer will be valid obligations of the Issuer entitled to the benefit of the trust created hereby and will be enforceable in accordance with their terms except as enforcement thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium and other similar laws relating to creditors' rights generally and subject to equitable principles, whether in a proceeding at law or in equity; (c) any consents of any Regulatory Bodies required in connection with the issuance of the Bonds have been obtained or can be reasonably expected to be obtained on or prior to the date such consents are required; and (d) if the acquisition of any real property or interest therein is included in the purpose of such issue, (i) the Issuer has or can acquire good and marketable title thereto free from all liens and encumbrances except such as will not materially interfere with the proposed use thereof or (ii) the Issuer has or can acquire a valid, subsisting and enforceable leasehold, easement, right-of-way or other interest in real property sufficient to effectuate the purpose of the issue (which opinion may be stated in reliance on the opinion of other Counsel satisfactory to the signer or on a title insurance policy issued by a reputable title company) (clauses (c) and (d) shall not apply in the case of the issuance of a refunding Series of Bonds);

(3) an opinion of Counsel to the Issuer, which shall also be addressed to the Trustee, to the effect that: (a) the Issuer has good right and lawful authority under the Act to undertake the Project, subject to obtaining such licenses, orders or other authorizations as are, at the date of such opinion, required to be obtained from any agency or regulatory body; (b) the Special Assessment proceedings have been taken in accordance with Florida law and that the Issuer has taken all action necessary to levy and impose the Special Assessments; (c) the Special Assessments are legal, valid and binding liens upon the property against which the Special Assessments are made, coequal with the lien of all state, county, district and municipal ad valorem taxes and superior in priority to all other liens, titles and claims against said property then existing or thereafter created, until paid; (d) this Master Indenture and the applicable Supplemental Indenture have been duly and validly authorized, approved, and executed by the Issuer; (e) the issuance of the Series of Bonds has been duly authorized and approved by the Board; and (f) this Master Indenture

and the applicable Supplemental Indenture (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Trustee) constitutes a binding obligation of the Issuer, enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with its terms except as enforcement thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium and other similar laws relating to creditors' rights generally and subject to equitable principles, whether in a proceeding at law or in equity;

(4) a Consulting Engineer's certificate addressed to the Issuer and the Trustee setting forth the estimated cost of the Project, and in the case of an acquisition by the Issuer of all or a portion of the Project that has been completed, stating, in the signer's opinion, (a) that the portion of the Project improvements to be acquired from the proceeds of such Bonds have been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor; (b) to the best of his knowledge, the Project improvements are constructed in a sound workmanlike manner and in accordance with industry standards; (c) the purchase price to be paid by the Issuer for the Project improvements is no more than the lesser of (i) the fair market value of such improvements and (ii) the actual Costs of construction of such components of the Project; and (d) the plans and specifications for the Project improvements have been approved by all Regulatory Bodies required to approve them (specifying such Regulatory Bodies) or such approval can reasonably be expected to be obtained; provided, however, that in lieu of the information required in clause (a), there may be delivered to the Trustee satisfactory evidence of the acceptance of operational and maintenance responsibility of each component of the Project by one or more governmental entities (the foregoing shall not be applicable in the case of the issuance of a refunding Series of Bonds);

(5) a copy of the Supplemental Indenture for such Bonds, certified by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Issuer as being a true and correct copy thereof;

(6) the proceeds of the sale of such Bonds together with any required equity deposit by a Landowner or other third party;

(7) any Credit Facility authorized by the Issuer in respect to such Bonds;

(8) one or more Certified Resolutions of the Issuer relating to the levy of Special Assessments in respect of the Project, and evidencing that the Issuer has undertaken and, to the extent then required under applicable law, completed all necessary proceedings, including, without limitation, the approval of assessment rolls, the holding of public hearings, the adoption of resolutions and the establishment of all necessary collection procedures, in order to levy and collect Special Assessments upon the District Lands in an amount sufficient to pay the Debt Service Requirement on the Bonds to be issued;

(9) an executed opinion of Bond Counsel;

(10) a written direction of the Issuer to the Trustee to authenticate and deliver such Bonds;

(11) a copy of a Final Judgment of validation and a Certificate of No Appeal with respect to the Bonds that are subject to validation;

(12) a collateral assignment from the developer(s) of the District Lands to the Issuer of the Project Documents;

(13) in the case of the issuance of a refunding Series of Bonds, an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer stating: (a) the intended use of the proceeds of the refunding Series of Bonds; (b) the Bonds to be refunded; (c) any other amounts available for such purpose; (d) that the proceeds of the issue plus the other amounts, if any, stated to be available for the purpose will be sufficient to refund the Bonds to be refunded in accordance with the refunding plan and in compliance with Article XIV of this Master Indenture, including, without limitation, to pay the Costs of issuance of such Bonds, and (e) that notice of redemption, if applicable, of the Bonds to be refunded has been duly given or that provision has been made therefor, as applicable;

(14) in the case of the issuance of a refunding Series of Bonds, a written opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that the issuance of such Bonds will not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on any Bonds issued pursuant to the Indenture (to the extent that upon original issuance thereof such Bonds were issued as Bonds the interest on which is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes); and

(15) such other documents, certifications and opinions as shall be required by the Supplemental Indenture, by the Participating Underwriter or the initial purchaser of a Series of Bonds or by the Issuer or the Trustee upon advice of counsel.

At the option of the Issuer, any or all of the matters required to be stated in the Certified Resolution described in (1) above may instead be stated in a Supplemental Indenture, duly approved by a Certified Resolution of the Issuer. Execution of a Series of the Bonds by the Issuer and payment to the Trustee of the net proceeds from the original issuance of the Series of Bonds shall be conclusive evidence of satisfaction of the conditions precedent, set forth in this Article, as to the Issuer, the Participating Underwriter and the initial purchaser of the respective Series of Bonds.

ARTICLE IV

ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT

SECTION 4.01. Project to Conform to Plans and Specifications; Changes. The Issuer will proceed to complete any Project or portion thereof for which any Series of Bonds is being issued in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, as such plans and specifications may be amended from time to time, and subject to the specific requirements of the Supplemental Indenture for such Series of Bonds.

SECTION 4.02. Compliance Requirements. The Issuer will comply with all present and future laws, acts, rules, regulations, orders and requirements lawfully made and applicable in fact to any acquisition or construction hereby undertaken and shall obtain all necessary approvals under

federal, state and local laws, acts, rules and regulations necessary for the acquisition, completion and operation of any Project or portion thereof for which any Series of Bonds is being issued and shall complete any Project or portion thereof in conformity with such approvals, laws, rules and regulations. Prior to the completion of the Project, in the event that any developer of the District Lands shall fail to pay, when due, any Special Assessments levied against lands within the Issuer owned by the developer or any affiliated entity thereof, the Issuer shall immediately take all actions necessary, to the extent revenues of the Issuer are legally available for such purpose, to complete the Project including, without limitation, taking control of the Project Documents.

ARTICLE V ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION FUND

SECTION 5.01. Acquisition and Construction Fund. The Trustee shall establish an Acquisition and Construction Fund into which shall be deposited the proceeds from each Series of Bonds issued under the Indenture (unless otherwise specified herein or in the applicable Supplemental Indenture for a Series of Bonds) and from which Costs may be paid as set forth herein and in the applicable Supplemental Indenture. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Supplemental Indenture, a separate Series Account shall be established in the Acquisition and Construction Fund with respect to each Series of Bonds issued hereunder and the proceeds of each Series of Bonds (other than Bonds issued to refund all or a portion of the Bonds) shall be deposited into the corresponding Series Account in the Acquisition and Construction Fund. The amounts in any Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund, until applied as hereinafter provided, shall be held for the security of the Series of Bonds hereunder in respect of which such Series Account was established. Separate subaccounts within any Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund shall be maintained by the Trustee in respect of each Series of Bonds upon request of the Issuer whenever, in the opinion of the Issuer, it is appropriate to have a separate written accounting in respect of the Costs of any designated portion of the Project. Payments shall be made from the appropriate Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund to pay any unpaid Costs of Issuance of the Series of Bonds in question, including without limitation, legal, engineering, and consultants' fees and to pay amounts to be reimbursed to the Issuer for Costs advanced, and thereafter to pay Costs of planning, financing, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, equipping and installation of the Project or portion thereof.

(a) *Deposits.* In addition to the deposit of amounts received by the Trustee on the date of issuance of each Series of Bonds, the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee, for deposit into the Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund, as promptly as practicable, the following amounts:

(i) Subject to the provisions of Section 9.23 hereof, payments made to the Issuer from the sale, lease or other disposition of the Project or any portion thereof;

(ii) Subject to the provisions of Section 9.14 hereof, the balance of insurance proceeds with respect to the loss or destruction of the Project or any portion thereof;

(iii) Deposits made by any developer of the District Lands pursuant to the terms and provisions of a developer funding agreement; and

(iv) Amounts received from a governmental entity pursuant to an interlocal agreement or other similar agreement between the District and such governmental entity providing for the payment by such governmental entity of a portion of the Costs of the Project.

Amounts in the applicable Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund shall be applied to pay the Cost of the Project or a portion thereof, as applicable, pertaining to the Series of Bonds in question; provided, however, that if any amounts remain in the Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund after the Completion Date (as defined in paragraph (c) below) of the Project or portion thereof pertaining to the Series of Bonds in question, and if such amounts are not reserved for payment of any remaining part of the Cost of the Project as directed in writing by the Issuer, such amounts shall be transferred to the applicable Series Account of the Bond Redemption Fund for application to the redemption of Bonds of the Series to which such proceeds relate, as set forth in Section 6.06 hereof or in the applicable Supplemental Indenture.

(b) *Disbursements.* Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture, all payments from the Acquisition and Construction Fund shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. Moneys in the appropriate Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund shall be disbursed by check, voucher, order, draft, certificate or warrant signed by any one or more officers or employees of the Trustee legally authorized to sign such items or by wire transfer to an account specified by the payee upon satisfaction of the conditions for disbursement set forth in this subsection (b). Before any such payment shall be made, the Issuer shall file with the Trustee a fully executed requisition in the form of Exhibit D attached hereto, signed by a Responsible Officer and, except for payments of cost of issuance, a certificate of the Consulting Engineer signed by a consulting engineer also in the form of Exhibit D attached hereto and as may be modified by terms of the related Supplemental Indenture. Upon receipt of each such requisition and accompanying certificate, the Trustee shall promptly withdraw from the appropriate Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund and pay to the person, firm or corporation named in such requisition the amount designated in such requisition. The Trustee shall have no duty to investigate the accuracy or validity of the items delivered pursuant to this section. All requisitions and certificates received by the Trustee pursuant to this Section 5.01 shall be retained in the possession of the Trustee, subject at all reasonable times to the inspection of the Issuer, the Consulting Engineer, the Owner of more than twenty percent (20%) in principal amount of the respective Series of Bonds, and the agents and representatives thereof. The Trustee shall have no duty to verify that the disbursement of funds pursuant to a requisition is for a purpose for which payment may be made hereunder and the Trustee may conclusively rely that a properly signed requisition is, on its face, sufficient to disburse funds from the Acquisition and Construction Fund.

(c) *Completion of Project.* On the date of completion of the Project or if sufficient moneys are retained in the appropriate Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund, to complete the Cost of the Project, in either case, as evidenced by the delivery of a Certificate of the Consulting Engineer to the Trustee and adoption of a resolution by the Board accepting the Project as provided by Section 170.09, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Completion Date"), the balance in the appropriate Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund not reserved by the Issuer for the payment of any remaining part of the Cost of the Project shall be transferred by the Trustee to, and deposited in, the applicable Series Account

of the Bond Redemption Fund and applied as provided in Section 6.06 hereof and in the applicable Supplemental Indenture.

ARTICLE VI
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS;
APPLICATION THEREOF TO FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

SECTION 6.01. Special Assessments; Lien of Indenture on Pledged Revenues. The Issuer hereby covenants that it shall levy Special Assessments in the amount necessary to pay the Debt Service Requirement on Bonds issued and Outstanding hereunder, and, unless provided otherwise with respect to a Series of Bonds, evidence and certify the same to the Tax Collector or cause the Property Appraiser to certify the same on the tax roll to the Tax Collector for collection by the Tax Collector and enforcement by the Tax Collector or the Issuer, pursuant to the Act, Chapter 170 or Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes, as applicable.

The Issuer shall, within five (5) Business Days of receipt thereof, pay to the Trustee for deposit in the Series Account of the Revenue Fund established under Section 6.03 hereof all Special Assessments received by the Issuer from the levy thereof on the District Lands subject to assessments for the payment of the related Series of Bonds; provided, however, that amounts received as Prepayments of Special Assessments shall be deposited directly into the applicable Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund established hereunder or in any account thereof established pursuant to the applicable Supplemental Indenture. The Issuer shall notify the Trustee in writing at the time of deposit of any amounts received as Prepayments of Special Assessments and shall identify the related Series of Bonds. If necessary, the Issuer shall direct the Landowner making such prepayment to specify to which Series of Bonds such prepayments relate. Any amounts the Issuer does not so notify the Trustee are Prepayments are authorized to be deposited into the Series Account of the Revenue Fund.

There are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on all Bonds of each Series issued and Outstanding under the Indenture and all reimbursements due to any Credit Facility Issuer for any drawing with respect to such Series of Bonds on its Credit Facility, including, without limitation, interest thereon, as required under the terms of the applicable Credit Facility Agreement, the Pledged Revenues; provided, however, that unless otherwise specifically provided herein or in a Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds with respect to the Pledged Revenues securing such Series of Bonds, the Pledged Revenues securing a Series of Bonds shall secure only such Series of Bonds and Bonds issued on a parity therewith and shall not secure any other Bonds or Series of Bonds. The Pledged Revenues shall immediately be subject to the lien and pledge of the Indenture without any physical delivery hereof or further act; provided, however, that the lien and pledge of the Indenture shall not apply to any moneys transferred by the Trustee to the Rebate Fund. The foregoing notwithstanding, to the extent provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds, such Series of Bonds may be made payable from and secured by less than all of the Pledged Revenues, and any one or more of the provisions of this Master Indenture may be made inapplicable to such Series of Bonds, all as more specifically provided in the corresponding Supplemental Indenture; provided, however, that any such provisions shall apply only to the particular Series of Bonds authorized by such Supplemental Indenture and shall not affect in any manner whatsoever any Outstanding Series of Bonds.

SECTION 6.02. Funds and Accounts Relating to the Bonds. The Funds and Accounts specified in this Article VI shall be established under this Master Indenture and each Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which a Series of Bonds is issued for the benefit of the specific Series of Bonds issued pursuant to such Supplemental Indenture and any Series issued on a parity therewith and, unless expressly otherwise provided in said Supplemental Indenture, shall not apply to Bonds Outstanding hereunder issued under any other indenture supplemental hereto or separately secured hereunder by separate Special Assessments. Unless provided otherwise by Supplemental Indenture, all moneys, including, without limitation, proceeds of a Series of Bonds, on deposit to the credit of the Funds and Accounts established hereunder and under a Supplemental Indenture (except for moneys transferred to the Rebate Fund) shall be pledged to the payment of the principal, redemption or purchase price of (as the case may be) and interest on the Series of Bonds issued hereunder and under such Supplemental Indenture, and any Series issued on a parity therewith.

SECTION 6.03. Revenue Fund. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Revenue Fund and pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture a Series Account for each Series of Bonds issued hereunder, into which the Trustee shall immediately deposit any and all Special Assessments received from the levy thereof on the District Lands or any portion thereof (other than Prepayments) and any amounts received as the result of any foreclosure, sale of tax certificates or other remedial action for nonpayment of Special Assessments for the payment of the related Series of Bonds and other payments required hereunder or under the applicable Supplemental Indenture (unless such Special Assessments and/or other payments are specifically designated by the Issuer pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture for deposit into the Rebate Fund or any other Fund or Account established hereunder or under a Supplemental Indenture) and each Series Account therein shall be held by the Trustee separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts held under the Indenture and from all other moneys of the Trustee. The Trustee shall transfer from amounts on deposit in the Series Account in the Revenue Fund to the Funds and Accounts designated below, the following amounts, at the following times and in the following order of priority unless other times and/or priorities are established in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds:

FIRST, upon receipt but no later than the Business Day preceding the first May 1 for which there is an insufficient amount from Bond proceeds (or investment earnings thereon) on deposit in the applicable Series Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund to be applied to the payment of interest on the Bonds of a Series due on the next succeeding May 1, and no later than the Business Day next preceding each May 1 thereafter while Bonds of a Series issued under the Indenture remain Outstanding, to the applicable Series Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the interest on the related Series of Bonds becoming due on the next succeeding May 1, less any amount on deposit in such Interest Account not previously credited;

SECOND, beginning on the date set forth in the related Supplemental Indenture, and no later than the Business Day next preceding each May 1 or November 1, as designated in the applicable Supplemental Indenture thereafter while Bonds of a Series issued under the Indenture remain Outstanding, to the applicable Series Principal Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the principal amount of Bonds of such Series

maturing on the next succeeding principal payment date, less any amount on deposit in the applicable Series Principal Account not previously credited;

THIRD, beginning on the date set forth in the related Supplemental Indenture, and no later than the Business Day next preceding each May 1 or November 1, as so designated in the applicable Supplemental Indenture thereafter while Bonds of a Series issued under the Indenture remain Outstanding, to the applicable Series Sinking Fund Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the principal amount of Bonds of such Series subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on the next succeeding mandatory sinking fund redemption date, less any amount on deposit in the applicable Series Sinking Fund Account not previously credited;

FOURTH, upon receipt but no later than the Business Day preceding the first November 1 for which there remains an insufficient amount from Bond proceeds (or investment earnings thereon) on deposit in the applicable Series Interest Account to be applied to the payment of interest on the Bonds of a Series due on the next succeeding November 1, and no later than the Business Day next preceding each November 1 thereafter while Bonds of such Series issued under the Indenture remain Outstanding, to the applicable Series Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund, an amount equal to the interest on the Bonds of such Series becoming due on the next succeeding November 1, less any amount on deposit in the applicable Series Interest Account not previously credited;

FIFTH, upon receipt but no later than the Business Day next preceding each Interest Payment Date while Bonds of a Series issued under the Indenture remain Outstanding, to the applicable Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, if any, an amount equal to the amount, if any, which is necessary to make the amount on deposit therein equal to the Debt Service Reserve Requirement;

SIXTH, subject to the following paragraph, the balance of any moneys remaining in a Series Account of the Revenue Fund after making the foregoing deposits shall remain therein.

Except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, the Trustee shall retain any moneys held for the credit of the Revenue Fund which are not otherwise required to be deposited pursuant to this Section and apply such amounts on subsequent dates for the purposes and in the priority set forth above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if pursuant to any Arbitrage Certificate it is necessary to make a deposit in the Rebate Fund, the Issuer shall direct the Trustee to make such deposit thereto. Prepayments pledged to a particular Series of Bonds shall be deposited directly into the applicable Series Account of the Bond Redemption Fund as provided herein.

SECTION 6.04. Debt Service Fund. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Debt Service Fund which shall consist of amounts deposited therein by the Trustee and any other amounts the Issuer may pay to the Trustee for deposit therein with respect to the related Series of Bonds. The Debt Service Fund shall be held by the Trustee separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts held under the Indenture and from all other moneys of the Trustee. The Trustee shall establish within the Debt Service Fund pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture, a Series

Principal Account, a Series Interest Account and, if applicable, a Series Sinking Fund Account for each Series of Bonds and a Series Capitalized Interest Account, which accounts shall be separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts established under the Indenture and from all other moneys of the Trustee.

The Trustee at all times shall make available to any Paying Agent the funds in the Series Principal Account and the Series Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund to pay the principal of the applicable Series of Bonds as they mature upon surrender thereof and the interest on the applicable Series of Bonds as it becomes payable, respectively. When a Series of Bonds is redeemed, the amount, if any, in the Debt Service Fund representing interest thereon shall be applied to the payment of accrued interest in connection with such redemption.

The Trustee shall apply moneys in the Series Sinking Fund Account in the Debt Service Fund for purchase or redemption of the applicable Series of Bonds in amounts and maturities set forth in the Supplemental Indenture. Whenever Bonds of a Series are to be purchased out of such Series Sinking Fund Account, if the Issuer shall notify the Trustee in writing that the Issuer wishes to arrange for such purchase, the Trustee shall comply with the Issuer's arrangements provided they conform to the Indenture.

Except to the extent otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, purchases and redemptions out of the Series Sinking Fund Account shall be made as follows:

(a) The Trustee shall apply the amounts required to be transferred to the Series Sinking Fund Account (less any moneys applied to the purchase of Bonds of the applicable Series pursuant to the next sentence hereof) on the mandatory sinking fund redemption date in each of the years set forth in the Supplemental Indenture to the redemption of Bonds of the related Series in the amounts, manner and maturities and on the dates set forth in the Supplemental Indenture, at a Redemption Price of 100% of the principal amount thereof. At the written direction of the Issuer, the Trustee shall apply moneys from time to time available in the Series Sinking Fund Account to the purchase of Bonds of the applicable Series which mature in the aforesaid years, at prices not higher than the principal amount thereof, in lieu of redemption as aforesaid, provided that firm purchase commitments can be made before the notice of redemption would otherwise be required to be given. In the event of purchases at less than the principal amount thereof, the difference between the amount in the Series Sinking Fund Account representing the principal amount of the Bonds so purchased and the purchase price thereof (exclusive of accrued interest) shall be transferred to the related Series Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund.

(b) Accrued interest on purchased Bonds of a Series shall be paid from the related Series Interest Account of the Debt Service Fund.

(c) In lieu of paying the Debt Service Requirements necessary to allow any mandatory redemption of Bonds of a Series from the related Series Sinking Fund Account, the Issuer may present to the Trustee Bonds of such Series purchased by the Issuer pursuant to subparagraph (a) above and furnished for such purposes; provided, however, that no Bonds of such Series so purchased shall be credited towards the Debt Service Requirements in respect of the mandatory redemption of Bonds of such Series for which notice of redemption has been given

pursuant to Section 8.02 of this Master Indenture. Any Bond so purchased shall be presented to the Trustee for cancellation. In such event, the Debt Service Requirements with respect to the Bonds of a Series for the period in which the purchased Bonds are presented to the Trustee shall, for all purposes hereunder, be reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of any such Bonds so presented.

SECTION 6.05. Debt Service Reserve Fund. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Debt Service Reserve Fund and, if applicable, pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture a Series Account for each Series of Bonds issued hereunder. The Debt Service Reserve Fund and each Series Account therein shall be held by the Trustee solely for the benefit of each related Series of Bonds or sub-Series, as determined by the applicable Supplemental Indenture; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Master Indenture, the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds may provide that the Debt Service Reserve Fund is not applicable and no account therein shall secure such Series of Bonds. The Debt Service Reserve Fund and each Series Account therein shall constitute an irrevocable trust fund to be applied solely as set forth herein and shall be held by the Trustee separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts held under the Indenture and from all other moneys of the Trustee. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds, on the date of issuance and delivery of a Series of Bonds an amount of Bond proceeds or equity equal to the Debt Service Reserve Requirement in respect of such Series of Bonds, calculated as of the date of issuance and delivery of such Series of Bonds, shall be deposited in the related Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, and as long as there exists no default under the Indenture and the amount in the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund is not reduced below the then applicable Debt Service Reserve Requirement with respect to such Series of Bonds, earnings on investments in the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund shall, prior to the Completion Date of a Project, be transferred to the applicable Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund, and after the Completion Date, shall be transferred, at the written direction of the Issuer, to the related Series Account of the Revenue Fund. Otherwise, earnings on investments in each Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund shall be retained therein until applied as set forth herein. Unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, in the event that the amount in a Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund exceeds the Debt Service Reserve Requirement with respect to such Series of Bonds due to a decrease in the then applicable Debt Service Reserve Requirement as a result of a Prepayment of Special Assessments, which Special Assessments are pledged for the payment and security of such Series of Bonds, the excess amount shall be transferred at the written direction of the Issuer given to the Trustee from the Series Account or Subaccount of the Debt Service Reserve Fund to the applicable Series Account of the Bond Redemption Fund established for such Series of Bonds and shall constitute a credit against such Prepayment. In the event that the amount in a Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund exceeds the Debt Service Reserve Requirement with respect to such Series of Bonds due to a decrease in the then applicable Debt Service Reserve Requirement for any other reason, the excess amount shall, unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, be transferred from the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund to the related Series Account or subaccount of the Bond Redemption Fund.

Whenever for any reason on an Interest Payment Date, principal payment date or mandatory redemption date with respect to a related Series of Bonds secured by a Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund the amount in the related Series Interest Account, the related Series Principal Account or the related Series Sinking Fund Account, as the case may be, is insufficient to pay all amounts payable on such Series of Bonds therefrom on such payment dates, the Trustee shall, without further instructions, but subject to contrary direction by the Majority Holder of the Bonds to which such Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund relates, transfer the amount of any such deficiency from the related Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund into the related Series Interest Account, the related Series Principal Account and the related Series Sinking Fund Account, as the case may be, with priority to the related Series Interest Account and then, proportionately according to the respective deficiencies therein, to the related Series Principal Account and the related Series Sinking Fund Account, to be applied to pay the Series of Bonds secured by the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if permitted by the terms of the applicable Supplemental Indenture, in lieu of the required deposits into the related Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, the Issuer may cause to be deposited into the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund a Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy or Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit, either in lieu of any cash amount required to be deposited therein in connection with the issuance of any Series of Bonds or in substitution for the full amounts then on deposit therein or in an amount equal to the difference between the amount required to be deposited and the sum, if any, then on deposit in the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, which Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy or Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit shall be payable (upon the giving of notice as required thereunder) on any Interest Payment Date or principal payment date on which a deficiency exists which cannot be remedied by moneys in any other Fund or Account held pursuant to the Indenture and available for such purpose. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, if any such Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy or Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit is substituted for moneys on deposit in the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, or if at any time there are excess moneys in the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, the excess moneys in the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund shall be transferred to and deposited in the related Series Account or Subaccount of the Revenue Fund. If a disbursement is made from a Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy or Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit, the Issuer shall be obligated to either reinstate the maximum limits of such Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy or Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit immediately following such disbursement or to deposit into the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, as provided in the Indenture for restoration of withdrawals from the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund, funds in the amount of the disbursement made under such Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy or Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit.

In the event that upon the occurrence of any deficiency in a Series Interest Account, a Series Principal Account or a Series Sinking Fund Account, the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund is then funded with a Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit or Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy, the Trustee shall, on an Interest Payment Date or principal payment date or mandatory redemption date to which such deficiency relates, draw upon the Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit or cause to be paid under the Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy an amount sufficient to remedy such deficiency, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Debt

Service Reserve Letter of Credit or Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy, as applicable, and any corresponding reimbursement or other agreement governing the Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit or Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy; provided, however, that if at the time of such deficiency the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund is only partially funded with a Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit or Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy, prior to drawing on the Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit or Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy, as applicable, the Trustee shall first apply any cash and securities on deposit in the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund to remedy the deficiency in accordance with the second paragraph of this Section 6.05 and, if after such application a deficiency still exists, the Trustee shall make up the balance of the deficiency by drawing on the Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit or Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy, as provided in this sentence. Amounts drawn on the Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit or Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy, as applicable, shall be applied as set forth in the second paragraph of this Section 6.05. Any amounts drawn under a Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit or Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy shall be reimbursed to the issuer thereof in accordance with the terms and provisions of the reimbursement or other agreement governing such Debt Service Reserve Letter of Credit or Debt Service Reserve Insurance Policy.

SECTION 6.06. Bond Redemption Fund. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Bond Redemption Fund and a Series Account therein for each Series of Bonds issued hereunder into which shall be deposited moneys, unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, in the amounts and at the times provided in Sections 5.01, 6.01, 6.03, 6.05, 9.08(c) and 9.14(c) of this Master Indenture. The Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund shall constitute an irrevocable trust fund to be applied solely as set forth in the applicable Supplemental Indenture for the related Series of Bonds and shall be held by the Trustee separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts held under such Indenture and from all other moneys of the Trustee. All earnings on investments held in the Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund shall be retained therein and applied as set forth below.

Moneys in the Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund (including all earnings on investments held in the Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund) shall be accumulated therein to be used in the following order of priority, to the extent that the need therefor arises:

FIRST, to make such deposits into the Rebate Fund created and established under this Master Indenture as the Issuer may direct in accordance with an arbitrage rebate agreement, such moneys thereupon to be used solely for the purposes specified in said arbitrage rebate agreement. Any moneys so transferred from the Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund to the Rebate Fund shall thereupon be free from the lien and pledge of the related Indenture;

SECOND, to be used to call for redemption pursuant to clause (b) of Section 8.01 hereof an amount of Bonds of the applicable Series equal to the amount of money transferred to the Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to the aforesaid clauses or provisions, as appropriate, for the purpose of such extraordinary mandatory redemption on the dates and at the prices provided in such clauses or provisions, as appropriate; and

THIRD, the remainder to be utilized by the Trustee, at the direction of a Responsible Officer, to call for redemption on each Interest Payment Date or other date on which Bonds of the applicable Series are subject to optional redemption pursuant to Section 8.01(a) hereof such amount of Bonds of the applicable Series as, with the redemption premium, may be practicable; provided, however, that not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) principal amount of Bonds of the applicable Series shall be called for redemption at one time.

Any such redemption shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of this Master Indenture and the applicable provisions of the related Supplemental Indenture. The Issuer shall pay all expenses in connection with such redemption.

SECTION 6.07. Drawings on Credit Facility. With respect to Bonds in respect of which there has been issued a Credit Facility, the Trustee shall draw on the Credit Facility, in accordance with the provisions for drawing under such Credit Facility, and within the requisite time period, all as set forth in the Credit Facility Agreement or the Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 6.08. Procedure When Funds Are Sufficient to Pay All Bonds of a Series. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, if at any time the moneys held by the Trustee in the Funds (other than the moneys in the Rebate Fund) and Accounts hereunder and under a Supplemental Indenture and available therefor are sufficient to pay the principal or Redemption Price of, as the case may be, and interest on all Bonds of a Series then Outstanding under such Indenture to maturity or prior redemption, together with any amounts due the Issuer and the Trustee, Paying Agent, Registrar and Credit Facility Issuer, if any, the Trustee, at the direction of the Issuer, shall apply the amounts in the Series Funds and Series Accounts to the payment of the aforesaid obligations and the Issuer shall not be required to pay over any further Pledged Revenues with respect to such Series of Bonds unless and until it shall appear that there is a deficiency in the Funds and Accounts held by the Trustee.

SECTION 6.09. Certain Moneys to Be Held for Series Bondholders Only. Each Series of Bonds issued pursuant to this Master Indenture and the related Supplemental Indenture shall be secured by Pledged Revenues, as set forth herein, and otherwise may be secured by such additional Funds and Accounts and other security (including, but not limited to, Credit Facilities) established by the pertinent Supplemental Indenture. Moneys and investments in the various Funds and Accounts created under a Supplemental Indenture expressly and solely for the benefit of the Series of Bonds issued under such Supplemental Indenture shall be held in trust by the Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of, and Credit Facility Issuer with respect to, Bonds of that Series only.

SECTION 6.10. Unclaimed Moneys. In the event any Bond shall not be presented for payment when the principal of such Bond becomes due, either at maturity or at the date fixed for redemption of such Bond or otherwise, if amounts sufficient to pay such Bond have been deposited with the Trustee for the benefit of the owner of the Bond and have remained unclaimed for two (2) years after the date payment thereof becomes due shall, upon request of the Issuer, if the Issuer is not at the time to the actual knowledge of a Responsible Officer of the Trustee in default with respect to any covenant in this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture or the Bonds contained, be paid to the Issuer; and the Owners of the Bonds for which the deposit was made shall thereafter be limited to a claim against the Issuer; provided, however, that the Trustee, before

making payment to the Issuer, may, at the expense of the Issuer, cause a notice to be published in an Authorized Newspaper, stating that the money remaining unclaimed will be returned to the Issuer after a specified date.

SECTION 6.11. Rebate Fund. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Rebate Fund. Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture, the Trustee shall transfer monies from the applicable Series Account in the Revenue Fund and deposit the same to the Rebate Fund, and shall make payments therefrom at the times and in the amounts as directed by the Issuer in writing that are required to comply with the covenants in the applicable Arbitrage Certificate. If so directed by the Issuer in writing, the Trustee shall create one or more Series Accounts within the Rebate Fund relating to one or more particular Series of Bonds.

(a) All amounts held in the Rebate Fund shall be governed by this Section and the applicable Arbitrage Certificate. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely on the rebate calculations obtained from the rebate analyst retained by the Issuer pursuant to any Arbitrage Certificate and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from any good faith action taken or omitted to be taken by the Issuer in reliance upon such calculations.

(b) Pursuant to the applicable Arbitrage Certificate, the Trustee shall remit all rebate installments and a final rebate payment to the United States. The Trustee shall have no obligation to pay any amounts required to be rebated pursuant to this Section and the applicable Arbitrage Certificate, other than at the direction of the Issuer and from moneys held in the Rebate Fund or from other moneys provided to it by the Issuer. Any moneys remaining in the Rebate Fund after redemption and payment of all of the Bonds and payment and satisfaction of any arbitrage rebate shall be withdrawn and paid to the Issuer.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Indenture, including in particular Article XIV hereof, the obligation to pay arbitrage rebate to the United States and to comply with all other requirements of this Section and the Arbitrage Certificate shall survive the defeasance or payment in full of the Bonds.

(d) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have constructive knowledge of the Code or regulations, rulings and judicial decisions concerning the Code.

ARTICLE VII

SECURITY FOR AND INVESTMENT OR DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

SECTION 7.01. Deposits and Security Therefor. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, all moneys received by the Trustee under a Supplemental Indenture for deposit in any Fund or Account established under this Master Indenture or such Supplemental Indenture shall be considered trust funds, shall not be subject to lien or attachment, except for the lien created by this Master Indenture and the related Supplemental Indenture, and shall be deposited with the Trustee, until or unless invested or deposited as provided in Section 7.02 hereof. All deposits of moneys received by the Trustee under this Master Indenture or such Supplemental Indenture (whether original deposits under this Section 7.01 or deposits or redeposits in time accounts under Section 7.02) shall, except for investments of the type specified in (b) and (c) of the definition of Investment Securities, and to

the extent permitted by law, be fully secured as to both principal and interest earned, by Investment Securities of the types set forth in the definition of Investment Securities and the provisions thereof provided, however, the foregoing shall not apply to Investment Securities of the types specified in (e) of the definition of Investment Securities. If at any time the Trustee is unwilling to accept such deposits or unable to secure them as provided above, the Trustee may deposit such moneys with any other depository which is authorized to receive them and the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (including the FDIC Savings Association Insurance Fund). All deposits in any other depository in excess of the amount covered by insurance (whether under this Section 7.01 or Section 7.02 as aforesaid) shall, except for the investments of the type specified in (b) and (e) of the definition of Investment Securities, to the extent permitted by law, be fully secured as to both principal and interest earned, in the same manner as required herein for deposits with the Trustee. Such security shall be deposited with a Federal Reserve Bank, with the trust department of the Trustee as authorized by law with respect to trust funds in the State, or with a bank or trust company having a combined net capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000.

SECTION 7.02. Investment or Deposit of Funds. The Trustee may hold moneys held hereunder uninvested if the Issuer does not provide written instructions for the investment of such moneys. The Trustee shall, as directed by the Issuer in writing, invest moneys held in the Series Accounts in the Debt Service Fund and any Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund created under any Supplemental Indenture only in Investment Securities unless the applicable Supplemental Indenture provides for alternate investments. Except to the extent otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Trustee shall, as directed by the Issuer in writing, invest moneys held in any Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund in Investment Securities. All deposits in time accounts shall be subject to withdrawal without penalty and all investments shall mature or be subject to redemption by the holder without penalty, not later than the date when the amounts will foreseeably be needed for purposes set forth herein or in the Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds. All securities securing investments under this Section shall be deposited with a Federal Reserve Bank, with the trust department of the Trustee, as authorized by law with respect to trust funds in the State, or with a bank or trust company having a combined net capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000. The interest and income received upon such investments and any interest paid by the Trustee or any other depository of any Fund or Account and any profit or loss resulting from the sale of securities shall be added or charged to the Fund or Account for which such investments are made; provided, however, that if the amount in any Fund or Account equals or exceeds the amount required to be on deposit therein, subject to Section 6.05 of this Master Indenture and unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, any interest and other income so received shall be deposited in the related Series Account of the Revenue Fund. Upon written request of the Issuer, or on its own initiative whenever payment is to be made out of any Fund or Account, the Trustee shall sell such securities as may be requested to make the payment and restore the proceeds to the Fund or Account in which the securities were held. The Trustee shall not be accountable for any depreciation in the value of any such security or for any loss resulting from the sale thereof. If net proceeds from the sale of securities held in any Fund or Account shall be less than the amount invested and, as a result, the amount on deposit in such Fund or Account is less than the amount required to be on deposit in such Fund or Account, the amount of such deficit shall be transferred to such Fund or Account from the related Series Account of the Revenue Fund.

In the absence of written investment instructions from the Issuer, the Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for keeping the moneys held by it hereunder invested or for any losses because such amounts were not invested. Moneys in any of the Funds and Accounts established pursuant to the Indenture, when held by the Trustee, shall be promptly invested by the Trustee in accordance with all written directions from the Issuer and the Issuer shall be responsible for ensuring that such instructions conform to requirements of this Master Indenture including, without limitation, this Article VII. The Trustee shall not be liable or responsible for any loss or entitled to any gain resulting from any investment or sale upon the investment instructions of the Issuer or otherwise, including that set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph. The Trustee may conclusively rely upon the Issuer's written instructions as to both the suitability and legality of all investments directed hereunder or under any Supplemental Indenture. Ratings of investments shall be determined by the Issuer at the time of purchase of such investments and without regard to ratings subcategories. The Trustee shall have no responsibility to determine or monitor the ratings of investments. The Trustee may make any and all such investments through its own investment department or that of its affiliates or subsidiaries, and may charge its ordinary and customary fees for such trades. Confirmations of investments are not required to be issued by the Trustee for each month in which a monthly statement is rendered. No statement need be rendered for any fund or account if no activity occurred in such fund or account during such month.

SECTION 7.03. Valuation of Funds. Except for the assets on deposit in the Debt Service Reserve Fund, the Trustee shall value the assets in each of the Funds and Accounts established hereunder or under any Supplemental Indenture within ten (10) Business Days prior to each Interest Payment Date. With respect to the assets in the Debt Service Reserve Fund, including all accounts established therein, the Trustee shall value such assets forty-five (45) days prior to each Interest Payment Date. In either case, as soon as practicable after each such valuation date (but no later than ten (10) Business Days after each such valuation date), the Trustee shall provide the Issuer a report of the status of each Fund and Account as of the valuation date, unless otherwise agreed to by the Trustee and District, but may provide such report earlier if it so elects. In computing the assets of any Fund or Account, investments and accrued interest thereon shall be deemed a part thereof, subject to Section 7.02 hereof. For the purpose of determining the amount on deposit to the credit of any Fund or Account established hereunder or under any Supplemental Indenture, obligations in which money in such Fund or Account shall have been invested shall be valued at the market value or the amortized cost thereof, whichever is lower, or at the redemption price thereof, to the extent that any such obligation is then redeemable at the option of the holder.

SECTION 7.04. Brokerage Confirmations. The District acknowledges that to the extent regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency or other applicable regulatory entity grant the District the right to receive individual confirmations of security transactions at no additional cost, as they occur, the District specifically waives receipt of such confirmations to the extent permitted by law. The Trustee will furnish the District periodic cash transaction statements that include detail for all investment transactions made by the Trustee hereunder.

ARTICLE VIII

REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE OF BONDS

SECTION 8.01. Redemption Dates and Prices. Unless provided otherwise in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Bonds of a Series may be made

subject to optional, mandatory and extraordinary redemption and purchase, either in whole or in part, by the Issuer, prior to maturity in the amounts, at the times and in the manner provided in this Article VIII and in the related Supplemental Indenture.

(a) *Optional Redemption.* Bonds of a Series shall be subject to optional redemption at the direction of the Issuer, at the times and upon payment of the purchase price as provided in the related Supplemental Indenture.

(b) *Extraordinary Mandatory Redemption in Whole or in Part.* Except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to Bonds of the related Series, Bonds of a Series are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity by the Issuer in whole, on any date, or in part, on any Interest Payment Date, at an extraordinary mandatory redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date, (i) from moneys deposited into the related Series Bond Redemption Fund following the payment in full of Special Assessments on any portion of the District Lands in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.08(a) hereof; (ii) from moneys deposited into the related Series Bond Redemption Fund following the payment in full of Special Assessments on any portion of the District Lands as a result of any prepayment of Special Assessments in accordance with Section 9.08(b) hereof; (iii) when sufficient moneys are on deposit in the related Series Funds and Accounts (other than moneys in the Rebate Fund and any other excluded Fund or Account as provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds or moneys required to pay Costs of the Project under the applicable Supplemental Indenture) to pay and redeem all Outstanding Bonds of a Series and accrued interest thereon to the redemption date in addition to all amounts owed to Persons under the Indenture; (iv) with respect to a Series of Bonds from moneys in excess of the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Requirement in the Series Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund transferred to the Series Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to Section 6.05 hereof; (v) from excess moneys transferred from the Series Account of the Revenue Fund to the Series Bond Redemption Fund in accordance with Section 6.03 of this Master Indenture; (vi) from moneys, if any, on deposit in the Series Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to Section 9.14(c) hereof following condemnation or the sale of any portion of the District Lands benefited by a Project to a governmental entity under threat of condemnation by such governmental entity or the damage or destruction of all or substantially all of the Project when such moneys are not to be used pursuant to 9.14(c) to repair, replace or restore the Project; provided, however, that at least forty-five (45) days prior to such extraordinary mandatory redemption, the Issuer shall cause to be delivered to the Trustee (x) notice setting forth the redemption date and (y) a certificate of the Consulting Engineer confirming that the repair and restoration of the Project would not be economical or would be impracticable; or (vii) from amounts transferred to the Series Account of the Bond Redemption Fund from the Series Account of the Acquisition and Construction Fund in accordance with Section 5.01(c) hereof.

(c) *Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption.* Bonds of a Series may be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a Redemption Price of 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date, in the years and amounts set forth in a Supplemental Indenture.

In connection with such mandatory sinking fund redemption of Bonds, amounts shall be transferred from the applicable Series Account of the Revenue Fund to the Series Sinking Fund Account of the Debt Service Fund, all as more particularly described in Section 6.03 hereof.

The principal amounts of scheduled mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts shall be reduced as specified by the Issuer or as provided in Section 8.04 hereof by any principal amounts of the Bonds redeemed pursuant to Section 8.01(a) and (b) hereof or purchased pursuant to Section 6.04 hereof.

Upon any redemption of Bonds other than in accordance with scheduled mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts, the Issuer shall cause to be recalculated and delivered to the Trustee revised mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts recalculated so as to amortize the Outstanding principal amount of Bonds of such Series in substantially equal annual installments of principal and interest (subject to rounding to Authorized Denominations of principal) over the remaining term of the Bonds of such Series. The mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts as so recalculated shall not result in an increase in the aggregate of the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts for all Bonds of such Series in any year. In the event of a redemption or purchase occurring less than 45 days prior to a date on which a mandatory sinking fund redemption amount is due, the foregoing recalculation shall not be made to mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts due in the year in which such redemption or purchase occurs, but shall be made to mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts for the immediately succeeding and subsequent years.

SECTION 8.02. Notice of Redemption and of Purchase. Except where otherwise required by a Supplemental Indenture, when required to redeem or purchase Bonds of a Series under any provision of the related Indenture or directed to do so by the Issuer, the Trustee shall cause notice of the redemption, either in whole or in part, to be provided by Electronic Means or mailed at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption or purchase date to all Owners of Bonds to be redeemed or purchased (as such Owners appear on the Bond Register on the fifth (5th) day prior to such mailing), at their registered addresses, but failure to mail any such notice or defect in the notice or in the mailing thereof shall not affect the validity of the redemption or purchase of the Bonds of such Series for which notice was duly mailed in accordance with this Section 8.02. Such notice shall be given in the name of the Issuer, shall be dated, shall set forth the Bonds of such Series Outstanding which shall be called for redemption or purchase and shall include, without limitation, the following additional information:

- (a) the redemption or purchase date;
- (b) the redemption or purchase price;
- (c) CUSIP numbers, to the extent applicable, and any other distinctive numbers and letters;
- (d) any conditions that must be satisfied for the Bonds to be redeemed on the date of redemption;

(e) if less than all Outstanding Bonds of a Series to be redeemed or purchased, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed or purchased;

(f) that on the redemption or purchase date the Redemption Price or purchase price will become due and payable upon surrender of each such Bond or portion thereof called for redemption or purchase, and that interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after said date; and

(g) the place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption or purchase price, which place of payment shall be a corporate trust office of the Trustee.

If at the time of mailing of notice of an optional redemption or purchase, the Issuer shall not have deposited with the Trustee or Paying Agent moneys sufficient to redeem or purchase all the Bonds called for redemption or purchase, such notice shall be entitled "CONDITIONAL NOTICE OF REDEMPTION" or "CONDITIONAL NOTICE OF PURCHASE", as appropriate, and shall expressly state that the redemption or purchase, as appropriate, is conditional and is subject to the deposit of the redemption or purchase moneys with the Trustee or Paying Agent, as the case may be, not later than the opening of business on the redemption or purchase date, and such notice shall be of no effect unless such moneys are so deposited.

If the amount of funds deposited with the Trustee for such redemption, or otherwise available, is insufficient to pay the Redemption Price and accrued interest on the Bonds so called for redemption on the redemption date, the Trustee shall redeem and pay on such date an amount of such Bonds for which such funds are sufficient, selecting the Bonds to be redeemed randomly from among all such Bonds called for redemption on such date, and among different maturities of Bonds in the same manner as the initial selection of Bonds to be redeemed, and from and after such redemption date, interest on the Bonds or portions thereof so paid shall cease to accrue and become payable; but interest on any Bonds or portions thereof not so paid shall continue to accrue until paid at the same rate as it would have had such Bonds not been called for redemption.

The notices required to be given by this Section 8.02 shall state that no representation is made as to correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP numbers listed in such notice or printed on the Bonds.

SECTION 8.03. Payment of Redemption Price. If any required (a) unconditional notice of redemption has been duly mailed or waived by the Owners of all Bonds called for redemption or (b) conditional notice of redemption has been so mailed or waived and the redemption moneys have been duly deposited with the Trustee or Paying Agent, then in either case, the Bonds called for redemption shall be payable on the redemption date at the applicable Redemption Price plus accrued interest, if any, to the redemption date. Bonds of a Series so called for redemption, for which moneys have been duly deposited with the Trustee, will cease to bear interest on the specified redemption date, shall no longer be secured by the related Indenture and shall not be deemed to be Outstanding under the provisions of the related Indenture.

Payment of the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest, shall be made by the Trustee or Paying Agent to or upon the order of the Owners of the Bonds called for redemption upon surrender of such Bonds. The Redemption Price of the Bonds to be redeemed, the expenses of giving notice and any other expenses of redemption, shall be paid out of the Fund from which redemption is to be made or by the Issuer, or as specified in a Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 8.04. Partial Redemption of Bonds. Except to the extent otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, if less than all of a Series of Bonds of a maturity are to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select the particular Bonds or portions of the Bonds to be called for redemption by lot in such reasonable manner as the Trustee in its discretion may determine. In the case of any partial redemption of Bonds of a Series pursuant to Section 8.01(a), such redemption shall be effectuated by redeeming Bonds of such Series of such maturities in such manner as shall be specified by the Issuer in writing, subject to the provisions of Section 8.01 hereof. In the case of any partial redemption of Bonds of a Series pursuant to Section 8.01(b), such redemption shall be effectuated by redeeming Bonds of such Series pro rata among the maturities, treating each date on which a mandatory sinking fund redemption amount is due as a separate maturity for such purpose, with the portion to be redeemed from each maturity being equal to the product of the aggregate principal amount of Bonds of such Series to be redeemed multiplied times a fraction the numerator of which is the principal amount of the Series of Bonds of such maturity outstanding immediately prior to the redemption date and the denominator of which is the aggregate principal amount of all Bonds of such Series outstanding immediately prior to the redemption date rounded up or down to the nearest \$5,000 amount in order to maintain Authorized Denominations. The District Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall be responsible for calculating such revised sinking fund installments and providing the Trustee with the revised sinking fund installments.

ARTICLE IX COVENANTS OF THE ISSUER

SECTION 9.01. Power to Issue Bonds and Create Lien. The Issuer is duly authorized under the Act and all applicable laws of the State to issue the Bonds, to adopt and execute this Master Indenture and to pledge the Pledged Revenues for the benefit of the Bonds of a Series and any Credit Facility Issuer, except to the extent otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture. The Pledged Revenues are not and shall not be subject to any other lien senior to or on a parity with the lien created in favor of the Bonds of a Series and any Credit Facility Issuer with respect to such Series. The Bonds and the provisions of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture are and will be valid and legally enforceable obligations of the Issuer in accordance with their respective terms. The Issuer shall, at all times, to the extent permitted by law, defend, preserve and protect the pledge created by this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture and all the rights of the Bondholders and any Credit Facility Issuer under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture against all claims and demands of all other Persons whomsoever.

SECTION 9.02. Payment of Principal and Interest on Bonds. The payment of the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on all of the Bonds of a Series issued under the related Indenture shall be secured forthwith equally and ratably by a first lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues, except to the extent otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture; and Pledged Revenues in an amount sufficient to pay the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds of a Series authorized by the related Indenture are hereby irrevocably pledged to the

payment of the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds of a Series authorized under the related Indenture, as the same become due and payable. The Issuer shall promptly pay the interest on and the principal or Redemption Price of every Bond issued hereunder according to the terms thereof, but shall be required to make such payment only out of the Pledged Revenues.

THE BONDS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS MASTER INDENTURE AND THE RELATED SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE AND THE OBLIGATIONS EVIDENCED THEREBY SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A LIEN UPON ANY PROPERTY OF THE ISSUER, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE PROJECT OR ANY PORTION THEREOF IN RESPECT OF WHICH ANY SUCH BONDS ARE BEING ISSUED, OR ANY PART THEREOF, BUT SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN ONLY ON THE PLEDGED REVENUES AS SET FORTH IN THIS MASTER INDENTURE AND ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE. NOTHING IN THE BONDS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS MASTER INDENTURE AND ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS OBLIGATING THE ISSUER TO PAY THE BONDS OR THE REDEMPTION PRICE THEREOF OR THE INTEREST THEREON EXCEPT FROM THE PLEDGED REVENUES, OR AS PLEDGING THE FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE ISSUER, THE CITY, THE COUNTY, THE STATE OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, OR AS OBLIGATING THE ISSUER, THE CITY, THE COUNTY, THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OR CONTINGENTLY, TO LEVY OR TO PLEDGE ANY FORM OF TAXATION WHATEVER THEREFOR.

SECTION 9.03. Special Assessments; Re-Assessments.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Issuer shall levy Special Assessments, and evidence and certify the same to the Tax Collector or cause the Property Appraiser to certify the same on the tax roll to the Tax Collector for collection by the Tax Collector and enforcement by the Tax Collector or the Issuer pursuant to the Act, Chapter 170 or Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes, as applicable, and Section 9.04 hereof, to the extent and in an amount sufficient to pay Debt Service Requirements on all Outstanding Bonds.

(b) If any Special Assessment shall be either in whole or in part annulled, vacated or set aside by the judgment of any court, or if the Issuer shall be satisfied that any such Special Assessment is so irregular or defective that the same cannot be enforced or collected, or if the Issuer shall have omitted to make such Special Assessment when it might have done so, the Issuer shall either (i) take all necessary steps to cause a new Special Assessment to be made for the whole or any part of said improvement or against any property benefited by said improvement, or (ii) in its sole discretion, make up the amount of such Special Assessment from any legally available moneys, which moneys shall be deposited into the applicable Series Account in the Revenue Fund. In case such second Special Assessment shall be annulled, the Issuer shall obtain and make other Special Assessments until a valid Special Assessment shall be made.

SECTION 9.04. Method of Collection. Special Assessments shall be collected by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Chapter 170 or Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes thereto, as applicable, in accordance with the terms of this Section. Except as stated in the next succeeding sentence, the Issuer shall use the uniform method

for the levy, collection and enforcement of Special Assessments afforded by Sections 197.3631, 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes thereto (the "Uniform Method"), and to do all things necessary to continue to use the Uniform Method or a comparable alternative method afforded by Section 197.3631, Florida Statutes. The Issuer shall use its best efforts to enter into and/or maintain in effect one or more written agreements with the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector, either individually or jointly (together, the "Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Agreement") in order to effectuate the provisions of this Section. The Issuer shall ensure that any such Property Appraiser and Tax Collector Agreement remains in effect for at least as long as the final maturity of Bonds Outstanding under this Master Indenture. To the extent that the Issuer is legally prevented from collecting Special Assessments pursuant to the Uniform Method, then the Issuer shall collect and enforce Special Assessments pursuant to any available method under the Act, Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, or Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes thereto.

Notwithstanding the immediately preceding paragraph or any other provision in this Master Indenture to the contrary, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, if the Trustee, acting at the direction of the Majority Holder of a Series of Bonds, requests that the Issuer not use the Uniform Method to collect the Special Assessments levied by the Issuer for the purpose of paying the Debt Service Requirements such Series of Bonds, but instead collect and enforce the Special Assessments levied by the Issuer for the purpose of paying the Debt Service Requirements such Series of Bonds to another available method under the Act, Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, or Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes thereto, then the Issuer shall collect and enforce said Special Assessments in the manner and pursuant to the method so requested by the Trustee. Any Special Assessments that are not collected pursuant to the Uniform Method shall be billed directly to the applicable Landowner and be payable not later than thirty (30) days prior to each Interest Payment Date.

SECTION 9.05. Delinquent Special Assessments. Subject to the provisions of Section 9.04 hereof, if the owner of any lot or parcel of land assessed for a particular Project shall be delinquent in the payment of any Special Assessment, then such Special Assessment shall be enforced pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or any successor statute thereto, including but not limited to the sale of tax certificates and tax deeds as regards such delinquent Special Assessment. In the event the provisions of Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and any provisions of the Act with respect to such sale are inapplicable by operation of law, then upon the delinquency of any Special Assessment the Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, utilize any other method of enforcement as provided by Section 9.04 hereof, including, without limitation, declaring the entire unpaid balance of such Special Assessment to be in default and, at its own expense, cause such delinquent property to be foreclosed, pursuant to the provisions of Section 170.10, Florida Statutes, in the same method now or hereafter provided by law for the foreclosure of mortgages on real estate and Sections 190.026 and 170.10, Florida Statutes, or otherwise as provided by law. The Issuer covenants not to use the provisions of Chapter 173, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 9.06. Sale of Tax Certificates and Issuance of Tax Deeds; Foreclosure of Special Assessment Liens. If the Special Assessments levied and collected under the Uniform Method described in Section 9.04 are delinquent, then the applicable procedures for issuance and sale of tax certificates and tax deeds for nonpayment shall be followed in accordance with Chapter 197, Florida Statutes and related statutes. Alternatively, if the Uniform Method is not utilized, and

if any property shall be offered for sale for the nonpayment of any Special Assessment, and no person or persons shall purchase the same for an amount at least equal to the full amount due on the Special Assessment (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys' fees, if any), the property may then be purchased by the Issuer, to the extent the Issuer has available funds, for an amount equal to the balance due on the Special Assessment (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys' fees, if any), and the Issuer shall thereupon receive, in its corporate name or in the name of a special purpose entity nominee of the Issuer, the title to the property for the benefit of the Registered Owners. The Issuer, either through its own actions or actions caused to be done through the Trustee, shall have the power and shall use its best efforts to lease or sell such property and deposit all of the net proceeds of any such lease or sale into the related Series Account of the Revenue Fund. Not less than ten (10) days prior to the filing of any foreclosure action or any sale of tax deed as herein provided, the Issuer shall cause written notice thereof to be mailed to the Registered Owners of the Series of Bonds secured by such delinquent Special Assessments. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed sale of any lot or tract of land acquired by foreclosure by the Issuer, it shall give written notice thereof to such Registered Owners. The Issuer, either through its own actions or actions caused to be done through the Trustee, agrees that it shall be required to take the measure provided by law for sale of property acquired by it as trustee for the Registered Owners within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the request therefor signed by the Registered Owners of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the aggregate principal amount of all Outstanding Bonds of the Series payable from Special Assessments assessed on such property. If directed by an owner of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Bonds Outstanding or if the Trustee or the Issuer shall so elect, the Issuer and the Trustee may place title of property received upon foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure into a special purpose entity controlled by the Trustee or such other entity acceptable to the registered Holders of a majority of the Bonds of a Series so effected by such foreclosure, for the benefit of the Registered Owners. If the Issuer determines, after consultation with District Counsel, that there is an obligated person, as defined under the Rule, then in addition to the Issuer, the decision to file a foreclosure action shall be made by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Holders of the Bonds so secured by the delinquent Special Assessments and such decision shall be communicated to the Issuer and Trustee in writing.

SECTION 9.07. Books and Records with Respect to Special Assessments. In addition to the books and records required to be kept by the Issuer pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.17 hereof, the Issuer shall keep books and records for the collection of the Special Assessments on the District Lands, which such books, records and accounts shall be kept separate and apart from all other books, records and accounts of the Issuer. The District Manager or the District Manager's designee, at the end of each Fiscal Year, shall prepare a written report setting forth the collections received, the number and amount of delinquencies, the proceedings taken to enforce collections and cure delinquencies and an estimate of time for the conclusion of such legal proceedings. As soon as practicable after such audit shall become available, a copy of such audit shall be mailed to any Registered Owner upon its written request.

SECTION 9.08. Removal of Special Assessment Liens. Except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a related Series of Bonds, the following procedures shall apply in connection with the removal of Special Assessment liens:

(a) At any time from the date of levy of Special Assessments on a parcel of District Lands through the date that is thirty (30) days after the related Project has been completed

and the Board has adopted a resolution accepting such Project as provided by Section 170.09, Florida Statutes, as amended, any owner of property subject to the Special Assessments may, at its option, require the Issuer to release and extinguish the lien upon its property by virtue of the levy of the Special Assessments that relate to a Series of Bonds by paying to the Issuer the entire amount of such Special Assessment on such property, without interest. The Issuer shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing of any Prepayment made under such circumstances. Accrued interest on the principal amount of any Bonds that would be redeemed as a result of such Prepayment made within thirty (30) days after the Board has adopted a resolution accepting the Project shall be derived from moneys on deposit in the Capitalized Interest Account and, if no moneys remain, from moneys on deposit in the Interest Account, and, if no moneys remain therein, from moneys on deposit in the Debt Service Reserve Account. The Issuer may require all landowners to waive such right or to limit the number of prepayments that may be made.

Upon receipt of a Prepayment as described in the immediately preceding paragraph, the Issuer shall immediately, but in any event within two (2) Business Days following the receipt of such Prepayment moneys, pay the amount so received to the Trustee, and the Issuer shall take such action as is necessary to record in the official records of the Issuer that the Special Assessment has been paid in full or in part and that such Special Assessment lien is thereby released and extinguished if paid in full or such Special Assessment lien shall be reduced if the Landowner only made a partial Prepayment. Upon receipt of any such moneys from the Issuer the Trustee shall immediately deposit the same into the Bond Redemption Fund to be applied to the redemption of Bonds in accordance with Section 8.01(b)(i) hereof. In connection with such Prepayment, the Issuer shall calculate the credit authorized pursuant to Section 6.05 hereof, and instruct the Trustee to transfer such credit to the Bond Redemption Fund to be used together with such Prepayment for the redemption of Bonds in accordance with Section 8.01(b)(i) hereof.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, and consistent with the proceedings of the Issuer relating to the imposition and levy of the Special Assessments, any Landowner may at any time require the Issuer to release and extinguish the lien upon its property by virtue of the levy of the Special Assessments by paying to the Issuer the entire amount of the Special Assessment, plus accrued interest to the next succeeding Interest Payment Date (or the second succeeding Interest Payment Date if such prepayment is made within forty (40) calendar days before an Interest Payment Date), attributable to the property subject to Special Assessment owned by such owner.

(c) Upon receipt of a Prepayment as described in (a) and (b) above, the Issuer shall immediately pay the amount so received to the Trustee, and the Issuer shall take such action as is necessary to record in the official records of the Issuer that the Special Assessment has been paid or otherwise satisfied and that such Special Assessment lien is thereby released and extinguished. Except as otherwise provided by a Supplemental Indenture, upon receipt of any such moneys from the Issuer the Trustee shall immediately deposit the same into the applicable Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund to be applied to the redemption of Bonds in accordance with Section 8.01(b)(i) or (ii) hereof, as the case may be.

SECTION 9.09. Deposit of Special Assessments. The Issuer covenants to cause any Special Assessments collected or otherwise received by it to be deposited with the Trustee within five (5) Business Days after receipt thereof for deposit into the related Series Account of the Revenue Fund (except that amounts received as Prepayments of Special Assessments shall be

designated by the Issuer as such upon delivery to the Trustee and shall be deposited directly into the related Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund).

SECTION 9.10. Construction to be on District Lands. The Issuer covenants that no part of the Project will be constructed on, over or under lands other than (i) lands good and marketable title to which is owned by the Issuer or other appropriate entity in fee simple, (ii) lands on, over or under which the Issuer or other appropriate entity shall have acquired perpetual easements for the purposes of the Project, or (iii) lands, including public streets and highways, the right to the use and occupancy of which for such purposes shall be vested in the Issuer or other appropriate entity by law or by valid franchises, licenses, easements or rights of way or other legally effective permissions or approval.

SECTION 9.11. Operation, Use and Maintenance of Project. The Issuer shall establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Project owned by the Issuer, and the operation thereof, such rules and regulations to be adopted in accordance with the Act, and the Issuer shall operate, use and maintain the Project owned by the Issuer in accordance with the Act and all other applicable federal and State laws, rules and regulations; the Issuer shall maintain and operate the Project owned by the Issuer in an efficient and economical manner, shall at all times maintain the same in good repair and in sound operating condition and shall make all necessary repairs, renewals and replacements.

SECTION 9.12. Observance of and Compliance with Valid Requirements. The Issuer shall pay all municipal or governmental charges lawfully levied or assessed upon any Project or any part thereof or upon any revenues when the same shall become due, and the Issuer shall duly observe and comply with all valid requirements of any municipal or governmental authority relative to the Project. The Issuer shall not, except as otherwise permitted in Sections 9.23 and 9.24 of this Article, create or suffer to be created any lien or charge upon any Project or upon Pledged Revenues, except the lien and charge of the Bonds on the Pledged Revenues.

SECTION 9.13. Payment of Operating or Maintenance Costs by State or Others. The Issuer may permit the United States of America, the State, the County, the City or any of their agencies, departments or political subdivisions to pay all or any part of the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the Project out of funds other than Pledged Revenues.

SECTION 9.14. Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance; Maintenance of Insurance; Use of Insurance and Condemnation Proceeds.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this Section, the Issuer will carry or cause to be carried, in respect of each Project, comprehensive general liability insurance (covering bodily injury and property damage) issued by one or more insurance companies authorized and qualified to do business under the laws of the State, in such amounts as is customary for similar operations, or as is more specifically set forth herein below.

(b) At all times, to the extent commercially available, the Issuer shall maintain a practical insurance program, with reasonable terms, conditions, provisions and costs which the District Manager determines will afford adequate protection against loss caused by damage to or destruction of any component of the Project owned by the Issuer. Limits for such coverage will

be subject to the Consulting Engineer's recommendations which are to be provided in an annual report, as required by Section 9.21 hereof. The Issuer shall also, at all times, maintain a practical comprehensive general liability insurance program with respect to the Project for such coverage, with such reasonable terms, conditions, provisions and costs as the District Manager determines will afford adequate protection against bodily injury and property damage.

All insurance policies of the Issuer relating to the Project shall be carried with companies authorized to do business in the State, with a Best rating of no less than "A" as to management and Class "V" as to financial strength; provided, however, that if, in the opinion of the District Manager, adequate insurance protection under reasonable terms, conditions, provisions and cost cannot be purchased from an insurance company with the above-designated ratings, then the District Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, may secure such insurance protection as the Issuer determines to be in its best interests and otherwise consistent with this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture; provided further, however, that the Issuer may act as a self-insurer in accordance with the requirements of subsection (d) hereof. All policies providing the insurance coverages required by this Section shall designate the Issuer as the loss-payee and shall be made payable to the Issuer.

(c) All proceeds received from property damage or destruction insurance and all proceeds received from the condemnation of the Project or any part thereof are hereby pledged by the Issuer as security for the related Series of Bonds and shall be deposited at the option of the Issuer, but subject to the limitations hereinafter described, either (i) into a separate subaccount within the Acquisition and Construction Fund to be established by the Trustee for such purpose, and used to remedy the loss, damage or taking for which such proceeds are received, either by repairing the damaged property or replacing the destroyed or taken property, as soon as practicable after the receipt of such proceeds, or (ii) into the related Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund for the purpose of purchasing or redeeming Bonds according to the provisions set forth in Article VIII hereof. The Issuer shall not be entitled to deposit insurance proceeds or condemnation awards into the separate fund described above in clause (i) of this paragraph (and such proceeds and awards shall be deposited directly into the related Series Account within the Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to clause (ii) of this paragraph) unless there shall have been filed with the Issuer within a reasonable time after the damage, destruction or condemnation (A) a certificate from the Consulting Engineer that the proceeds of the insurance or condemnation awards deposited into such separate fund, together with other funds available for such purposes, will be sufficient to repair, rebuild, replace or restore such property to substantially the same condition as it was in prior to its damage, destruction or condemnation (taking into consideration any changes, alterations and modifications that the Issuer may desire), (B) an opinion from the Consulting Engineer that the Project can be repaired, rebuilt, replaced or restored within two (2) years following the damage, destruction or condemnation thereof and (C) an opinion of the Consulting Engineer that, in each of the three (3) Fiscal Years following completion of such repair, rebuilding, replacement or restoration, the Issuer will be in compliance with its obligations hereunder. If the certificate described in clause (A) of this paragraph is not rendered because such proceeds or awards are insufficient for such purposes, the Issuer may deposit any other legally available funds in such separate fund in an amount required to enable the Consulting Engineer to render its certificate. If the insurance proceeds or condemnation awards deposited in such separate fund are more than sufficient to repair the damaged property or to replace the destroyed or taken

property, the balance thereof remaining shall be deposited to the credit of the related Series Account in the Revenue Fund.

(d) The Issuer shall be entitled to provide all or a portion of the insurance coverage required by subsections (a) and (b) of this Section through Qualified Self Insurance, provided that the requirements hereinafter set forth in this subsection (d) are satisfied. "Qualified Self Insurance" means insurance maintained through a program of self insurance or insurance maintained with a company or association in which the Issuer has a material interest or of which the Issuer has control, either singly or with others.

Each plan of Qualified Self Insurance shall be in written form, shall provide that upon the termination of such plan reserves will be established or insurance acquired in amounts adequate to cover any potential retained liability in respect of the period of self insurance, and shall be reviewed annually by the District Manager or registered actuary who shall deliver to the Issuer a report on the adequacy of the reserves established thereunder in light of claims made. If the District Manager or registered actuary determines that such reserves are inadequate in light of the claims made, he shall make recommendations as to the amount of reserves that should be established and maintained, and the Issuer shall comply with such recommendations.

(e) Copies of all recommendations and approvals made by the Consulting Engineer under the provisions of this Section shall be filed with the District Manager.

SECTION 9.15. Collection of Insurance Proceeds. Copies of all insurance policies referred to in Section 9.14 of this Article shall be available at the offices of the Issuer at all reasonable times to the inspection of the Holders of the Bonds and their agents and representatives duly authorized in writing. The Issuer covenants that it will take such action as may be necessary to demand, collect and sue for any insurance money which may become due and payable under any policy of insurance required under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, whether such policy is payable to the Issuer or to the Trustee. The Trustee is hereby authorized in its own name to demand, collect, sue and receive any insurance money which may become due and payable under any policies payable to it.

Any appraisal or adjustment of any loss or damage under any policy of insurance required under the Indenture, whether such policy is payable to the Issuer or to the Trustee, and any settlement or payment of indemnity under any such policy which may be agreed upon by the Issuer and any insurer shall be evidenced by a certificate, signed by the District Manager approved by the Consulting Engineer, and filed with the Trustee. The Trustee shall in no way be liable or responsible for the collection of insurance moneys in case of any loss or damage.

SECTION 9.16. Use of Revenues for Authorized Purposes Only. None of the Pledged Revenues shall be used for any purpose other than as provided in this Master Indenture and the related Supplemental Indenture and no contract or contracts shall be entered into or any action taken by the Issuer or the Trustee which will be inconsistent with the provisions of this Master Indenture and the related Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 9.17. Books, Records and Annual Reports. The Issuer shall keep proper books of record and account in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

(separate from all other records and accounts) consistently applied and consistent with the provisions of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, in which complete and correct entries shall be made of its transactions relating to the Project, and which, together with all other books and records of the Issuer, including, without limitation, insurance policies, relating to the Project, shall at all times be subject during regular business hours to the inspection of the Trustee.

SECTION 9.18. [Reserved].

SECTION 9.19. Employment of Certified Public Accountant. The Issuer shall engage, employ or cause to be employed as required a Certified Public Accountant to perform accounting and auditing functions and duties required by the Act and this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 9.20. Establishment of Fiscal Year, Annual Budget. The Issuer has established a Fiscal Year beginning October 1 of each year and ending September 30 of the following year. The reports and budget of the Issuer shall relate to such Fiscal Year unless and until, in accordance with applicable law, a different Fiscal Year is established by Certified Resolution of the Issuer and is filed with the Trustee, to hold solely as a repository and with no duty to review the contents thereof.

On or before the first day of each Fiscal Year the Issuer shall adopt a final Annual Budget with respect to the Project for such Fiscal Year for the payment of anticipated operating and maintenance expenses and shall supply a copy of such budget promptly upon the approval thereof to any Bondholders who shall have so requested in writing and shall have filed their names and addresses with the Secretary of the Board for such purpose. If for any reason the Issuer shall not have adopted the Annual Budget with respect to the Project on or before the first day of any Fiscal Year, the Annual Budget for the preceding Fiscal Year shall, until the adoption of the new Annual Budget, be deemed in force for the ensuing Fiscal Year. The Issuer may at any time adopt an amended or supplemental Annual Budget for the remainder of the current Fiscal Year, and when such amended or supplemental Annual Budget is approved it shall be treated as the official Annual Budget under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture. Copies of such amended or supplemental Annual Budget shall be mailed by the Issuer to any Bondholders who shall have so requested in writing and shall have filed their names and addresses with the Secretary of the Board for such purpose.

SECTION 9.21. Employment of Consulting Engineer; Consulting Engineer's Report.

(a) The Issuer shall, for the purpose of performing and carrying out the duties imposed on the Consulting Engineer by this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, employ one or more Independent engineers or engineering firms or corporations having a statewide and favorable reputation for skill and experience in such work.

(b) The Issuer shall cause the Consulting Engineer to make an inspection of any portions of the Project owned by the Issuer at least once in each Fiscal Year and, on or before the first day of July in each Fiscal Year, to submit to the Board a report setting forth (i) its findings as to whether such portions of the Project owned by the Issuer have been maintained in good repair,

working order and condition, (ii) its recommendations as to the proper maintenance, repair and operation of the Project during the ensuing Fiscal Year and an estimate of the amount of money necessary for such purpose and (iii) the insurance to be carried under the provisions of Section 9.14 hereof and the amount that should be set aside monthly for the purpose of paying insurance premiums which fall due less often than monthly.

Promptly after the receipt of such reports by the Issuer, copies thereof shall be mailed by the Issuer to all Bondholders who shall have filed their names and addresses with the Secretary of the Board for such purpose.

SECTION 9.22. Audit Reports. The Issuer covenants to keep accurate records and books of account with respect to the Project, and covenants that, no later than two hundred seventy (270) days after the end of each Fiscal Year, it will cause an audit to be made by a Certified Public Accountant covering all receipts and moneys then on deposit with or in the name of the Trustee or the Issuer and any security held therefor and any investments thereof. Copies of such audit reports shall be filed with the District Manager and the Secretary of the Board, and mailed by said Secretary to the Consulting Engineer and to all Bondholders who shall have filed their names and addresses with him for such purpose.

SECTION 9.23. Covenant Against Sale or Encumbrance; Exceptions. The Issuer covenants that, (a) except for those improvements comprising the Project that are to be conveyed by the Issuer to the City, the County, the State Department of Transportation or another governmental entity, as to which no assessments of the Issuer will be imposed and (b) except as in this Section permitted, it will not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of or encumber the Project, or any part thereof. Subject to the provisions of Section 9.29 hereof, the Issuer may, however, from time to time, sell any machinery, fixtures, apparatus, tools, instruments or other movable property acquired by it from the proceeds of a Series of Bonds or from Pledged Revenues if the District Manager shall determine, with the approval of the Consulting Engineer, that such items are no longer needed or are no longer useful in connection with the construction, maintenance and operation of the related Project, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied to the replacement of the properties so sold or disposed of or, at the written direction of the Issuer shall be deposited to the credit of the related Series Account in the Acquisition and Construction Fund.

Upon any sale of property relating to the Project, the aggregate of which in any thirty (30) day period exceeds Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) under the provisions of this Section, the Issuer shall provide written notice to the Trustee of the property so sold and the amount and disposition of the proceeds thereof.

Subject to obtaining an opinion of Bond Counsel that such action will not adversely affect the exclusion of interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes, the Issuer may lease or grant easements, franchises or concessions for the use of any part of the Project not incompatible with the maintenance and operation thereof, if the Consulting Engineer shall approve such lease, easement, franchise or concession in writing, and the net proceeds of any such lease, easement, franchise or concession (after the making of provision for payment from said proceeds of all costs incurred in financing, constructing, operating, maintaining or repairing such leases, easements, franchises or concessions) shall be deposited as received to the credit of related Series Account in the Acquisition and Construction Fund.

SECTION 9.24. No Loss of Lien on Pledged Revenue. The Issuer shall not do or omit to do, or suffer to be done or omit to be done, any matter or thing whatsoever whereby the lien of the Bonds on the Pledged Revenues or any part thereof, or the priority thereof, would be lost or impaired; provided, however, that this Section shall not prohibit the Trustee from transferring moneys to the Rebate Fund held by the Trustee under any arbitrage rebate agreement.

SECTION 9.25. Compliance With Other Contracts and Agreements. The Issuer shall comply with and abide by all of the terms and conditions of any and all contracts and agreements which the Issuer enters into in connection with the Project and the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 9.26. Issuance of Additional Obligations. The Issuer shall not issue any obligations other than the Bonds payable from Pledged Revenues, nor voluntarily create or cause to be created any debt, lien, pledge, assignment, encumbrance or other charge, payable from Pledged Revenues, except in the ordinary course of business.

SECTION 9.27. Extension of Time for Payment of Interest Prohibited. The Issuer shall not directly or indirectly extend or assent to an extension of time for payment of any claim for interest on any of the Bonds and shall not directly or indirectly be a party to or approve any arrangement therefor by purchasing or funding or in any manner keeping alive any such claim for interest; no claim for interest which in any way, at or after maturity, shall have been transferred or pledged apart from the Bonds to which it relates or which shall in any manner have been kept alive after maturity by extension or by purchase thereof by or on behalf of the Issuer, shall be entitled, in case of a default hereunder, to any benefit or security under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture except after the prior payment in full of the principal of all Bonds and claims for interest appertaining thereto not so transferred, pledged, kept alive or extended.

SECTION 9.28. Further Assurances. The Issuer shall not enter into any contract or take any action by which the rights of the Trustee or the Bondholders may be impaired and shall, from time to time, execute and deliver such further instruments and take such further action as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 9.29. Use of Bond Proceeds to Comply with Internal Revenue Code. The Issuer covenants to the Holders of the Bonds that it will not make or direct the making of any investment or other use of the proceeds of any Bonds issued hereunder, the interest on which is intended to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes ("Tax-Exempt Bonds") which would cause such Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" as that term is defined in Section 148 of the Code or "private activity bonds" as that term is defined in Section 141, of the Code, and that it will comply with the requirements of such Code sections and related regulations throughout the term of such Tax-Exempt Bonds. The Issuer hereby further covenants and agrees to comply with the procedures and covenants contained in any Arbitrage Certificate executed in connection with the issuance of each Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds for so long as compliance is necessary in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on each Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds.

SECTION 9.30. Corporate Existence and Maintenance of Properties. For so long as any Bonds are Outstanding hereunder, unless otherwise provided by the Act, the Issuer shall maintain its corporate existence as a local unit of special purpose government under the Act and shall

provide for or otherwise require all Projects, and all parts thereof owned by the Issuer to be (a) continuously operated, repaired, improved and maintained as shall be necessary to provide adequate service to the lands benefited thereby; and (b) in compliance with all valid and applicable laws, acts, rules, regulations, permits, orders, requirements and directions of any competent public authority.

SECTION 9.31. Bankruptcy or Insolvency of Landowner. For purposes of this Section 9.31, (a) each Series of Bonds secured by and payable from Special Assessments levied against property owned by any Insolvent Taxpayer (defined below) are collectively referred to herein as the "Affected Bonds" and (b) the Special Assessments levied against any Insolvent Taxpayer's property and pledged under one or more Supplemental Indentures as security for the Affected Bonds are collectively referred to herein as the "Affected Special Assessments".

The provisions of this Section 9.31 shall be applicable both before and after the commencement, whether voluntary or involuntary, of any case, proceeding or other action by or against any owner of any tax parcel subject to the Affected Special Assessments (an "Insolvent Taxpayer") under any existing or future law of any jurisdiction relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, assignment for the benefit of creditors, or relief of debtors (a "Proceeding"). For as long as any Affected Bonds remain Outstanding, in any Proceeding involving the Issuer, any Insolvent Taxpayer, the Affected Bonds or the Affected Special Assessments, the Issuer shall be obligated to act in accordance with any direction from the Trustee with regard to all matters directly or indirectly affecting at least three percent (3%) of the Outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Affected Bonds or for as long as any Affected Bonds remain Outstanding, in any proceeding involving the Issuer, any Insolvent Taxpayer, the Affected Bonds or the Affected Special Assessments or the Trustee. The Issuer agrees that it shall not be a defense to a breach of the foregoing covenant that it has acted upon advice of counsel in not complying with this covenant.

The Issuer acknowledges and agrees that, although the Affected Bonds were issued by the Issuer, the Owners of the Affected Bonds are categorically the party with the ultimate financial stake in the transaction and, consequently, the party with a vested and pecuniary interest in a Proceeding. In the event of any Proceeding involving any Insolvent Taxpayer: (a) the Issuer hereby agrees that it shall follow the direction of the Trustee in making any election, giving any consent, commencing any action or filing any motion, claim, obligation, notice or application or in taking any other action or position in any Proceeding or in any action related to a Proceeding that affects, either directly or indirectly, the Affected Special Assessments, the Affected Bonds or any rights of the Trustee under the Indenture; (b) the Issuer hereby agrees that it shall not make any election, give any consent, commence any action or file any motion, claim, obligation, notice or application or take any other action or position in any Proceeding or in any action related to a Proceeding that affects, either directly or indirectly, the Affected Special Assessments, the Affected Bonds or any rights of the Trustee under the Indenture that is inconsistent with any direction from the Trustee; (c) to the extent permitted by law, the Trustee shall have the right, but is not obligated to, (i) vote in any such Proceeding any and all claims of the Issuer, or (ii) file any motion, pleading, plan or objection in any such Proceeding on behalf of the Issuer, including without limitation, motions seeking relief from the automatic stay, dismissal the Proceeding, valuation of the property belonging to the Insolvent Taxpayer, termination of exclusivity, and objections to disclosure statements, plans of liquidation or reorganization, and motions for use of cash collateral, seeking approval of sales or post-petition financing. If the Trustee chooses to

exercise any such rights, the Issuer shall be deemed to have appointed the Trustee as its agent and granted to the Trustee an irrevocable power of attorney coupled with an interest, and its proxy, for the purpose of exercising any and all rights and taking any and all actions available to the Issuer in connection with any Proceeding of any Insolvent Taxpayer, including without limitation, the right to file and/or prosecute any claims, to propose and prosecute a plan, to vote to accept or reject a plan, and to make any election under Section 1111(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and (d) the Issuer shall not challenge the validity or amount of any claim submitted in such Proceeding by the Trustee in good faith or any valuations of the lands owned by any Insolvent Taxpayer submitted by the Trustee in good faith in such Proceeding or take any other action in such Proceeding, which is adverse to Trustee's enforcement of the Issuer claim and rights with respect to the Affected Special Assessments or receipt of adequate protection (as that term is defined in the Bankruptcy Code). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer agrees that the Trustee shall have the right (i) to file a proof of claim with respect to the Affected Special Assessments, (ii) to deliver to the Issuer a copy thereof, together with evidence of the filing with the appropriate court or other authority, and (iii) to defend any objection filed to said proof of claim.

SECTION 9.32. Continuing Disclosure. The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, failure of the Issuer or the Developer (if obligated pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Agreement) to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall not be considered an Event of Default; however, the Trustee may (and, at the request of any participating underwriter or the Holders of at least 25% aggregate principal amount in Outstanding Bonds of a Series and receipt of indemnity to its satisfaction, shall) or any Holder of the Bonds or Beneficial Owner may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Section 9.32. For purposes of this Section, "Beneficial Owner" means any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

ARTICLE X

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

SECTION 10.01. Events of Default and Remedies. Except to the extent otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds, events of default and remedies with respect to each Series of Bonds shall be as set forth in this Master Indenture.

SECTION 10.02. Events of Default Defined. Each of the following shall be an "Event of Default" under the Indenture, with respect to a Series of Bonds:

(a) if payment of any installment of interest on any Bond of such Series is not made when it becomes due and payable; or

(b) if payment of the principal or Redemption Price of any Bond of such Series is not made when it becomes due and payable at maturity or upon call or presentation for redemption; or

(c) if the Issuer, for any reason, fails in, or is rendered incapable of, fulfilling its obligations under the Indenture or under the Act, as determined by the Majority Holder of such Series of Bonds; or

(d) if the Issuer proposes or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or enters into a composition agreement with all or a material part of its creditors, or a trustee, receiver, executor, conservator, liquidator, sequestrator or other judicial representative, similar or dissimilar, is appointed for the Issuer or any of its assets or revenues, or there is commenced any proceeding in liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement of debts, debtor rehabilitation, creditor adjustment or insolvency, local, state or federal, by or against the Issuer and if such is not vacated, dismissed or stayed on appeal within ninety (90) days; or

(e) if the Issuer defaults in the due and punctual performance of any other covenant in the Indenture or in any Bond of such Series issued pursuant to the Indenture and such default continues for sixty (60) days after written notice requiring the same to be remedied shall have been given to the Issuer by the Trustee, which may give such notice in its discretion and shall give such notice at the written request of the Majority Holder of the Outstanding Bonds of such Series; provided, however, that if such performance requires work to be done, actions to be taken, or conditions to be remedied, which by their nature cannot reasonably be done, taken or remedied, as the case may be, within such sixty (60) day period, no Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred or exist if, and so long as the Issuer shall commence such performance within such sixty (60) day period and shall diligently and continuously prosecute the same to completion; or

(f) written notice shall have been received by the Trustee from a Credit Facility Issuer securing Bonds of such Series that an event of default has occurred under the Credit Facility Agreement, or there shall have been a failure by said Credit Facility Issuer to make said Credit Facility available or to reinstate the interest component of said Credit Facility in accordance with the terms of said Credit Facility, to the extent said notice or failure is established as an event of default under the terms of a Supplemental Indenture; or

(g) if at any time the amount in the Debt Service Reserve Fund or any account therein is less than the Debt Service Reserve Requirement as a result of the Trustee withdrawing an amount therefrom to pay current debt service on any Series of Bonds and such amount has not been restored within thirty (30) days of such withdrawal; or

(h) if at any time after eighteen months following issuance of the related series of Bonds, more than twenty percent (20%) of the "maintenance special assessments" levied by the Issuer on the District Lands upon which the Special Assessments are levied to secure one or more Series of Bonds pursuant to Section 190.021(3), Florida Statutes, as amended, and collected directly by the District have become due and payable and have not been paid, when due.

The Trustee shall not be required to rely on any official action, admission or declaration by the Issuer before recognizing that an Event of Default under (c) above has occurred.

SECTION 10.03. No Acceleration; Redemption. No Series of Bonds issued under this Master Indenture shall be subject to acceleration. Upon occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, no optional redemption or extraordinary mandatory redemption of the Bonds pursuant

to Article VIII hereof shall occur unless all of the Bonds of the Series where an Event of Default has occurred will be redeemed or if 100% of the Holders of such Series of Bonds agree to such redemption; provided, however nothing in this Section 10.03 shall prevent a pro rata default distribution pursuant to Section 10.12 herein.

SECTION 10.04. Foreclosure of Assessment Lien. Notwithstanding Section 9.06 of this Master Indenture or any other provision of this Master Indenture to the contrary, the following provisions shall apply with respect to the Special Assessments securing a Series of Bonds and such Series of Bonds.

If any property shall be offered for sale for the nonpayment of any Special Assessment and no person or persons shall purchase such property for an amount equal to the full amount due on the Special Assessments (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys' fees, if any), the property may then be purchased by the Issuer for an amount equal to the balance due on the Special Assessments (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys' fees, if any), from any legally available funds of the Issuer and the Issuer shall receive in its corporate name or in the name of a special purpose entity title to the property for the benefit of the Owners of the applicable Series of Bonds; provided that the Trustee shall have the right, acting at the written direction of the Majority Holder, but shall not be obligated, to direct the Issuer with respect to any action taken pursuant to this Section. The Issuer, either through its own actions, or actions caused to be taken through the Trustee, shall have the power and shall lease or sell such property, and deposit all of the net proceeds of any such lease or sale into the Revenue Account. The Issuer, either through its own actions, or actions caused to be taken through the Trustee, agrees that it shall be required to take the measures provided by law for sale of property acquired by it as trustee for the Owners of the applicable Series of Bonds within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the request therefor signed by the Trustee or the Majority Holder.

SECTION 10.05. Legal Proceedings by Trustee. If any Event of Default with respect to a Series of Bonds has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee, in its discretion may, and upon the written request of the Majority Holder of the Outstanding Bonds of such Series and receipt of indemnity to its satisfaction shall, in its capacity as Trustee:

(a) by mandamus, or other suit, action or proceeding at law or in equity, enforce all rights of the Holders of the Bonds of such Series, including, without limitation, the right to require the Issuer to carry out any agreements with, or for the benefit of, the Bondholders of the Bonds of such Series and to perform its or their duties under the Act;

(b) bring suit upon the Series of Bonds;

(c) by action or suit in equity require the Issuer to account as if it were the trustee of an express trust for the Holders of the Bonds of such Series;

(d) by action or suit in equity enjoin any acts or things which may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of the Holders of the Bonds of such Series; and

(e) by other proceeding in law or equity, exercise all rights and remedies provided for by any other document or instrument securing such Series of Bonds.

SECTION 10.06. Discontinuance of Proceedings by Trustee. If any proceeding taken by the Trustee on account of any Event of Default is discontinued or is determined adversely to the Trustee, the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent and the Bondholders shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder as though no such proceeding had been taken.

SECTION 10.07. Bondholders May Direct Proceedings. Subject to Section 10.08 below, the Majority Holder of the Outstanding Bonds of a Series then subject to remedial proceedings under this Article X shall have the right to direct the method and place of conducting all remedial proceedings by the Trustee under the Indenture, provided that such directions shall not be otherwise than in accordance with law or the provisions of the Indenture.

SECTION 10.08. Limitations on Actions by Bondholders. No Bondholder shall have any right to pursue any remedy hereunder unless (a) the Trustee shall have been given written notice of an Event of Default, (b) the Majority Holder of the Outstanding Bonds of the applicable Series shall have requested the Trustee, in writing, to exercise the powers hereinabove granted or to pursue such remedy in its or their name or names, (c) the Trustee shall have been offered indemnity satisfactory to it against costs, expenses and liabilities (including attorneys' fees, costs and expenses), and (d) the Trustee shall have failed to comply with such request within a reasonable time.

SECTION 10.09. Trustee May Enforce Rights Without Possession of Bonds. All rights under the Indenture and a Series of Bonds may be enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Bonds of such Series or the production thereof at the trial or other proceedings relative thereto, and any proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its name for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Bonds of such Series.

SECTION 10.10. Remedies Not Exclusive. Except as limited under Section 15.01 of this Master Indenture, no remedy contained in the Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each remedy is in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute.

SECTION 10.11. Delays and Omissions Not to Impair Rights. No delay or omission in respect of exercising any right or power accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair such right or power or be a waiver of such Event of Default, and every remedy given by this Article X may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

SECTION 10.12. Application of Moneys in Event of Default. Any moneys received by the Trustee or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, in connection with any proceedings brought under this Article X with respect to a Series of Bonds and any funds held by the Trustee shall be applied in the following order of priority:

(a) to the payment of the costs of the Trustee and Paying Agent incurred in connection with actions taken under this Article X with respect to such Series of Bonds, including counsel fees, costs and expenses and any disbursements of the Trustee and the Paying Agent and payment of unpaid fees owed to the Trustee, the Registrar or the Paying Agent.

(b) unless the principal of all the Bonds of such Series shall have become or shall have been declared due and payable:

FIRST, to payment of all installments of interest then due on the Bonds of such Series in the order of maturity of such installments of interest, and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full any particular installment, then to the payment ratably, according to the amounts due on such installment, to the persons entitled thereto, without any preference or priority of one installment of interest over any other installment; and

SECOND, to payment to the persons entitled thereto of the unpaid principal or Redemption Price of any of the Bonds of such Series which shall have become due in the order of their due dates, with interest on such Bonds from the respective dates upon which they become due and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full the principal or Redemption Price coming due on such Bonds on any particular date, together with such interest, then to the payment ratably, according to the amount of principal due on such date, to the persons entitled thereto without any preference or priority of one such Bond of a Series over another or of any installment of interest over another.

(c) if the principal of all Bonds of a Series shall have become or shall have been declared due and payable, to the payment of principal or Redemption Price (as the case may be) and interest then owing on the Bonds of such Series and in case such moneys shall be insufficient to pay the same in full, then to the payment of principal or Redemption Price and interest ratably, without preference or priority of one Bond of such Series over another or of any installment of interest over any other installment of interest.

Any surplus remaining after the payments described above shall be paid to the Issuer or to the Person lawfully entitled to receive the same or as a court of competent jurisdiction may direct.

For purposes of the application of moneys described above, to the extent payments of principal of and interest on a Series of Bonds shall have been made under a Credit Facility relating thereto, the Credit Facility Issuer shall be entitled to moneys in the related Series Accounts in the Debt Service Fund in accordance with the agreement pursuant to which such Credit Facility has been issued (but subject to subsection (a) hereof and Section 11.04 hereof) and the Certified Resolution of the Issuer authorizing the issuance of such Bonds to which such Credit Facility relates.

SECTION 10.13. Trustee's Right to Receiver; Compliance with Act. During the continuance of an Event of Default, the Trustee shall be entitled as of right to the appointment of a receiver and the Trustee, the Bondholders and any receiver so appointed shall have such rights and powers and be subject to such limitations and restrictions as are contained in the Act and other applicable law of the State. When the Trustee incurs costs or expenses (including legal fees, costs and expenses) or renders services after the occurrence of an Event of Default, such costs and expenses and the compensation for such services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, arrangement, moratorium, reorganization or other debtor relief law.

SECTION 10.14. Trustee and Bondholders Entitled to all Remedies under Act. It is the purpose of this Article to provide such remedies to the Trustee and Bondholders as may be lawfully granted under the provisions of the Act and other applicable laws of the State; if any remedy herein granted shall be held unlawful, the Trustee and the Bondholders shall nevertheless be entitled to

every other remedy provided by the Act and other applicable laws of the State. It is further intended that, insofar as lawfully possible, the provisions of this Article X shall apply to and be binding upon any receiver appointed in accordance with Section 10.13 hereof.

SECTION 10.15. Credit Facility Issuer's Rights Upon Events of Default. Anything in the Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, if any Event of Default, other than Events of Default described in Section 10.02(a) or (b) hereof, has occurred and is continuing while a Credit Facility securing all or a portion of such Bonds of a Series Outstanding is in effect, the Credit Facility Issuer shall have the right, in lieu of the Owners of the Series of Bonds (or portion thereof) secured by said Credit Facility, by an instrument in writing, executed and delivered to the Trustee, to direct the time, method and place of conducting all remedial proceedings available to the Trustee under the Indenture, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee by the Indenture. Said direction shall be controlling to the extent the direction of Owners of the Series of Bonds (or portion thereof) secured by said Credit Facility would have been controlling under this Article. If the Credit Facility Issuer shall be in default in the performance of its obligations under the Credit Facility, said Credit Facility Issuer shall have no rights under this Section.

ARTICLE XI

THE TRUSTEE; THE PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR

SECTION 11.01. Acceptance of Trust. The Trustee accepts and agrees to execute the trusts hereby created, but only upon the additional terms set forth in this Article XI, to all of which the parties hereto the Bondholders and any Credit Facility Issuer agree. The Trustee shall act as Trustee under this Master Indenture. Subject to the provisions of Section 11.03 hereof, the Trustee shall have only such duties as are expressly set forth herein, and no duties shall be implied on the part of the Trustee. The Trustee further agrees, at the expense of the Issuer, to assist the Issuer in complying with the procedures and covenants of the Issuer contained in any arbitrage rebate agreement to which the Issuer is a party and which specifically pertain to the Trustee for so long as compliance is necessary in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds, to the extent applicable.

SECTION 11.02. No Responsibility for Recitals. The recitals, statements and representations in this Master Indenture or in the Bonds, save only the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication, if any, upon the Bonds, have been made by the Issuer and not by the Trustee and the Trustee shall be under no responsibility for the correctness thereof.

SECTION 11.03. Trustee May Act Through Agents; Answerable Only for Willful Misconduct or Negligence. The Trustee may execute any powers hereunder and perform any duties required of it through attorneys, agents, officers or employees, and shall be entitled to advice of Counsel concerning all questions hereunder and the advice of such Counsel or any opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by the Trustee hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon; the Trustee shall not be answerable for the default or misconduct of any attorney or agent selected and supervised by it with reasonable care. The Trustee shall not be answerable for the exercise of any discretion or power under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture nor for anything whatever in connection with the trust hereunder, except for the Trustee's own negligence or willful misconduct or breach of its obligations hereunder. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the

use or application of any of the Bonds or the proceeds thereof or for the use or application of any money paid over by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Master Indenture. The permissive right of the Trustee to do things enumerated in this Master Indenture shall not be construed as a duty. The Trustee shall have no responsibility with respect to any information, statement or recital in any official statement, offering memorandum or any other disclosure material prepared or distributed with respect to the Bonds and shall have no responsibility for compliance with any state or federal securities laws in connection with the Bonds. None of the provisions of this Master Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise to incur any liability, financial or otherwise, in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers. The Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Master Indenture arising out of or caused, directly or indirectly, by circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God; earthquakes; fire; flood; hurricanes or other storms; wars; terrorism; similar military disturbances; sabotage; epidemic; pandemic; riots; interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, computer (hardware or software) or communications services; accidents; labor disputes; acts of civil or military authority or governmental action; it being understood that the Trustee shall use commercially reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances.

SECTION 11.04. Compensation and Indemnity. The Issuer shall pay the Trustee reasonable compensation for its services hereunder, and also all its reasonable expenses and disbursements, and shall, to the extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold the Trustee harmless against any liabilities which it may incur in the proper exercise and performance of its powers and duties hereunder, except with respect to the Trustee's own willful misconduct, negligence or breach of its obligations hereunder. If the Issuer defaults in respect of the foregoing obligations, the Trustee may deduct the amount owing to it from any moneys held by the Trustee or coming into its hands but exclusive of the Rebate Fund and moneys from a drawing on any Credit Facility, which right of payment shall be prior to the right of the holders of the Bonds. The Trustee shall promptly provide to the Issuer a periodic report of any moneys the Trustee has deducted for amounts owing to it. This Section 11.04 shall survive the termination of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture and, as to any Trustee, its removal or resignation as Trustee. No provision of this Master Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds.

SECTION 11.05. No Duty to Renew Insurance. The Trustee shall be under no duty to effect or to renew any insurance policy nor shall it incur any liability for the failure of the Issuer to require or effect or renew insurance or to report or file claims of loss thereunder.

SECTION 11.06. Notice of Default; Right to Investigate. The Trustee shall give written notice by Electronic Means or first-class mail to registered Holders of a Series of Bonds of all defaults known to the Trustee, unless such defaults have been remedied (the term "defaults" for purposes of this Section and Section 11.07 being defined to include the events specified as "Events of Default" in Article X hereof, but not including any notice or periods of grace provided for therein); provided that, except in the case of a default in payment of principal or interest or Redemption Price, the Trustee may withhold such notice so long as it in good faith determines that such withholding is in the interest of the Bondholders and the Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any default other than a payment default under this Master Indenture and any

Supplemental Indenture or a notification by a Credit Facility Issuer of a default under its Credit Facility, unless notified in writing of such default by the Majority Holder of the Outstanding Bonds of a Series. The Trustee may, however, at any time require of the Issuer full information as to the performance of any covenant hereunder, and if information satisfactory to it is not forthcoming, the Trustee may make or cause to be made, at the expense of the Issuer, an investigation into the affairs of the Issuer.

SECTION 11.07. Obligation to Act on Defaults. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to take any action in respect of any default or otherwise, unless it is requested in writing to do so by the Majority Holder of the Outstanding Bonds which are or would be, upon the taking of such action, subject to remedial proceedings under Article X of this Master Indenture if in its opinion such action may tend to involve expense or liability, and unless it is also furnished with indemnity satisfactory to it.

SECTION 11.08. Reliance by Trustee. The Trustee may act on any requisition, resolution, notice, telegram, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, request, consent, waiver, certificate, statement, affidavit, voucher, bond, or other paper or document which it in good faith believes to be genuine and to have been passed, signed or given by the persons purporting to be authorized (which in the case of the Issuer shall be a Responsible Officer) or to have been prepared and furnished pursuant to any of the provisions of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture; the Trustee shall be under no duty to make any investigation as to any statement contained in any such instrument, but may accept the same as conclusive evidence of the accuracy of such statement.

SECTION 11.09. Trustee May Deal in Bonds. The Trustee may in good faith buy, sell, own, hold and deal in any of the Bonds and may join in any action which any Bondholders may be entitled to take with like effect as if the Trustee were not a party to this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture. The Trustee may also engage in or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Issuer; provided, however, that if the Trustee determines that any such relation is in conflict with its duties under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, it shall eliminate the conflict or resign as Trustee.

SECTION 11.10. Construction of Ambiguous Provisions. The Trustee may construe any ambiguous or inconsistent provisions of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, and except as otherwise provided in Article XIII of this Master Indenture, any construction by the Trustee shall be binding upon the Bondholders. The Trustee shall give prompt notice to the Issuer of any intention to make such construction.

SECTION 11.11. Resignation of Trustee. The Trustee may resign and be discharged of the trusts created by this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures by written resignation filed with the Secretary of the Issuer not less than sixty (60) days before the date when such resignation is to take effect. Notice of such resignation shall be sent by Electronic Means or first-class mail to each Bondholder as its name and address appears on the Bond Register and to any Paying Agent, Registrar and Credit Facility Issuer, if any, at least sixty (60) days before the resignation is to take effect. Such resignation shall take effect on the day specified in the Trustee's notice of resignation unless a successor Trustee is previously appointed, in which event the resignation shall take effect immediately on the appointment of such successor; provided,

however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, such resignation shall not take effect until a successor Trustee has been appointed. If a successor Trustee has not been appointed within ninety (90) days after the Trustee has given its notice of resignation, the Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a temporary successor Trustee to serve as Trustee until a successor Trustee has been duly appointed. Notice of such resignation shall also be given to any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on any of the Bonds.

SECTION 11.12. Removal of Trustee. The Trustee may be removed at any time by either (a) the Issuer, if no default exists under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, or (b) an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing, executed by the Majority Holder of the Bonds then Outstanding and filed with the Issuer. A photographic copy of any instrument or instruments filed with the Issuer under the provisions of this paragraph, duly certified by a Responsible Officer, shall be delivered promptly by the Issuer to the Trustee and to any Paying Agent, Registrar and Credit Facility Issuer, if any.

The Trustee may also be removed at any time for any breach of trust or for acting or proceeding in violation of, or for failing to act or proceed in accordance with, any material provision of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture with respect to the duties and obligations of the Trustee by any court of competent jurisdiction upon the application of the Issuer or the Majority Holder of the Bonds then Outstanding or the Trustee may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor trustee.

SECTION 11.13. Appointment of Successor Trustee. If the Trustee or any successor Trustee resigns or is removed or dissolved, or if its property or business is taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body, a vacancy shall forthwith exist in the office of the Trustee, and the Issuer shall appoint a successor and shall mail notice of such appointment by Electronic Means or first-class mail to each Bondholder as its name and address appear on the Bond Register, and to the Paying Agent, Registrar, Credit Facility Issuer, if any, and any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on any of the Bonds. If no appointment of a successor Trustee shall be made pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Master Indenture prior to the date specified in the notice of resignation or removal as the date when such resignation or removal was to take effect, the Majority Holder of all Bonds then Outstanding may appoint a successor Trustee or the Trustee may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor trustee.

SECTION 11.14. Qualification of Successor. A successor Trustee shall be a bank or trust company with trust powers, having a combined net capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

SECTION 11.15. Instruments of Succession. Subject to Section 11.16 hereof, any successor Trustee shall, subject to Section 11.16 hereof, execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Issuer an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder and thereupon, such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed, or conveyance, shall become fully vested with all the estates, properties, rights, powers, trusts, duties and obligations of its predecessor in trust hereunder, with like effect as if originally named Trustee herein. The Trustee ceasing to act hereunder, after deducting all amounts owed to the Trustee, shall pay over to the successor Trustee all moneys held by it hereunder and, upon written request of the successor Trustee, the Trustee ceasing to act and the Issuer shall execute and deliver an instrument or instruments prepared by the Issuer transferring

to the successor Trustee all the estates, properties, rights, powers and trusts hereunder of the predecessor Trustee, except for its rights to indemnity under Section 11.04 hereof.

SECTION 11.16. Merger of Trustee. Any corporation, purchaser or entity into which any Trustee hereunder may be merged or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation, purchaser or entity resulting from any merger or consolidation to which any Trustee hereunder shall be a party, or any corporation, purchaser or entity that acquires the Trust Accounts of any Trustee hereunder, shall be the successor Trustee under this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties hereto, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, however, that any such successor corporation, purchaser or entity continuing to act as Trustee hereunder shall meet the requirements of Section 11.14 hereof, and if such corporation, purchaser or entity does not meet the aforesaid requirements, a successor Trustee shall be appointed pursuant to this Article XI. The Trustee may not resign as the Paying Agent or the Registrar without resigning as Trustee. The Trustee shall provide prompt written notice to the District following the transaction(s) contemplated by this Section.

SECTION 11.17. Extension of Rights and Duties of Trustee to Paying Agent and Registrar. The provisions of Sections 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.08, 11.09, 11.10, 11.16 and 11.24 hereof are hereby made applicable to the Paying Agent and the Registrar, as appropriate, and any Person serving as Paying Agent and/or Registrar, hereby enters into and agrees to comply with the covenants and agreements of this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures applicable to the Paying Agent and Registrar, respectively.

SECTION 11.18. Resignation of Paying Agent or Registrar. The Paying Agent or Registrar may resign and be discharged of the duties created by this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures by executing an instrument in writing resigning such duties and specifying the date when such resignation shall take effect, and filing the same with the Issuer, the Trustee, and any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on any of the Bonds, not less than forty-five (45) days before the date specified in such instrument when such resignation shall take effect, and by giving written notice of such resignation not less than three (3) weeks prior to such resignation date to the Bondholders, mailed to their addresses as such appear in the Bond Register. Such resignation shall take effect on the date specified in such instrument and notice, but only if a successor Paying Agent or Registrar shall have been appointed as hereinafter provided, in which event such resignation shall take effect immediately upon the appointment of such successor Paying Agent or Registrar. If the successor Paying Agent or Registrar shall not have been appointed within a period of ninety (90) days following the giving of notice, then the Paying Agent or Registrar shall be authorized to petition any court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor Paying Agent or Registrar as provided in Section 11.22 hereof.

SECTION 11.19. Removal of Paying Agent or Registrar. The Paying Agent or Registrar may be removed at any time prior to any Event of Default by the Issuer by filing with the Paying Agent or Registrar to be removed, and with the Trustee, an instrument or instruments in writing executed by the Issuer appointing a successor, or an instrument or instruments in writing designating, and accompanied by an instrument or appointment by the Issuer of, such successor. Such removal shall be effective thirty (30) days (or such longer period as may be set forth in such instrument) after delivery of the instrument; provided, however, that no such removal shall be

effective until the successor Paying Agent or Registrar appointed hereunder shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Issuer an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder.

SECTION 11.20. Appointment of Successor Paying Agent or Registrar. In case at any time the Paying Agent or Registrar shall be removed, or be dissolved, or if its property or affairs shall be taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body because of insolvency or bankruptcy, or for any other reason, then a vacancy shall forthwith and ipso facto exist in the office of the Paying Agent or Registrar, as the case may be, and a successor shall be appointed by the Issuer; and in case at any time the Paying Agent or Registrar shall resign, then a successor shall be appointed by the Issuer. After any such appointment, notice of such appointment shall be given by the Issuer to the predecessor Paying Agent or Registrar, the successor Paying Agent or Registrar, the Trustee, the Credit Facility Issuer, if any, any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on any of the Bonds, and all Bondholders. Any new Paying Agent or Registrar so appointed shall immediately, and without further act, supersede the predecessor Paying Agent or Registrar.

SECTION 11.21. Qualifications of Successor Paying Agent or Registrar. Every successor Paying Agent or Registrar (a) shall be a commercial bank or trust company (i) duly organized under the laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof, (ii) authorized by law to perform all the duties imposed upon it by this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures and (iii) capable of meeting its obligations hereunder, and (b) shall have a combined net capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

SECTION 11.22. Judicial Appointment of Successor Paying Agent or Registrar. In case at any time the Paying Agent or Registrar shall resign and no appointment of a successor Paying Agent or Registrar shall be made pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Master Indenture prior to the date specified in the notice of resignation as the date when such resignation is to take effect, the retiring Paying Agent or Registrar may forthwith apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Paying Agent or Registrar. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it may deem proper and prescribe, appoint a successor Paying Agent or Registrar. Notice of such appointment shall be given by the Successor Registrar or Paying Agent to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Credit Facility Issuer, if any, any rating agency that shall then have in effect a rating on any of the Bonds, and all Bondholders. In the absence of such an appointment, the Trustee shall become the Registrar or Paying Agent, or and shall so notify the Issuer, any rating agency that shall have issued a rating on the Bonds, and all Bondholders.

SECTION 11.23. Acceptance of Duties by Successor Paying Agent or Registrar. Any successor Paying Agent or Registrar shall become duly vested with all the estates, property, rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named Paying Agent or Registrar herein. Upon request of such Paying Agent or Registrar, such predecessor Paying Agent or Registrar and the Issuer shall, after payment of its fees and expenses, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Paying Agent or Registrar all the estates, property, rights and powers hereunder, except for its rights under Section 11.04 hereof, as applicable, pursuant to Section 11.17 hereof, of such predecessor Paying Agent or Registrar and such predecessor Paying Agent or Registrar shall pay over and deliver to the successor Paying Agent or Registrar all moneys and other assets at the time held by it hereunder.

SECTION 11.24. Successor by Merger or Consolidation. Any corporation, purchaser or entity into which any Paying Agent or Registrar hereunder may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation, purchaser or entity resulting from any merger or consolidation to which any Paying Agent or Registrar hereunder shall be a party, or any corporation, purchaser or entity which shall have purchased substantially all of the bond administration business of the corporate trust department shall be the successor Paying Agent or Registrar under this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties thereto, anything in this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 11.25 Patriot Act Requirements of Trustee. To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust or other legal entity, the Trustee will ask for documentation to verify such non-individual person's formation and existence as a legal entity. The Trustee may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

SECTION 11.26 Signatures. All notices, approvals, consents, requests and any communications hereunder must be in writing provided that any communication sent to the Trustee hereunder must be in the form of a document that is signed manually or by way of a digital signature provided by the Issuer (or such other digital signature provider as specified in writing to the Trustee by the authorized representative), in English.

ARTICLE XII

ACTS OF BONDHOLDERS; EVIDENCE OF OWNERSHIP OF BONDS

SECTION 12.01. Acts of Bondholders; Evidence of Ownership of Bonds. Any action to be taken by Bondholders may be evidenced by one or more concurrent written instruments of similar tenor signed or executed by such Bondholders in person or by an agent appointed in writing. The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such instrument may be provided by acknowledgment before a notary public or other officer empowered to take acknowledgments or by an affidavit of a witness to such execution. Any action by the Owner of any Bond shall bind all future Owners of the same Bond in respect of anything done or suffered by the Issuer, Trustee, Paying Agent or Registrar in pursuance thereof.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS

SECTION 13.01. Amendments and Supplements Without Bondholders' Consent. This Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture may be amended or supplemented, from time to time, without the consent of the Bondholders, by a Supplemental Indenture authorized by a Certified Resolution of the Issuer filed with the Trustee, for one or more of the following purposes:

(a) to add additional covenants of the Issuer or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;

(b) for any purpose not inconsistent with the terms of the related Indenture, or to cure any ambiguity or to cure, correct or supplement any defective provision (whether because of any inconsistency with any other provision hereof or otherwise) of the related Indenture, in such manner as shall not impair the security hereof or thereof or adversely affect the rights and remedies of the Bondholders;

(c) to provide for the execution of any and all contracts and other documents as may be required in order to effectuate the conveyance of any Project to the State, the County, the City or any department, agency or branch thereof, or any other unit of government of the State, provided, however, that the Issuer shall have caused to be delivered to the Trustee an opinion of Bond Counsel stating that such conveyance shall not impair the security hereof or adversely affect the rights and remedies of the Bondholders; and

(d) to make such changes as may be necessary in order to reflect amendments to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, so long as, in the opinion of counsel to the Issuer, such changes either: (i) do not have a material adverse effect on the Holders of the Bonds; or (ii) if such changes do have an adverse effect, that they nevertheless are required to be made as a result of such amendments.

SECTION 13.02. Amendments With Bondholders' Consent. Subject to the provisions of Section 13.01 hereof, this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture may be amended by the Issuer from time to time by a Supplemental Indenture approved by the Majority Holder of the Bonds then Outstanding in the case of the Master Indenture, and of the Series of Bonds then Outstanding and secured by such Supplemental Indenture in the case of an amendment of a Supplemental Indenture including, but not limited to, any material amendment to the Special Assessments and related proceedings which secure a Series of Bonds; provided that with respect to (a) the interest payable upon any Bonds, (b) the dates of maturity or redemption provisions of any Bonds, (c) this Article XIII and (d) the security provisions hereunder or under any Supplemental Indenture, which may only be amended by approval of the Owners of all Bonds to be so amended.

SECTION 13.03. Trustee Authorized to Join in Amendments and Supplements; Reliance on Counsel. The Trustee is authorized to join in the execution and delivery of any Supplemental Indenture or amendment permitted by this Article XIII and in so doing may request, at the expense of the Issuer, and receive and rely on a written opinion of Bond Counsel that such Supplemental Indenture or amendment is so permitted and has been duly authorized by the Issuer, that all things necessary to make it a valid and binding agreement have been done and an opinion of Bond Counsel that such Supplemental Indenture or amendment will not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income of interest on any Series of Tax-Exempt Bonds secured thereunder.

ARTICLE XIV DEFEASANCE

SECTION 14.01. Defeasance. When interest on, and principal or Redemption Price (as the case may be) of, the Bonds of a Series or any portion thereof to be defeased have been paid, or there shall have been deposited with the Trustee or such other escrow agent designated in a Certified Resolution of the Issuer (the "Escrow Agent") moneys sufficient, or Defeasance

Securities, the principal of and interest on which, when due, together with any moneys remaining uninvested, will provide sufficient moneys to fully pay (i) such Bonds of a Series or portion thereof to be defeased, and (ii) any other sums payable hereunder by the Issuer, including the Trustee's fees and expenses, the right, title and interest of the Trustee with respect to such Bonds of a Series or portion thereof to be defeased shall thereupon cease, the lien of the Indenture on the Pledged Revenues, and the Funds and Accounts established under the Indenture shall be defeased and discharged, and the Trustee, on demand of the Issuer, shall release the Indenture as to such Bonds of a Series or portion thereof to be so defeased and shall execute such documents to evidence such release as may be reasonably required by the Issuer and shall turn over to the Issuer or to such Person, body or authority as may be entitled to receive the same all balances remaining in any Series Funds and Accounts upon the defeasance in whole of all of the Bonds of a Series.

SECTION 14.02. Deposit of Funds for Payment of Bonds. If the Issuer deposits with the Escrow Agent moneys sufficient, or Defeasance Securities, the principal of and interest on which, when due, together with any moneys remaining uninvested, will provide sufficient moneys to pay the principal or Redemption Price of any Bonds of a Series becoming due, either at maturity or by redemption or otherwise, together with all interest accruing thereon to the date of maturity or such prior redemption, and reimburses or causes to be reimbursed or pays or causes to be paid the other amounts required to be reimbursed or paid under Section 14.01 hereof, interest on such Bonds of a Series shall cease to accrue on such date of maturity or prior redemption and all liability of the Issuer with respect to such Bonds of a Series shall likewise cease, except as hereinafter provided; provided, however, that (a) if any Bonds are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, notice of the redemption thereof shall have been duly given in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.02 hereof, or irrevocable provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been duly made for the giving of such notice, and (b) in the event that any Bonds are not by their terms subject to redemption within the next succeeding sixty (60) days following a deposit of moneys with the Escrow Agent, in accordance with this Section, the Issuer shall have given the Escrow Agent, in form satisfactory to the Escrow Agent, irrevocable instructions to mail to the Owners of such Bonds at their addresses as they appear on the Bond Register, a notice stating that a deposit in accordance with this Section has been made with the Escrow Agent and that the Bonds to which such notice relates are deemed to have been paid in accordance with this Section and stating such maturity or redemption date upon which moneys are to be available for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price (as the case may be) of, and interest on, said Bonds of a Series. Thereafter such Bonds shall be deemed not to be Outstanding hereunder and the Owners of such Bonds shall be restricted exclusively to the funds so deposited for any claim of whatsoever nature with respect to such Bonds, and the Escrow Agent shall hold such funds in trust for such Owners. At the time of the deposit referred to above, there shall be delivered to the Escrow Agent (i) a verification from a firm of independent certified public accountants stating that the principal of and interest on the Defeasance Securities, together with the stated amount of any cash remaining on deposit with the Escrow Agent, will be sufficient without reinvestment to pay the remaining principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on such defeased Bonds, and (ii) an opinion of Bond Counsel that such deposit and payment will not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income of interest on any defeased Tax-Exempt Bonds, and that the lien of the Owners of the defeased Bonds under this Master Indenture is discharged.

Money so deposited with the Escrow Agent which remains unclaimed two (2) years after the date payment thereof becomes due shall, upon request of the Issuer, if the Issuer is not at the

time to the knowledge of the Escrow Agent in default with respect to any covenant in the Indenture or the Bonds of the Series contained, be paid to the Issuer; and the Owners of the Bonds for which the deposit was made shall thereafter be limited to a claim against the Issuer; provided, however, that the Escrow Agent, before making payment to the Issuer, may, at the expense of the Issuer, cause a notice to be published in an Authorized Newspaper, stating that the money remaining unclaimed will be returned to the Issuer after a specified date.

ARTICLE XV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 15.01. Limitations on Recourse. No personal recourse shall be had for any claim based on this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture or the Bonds against any member of the Board of the Issuer, officer, employee or agent, past, present or future, of the Issuer or of any successor body as such, either directly or through the Issuer or any such successor body, under any constitutional provision, statute or rule of law or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise.

The Bonds of each Series are payable solely from the Pledged Revenues, and any other moneys held by the Trustee under the Indenture for such purpose. There shall be no other recourse under the Bonds, the Indenture or otherwise, against the Issuer or any other property now or hereafter owned by it.

SECTION 15.02. Payment Dates. In any case where an Interest Payment Date or the maturity date of the Bonds or the date fixed for the redemption of any Bonds shall be other than a Business Day, then payment of interest, principal or Redemption Price need not be made on such date but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day, with the same force and effect as if made on the due date, and no interest on such payment shall accrue for the period after such due date if payment is made on such next succeeding Business Day.

SECTION 15.03. No Rights Conferred on Others. Nothing herein contained shall confer any right upon any Person other than the parties hereto and the Holders of the Bonds.

SECTION 15.04. Illegal Provisions Disregarded. If any term of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture or the Bonds or the application thereof for any reason or circumstances shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions or the application of such terms or provisions to Persons and situations other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each remaining term and provision hereof and thereof shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 15.05. Substitute Notice. If for any reason it shall be impossible to make publication of any notice required hereby in a newspaper or newspapers, then such publication in lieu thereof as shall be made with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient publication of such notice.

SECTION 15.06. Notices. Any notice, demand, direction, request or other communication authorized or required by this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture to be given to or filed with the Issuer or the Trustee (each a "Notice") shall be in writing and shall be

delivered, by Electronic Means or first class mail, postage prepaid, or by overnight delivery service, addressed as follows:

(a) As to the Issuer -

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services -
Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston St.
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attention: Jillian Burns, District Manager

with a copy to –

Kilinski Van Wyk, PLLC
517 E. College Ave.
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Phone: 850.508.2335
Attention: Jennifer Kilinski

(b) As to the Trustee -

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association
500 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 460
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Attention: Scott A. Schuhle

Except as otherwise provided in this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-Business Day, shall be deemed received on the next Business Day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture would otherwise expire on a non-Business Day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day. Counsel for the Issuer and counsel for the Trustee may deliver Notice on behalf of the Issuer and the Trustee, respectively. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

All documents received by the Trustee under the provisions of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture and not required to be redelivered shall be retained in its possession, subject at all reasonable times to the inspection of the Issuer, any Consultant, any Bondholder owning at least twenty-five percent (25%) in principal amount of the related Series of Bonds and the agents and representatives thereof as evidenced in writing.

The Trustee agrees to accept and act upon instructions or directions pursuant to this Master Indenture sent by the Issuer by unsecured e-mail, facsimile transmission or other similar unsecured electronic methods, provided, however, that the Issuer shall provide to the Trustee an incumbency certificate listing designated persons with the authority to provide such instructions, which

incumbency certificate shall be amended whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the Issuer elects to give the Trustee e-mail or facsimile instructions (or instructions by a similar electronic method) and the Trustee in its discretion elects to act upon such instructions, the Trustee's understanding of such instructions shall be deemed controlling. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions notwithstanding such instructions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The Issuer agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit instructions and directions to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

SECTION 15.07. Controlling Law. This Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.

SECTION 15.08. Successors and Assigns. All the covenants, promises and agreements in this Master Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures contained by or on behalf of the Issuer or by or on behalf of the Trustee shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 15.09. Headings for Convenience Only. The table of contents and descriptive headings in this Master Indenture are inserted for convenience only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 15.10. Counterparts. This Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indentures may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 15.11. Appendices and Exhibits. Any and all appendices or exhibits referred to in and attached to this Master Indenture are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District has caused this Master Indenture to be executed by the Chair of its Board and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, attested by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of its Board and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association has caused this Master Indenture to be executed by one of its authorized signatories and, in the case of the District, its seal to be hereunto affixed, all as of the day and year first above written.

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

[SEAL]

Attest:

By: _____

Chair, Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Jill Burns

Secretary, Board of Supervisors

**U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION**, as Trustee, Paying Agent and
Registrar

By: _____

Scott A. Schuhle

Vice President

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The present boundaries of Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District are as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (AS FURNISHED):

A parcel of land lying in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.00°30'20"E., along the West line of said Section 22, a distance of 2680.99 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence S.89°44'18"E., leaving said West line of Section 22, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on the East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road as recorded in Official Records Book 2089, Page 2446 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, same being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S.00°29'36"E., along said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road, a distance of 1280.55 feet to the intersection of the East Right of Way of Knight's Trail Road and the North Right of Way of Gene Green Road (50' Wide Right of Way) per Official Records Book 1084, Page 1581 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.89°46'54"E., along said North Right of Way line of Gene Green Road, a distance of 1970.62 feet to a point on the East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence N.00°56'32"W., along said East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, a distance of 1338.90 feet; thence N.89°43'52"W., a distance of 1960.16 feet to a point on said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road; thence S.00°30'19"E., along said East Right of Way line, a distance of 59.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel contains 2,632,597 square feet, or 60.4361 acres more or less.

EXHIBIT B

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The Project includes the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, equipping and installation of the following public infrastructure improvements and associated professional fees and incidental costs related thereto pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended, including, without limitation, the items listed below, all of which is described in more detail in the Master Engineer's Report prepared for the Board of Supervisors of Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District, dated April 29, 2026, prepared by Absolute Engineering, Inc.:

<u>Number of Lots</u>	<u>338⁽¹⁰⁾</u>
<u>Infrastructure ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾</u>	
Offsite Improvements ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 1,193,500
Stormwater Management ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	\$ 3,580,500
Utilities (Water)	\$ 1,071,090
Utilities (Sewer)	\$ 1,300,609
Utilities (Reclaimed Water)	\$ 535,545
Utilities (Street Lighting) ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 76,506
Roadway ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 2,387,000
Entry Feature & Signage ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 596,750
Parks and Amenities	\$ 1,193,500
Contingency	\$ 1,193,500
TOTAL	\$ 13,128,500

Notes:

1. Infrastructure consists of public roadway improvements, stormwater management facilities, master sanitary sewer lift station and utilities, entry feature, landscaping and signage, and neighborhood parks and any land or other acquisitions will be made at the lower of cost or fair market value.
2. Stormwater does not include grading associated with building pads, both for initial construction and in conjunction with home construction.
3. Includes stormwater pond excavation, and storage of fill, but not the cost of transporting the fill on private lots.
4. Includes sub-grade, base, asphalt paving, curbing, and civil/site engineering. All roadways will be accessible by the public.
5. Includes subdivision infrastructure and civil/site engineering.
6. Estimates are based on 2025 costs and include connection to existing utilities.
7. Includes entry features, signage, hardscape, landscape, irrigation and fencing.
8. CDD will enter into a Lighting Agreement with Florida Power and Light for the street light poles and lighting service. Only undergrounding of wires in public rights-of-way and on District land will be funded by the CDD.
9. Offsite Improvements include turn lanes on Knights Trail Road at Project Access and utility extensions.
10. Includes 116 - 40' Townhomes, 135 - 40' x 120' Single Family Units, and 87 - 50' x 120 Single Family Units.
11. Infrastructure Construction timeline - 2026-2027.
12. All utilities shall be constructed to City standards.

EXHIBIT C

[FORM OF BOND]

R-_____

\$_____

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF FLORIDA**

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND,
SERIES ____**

Interest Rate

Maturity Date

Date of Original Issuance

CUSIP

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that the Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner shown above or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date set forth above, from the sources hereinafter mentioned, the Principal Amount set forth above (with interest thereon at the Interest Rate per annum set forth above, computed on a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months). Principal of and interest on this Bond are payable by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as paying agent (said U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association and/or any bank or trust company to become successor paying agent being herein called the "Paying Agent"), made payable to the Registered Owner and mailed on each Interest Payment Date commencing _____ 1, 20__ to the address of the Registered Owner as such name and address shall appear on the registry books of the Issuer maintained by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Registrar (said U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association and any successor Registrar being herein called the "Registrar") at the close of business on the fifteenth day of the calendar month preceding each Interest Payment Date or the date on which the principal of a Bond is to be paid (the "Record Date"), provided however presentation is not required for payment while the Bonds are registered in book-entry only form. Such interest shall be payable from the most recent Interest Payment Date next preceding the date of authentication hereof to which interest has been paid, unless the date of authentication hereof is a May 1 or November 1 to which interest has been paid, in which case from the date of authentication hereof, or unless such date of authentication is prior to _____ 1, 20__, in which case from the date of initial delivery, or unless the date of authentication hereof is between a Record Date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, in which case from such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Registered Owner on such Record Date and may be paid to the person in whose name this Bond is registered at the

close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such defaulted interest to be fixed by the Paying Agent, notice whereof shall be given to Bondholders of record as of the fifth (5th) day prior to such mailing, at their registered addresses, not less than ten (10) days prior to such Special Record Date, or may be paid, at any time in any other lawful manner, as more fully provided in the Indenture (defined below). Any capitalized term used in this Bond and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Indenture.

THE BONDS ARE LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE ISSUER PAYABLE SOLELY OUT OF THE PLEDGED REVENUES PLEDGED THEREFOR UNDER THE INDENTURE AND NEITHER THE PROPERTY, THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, NOR THE TAXING POWER OF THE ISSUER, THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA (THE "CITY"), SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA (THE "COUNTY"), THE STATE OF FLORIDA (THE "STATE"), OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, IS PLEDGED AS SECURITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS, EXCEPT THAT THE ISSUER IS OBLIGATED UNDER THE INDENTURE TO LEVY AND TO EVIDENCE AND CERTIFY, OR CAUSE TO BE CERTIFIED, FOR COLLECTION, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE) TO SECURE AND PAY THE BONDS. THE BONDS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ISSUER, THE CITY, THE COUNTY, THE STATE, OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF WITHIN THE MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISION OR LIMITATION.

This Bond is one of an authorized issue of Bonds of the Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District, a community development district duly created, organized and existing under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980), as amended (the "Act"), and created pursuant to Ordinance No. 2026-12 (the "Ordinance") enacted by the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida (the "City") on April 28, 2026, designated as "Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District Special Assessment Bonds, Series ____" (the "Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount of _____ Dollars (\$) of like date, tenor and effect, except as to number. The Bonds are being issued under authority of the laws and Constitution of the State, including particularly the Act, to pay, among other things, the costs of constructing and/or acquiring a portion of the Project. (as defined in the herein referred to Indenture). The Bonds shall be issued as fully registered Bonds in Authorized Denominations, as set forth in the Indenture. The Bonds are issued under and secured by a Master Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 2026 (the "Master Indenture"), as amended and supplemented by a _____ Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 20__ (the "_____ Supplemental Indenture" and together with the Master Indenture, the "Indenture"), each by and between the Issuer and the Trustee, executed counterparts of which are on file at the designated corporate trust office of the Trustee in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture for the provisions, among others, with respect to the custody and application of the proceeds of the Bonds issued under the Indenture, the operation and application of the Debt Service Fund and other Funds and Accounts (each as defined in the Indenture) charged with and pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on the Bonds, the levy and the evidencing and certifying for collection, of Special Assessments, the nature and extent of the security for the Bonds, the terms and conditions on which the Bonds are issued, the rights, duties and obligations of the Issuer and of the Trustee under the Indenture, the conditions under which such Indenture may be amended without the consent of the

Registered Owners of the Bonds, the conditions under which such Indenture may be amended with the consent of the Majority Holder, and as to other rights and remedies of the Registered Owners of the Bonds.

The Registered Owner of this Bond shall have no right to enforce the provisions of the Indenture or to institute action to enforce the covenants therein, or to take any action with respect to any event of default under the Indenture or to institute, appear in or defend any suit or other proceeding with respect thereto, except as provided in the Indenture.

It is expressly agreed by the Registered Owner of this Bond that such Registered Owner shall never have the right to require or compel the exercise of the ad valorem taxing power of the Issuer, the City, the County, the State of Florida (the "State") or any other political subdivision thereof, or taxation in any form of any real or personal property of the Issuer, the County, the State or any other political subdivision thereof, for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond or the making of any other sinking fund and other payments provided for in the Indenture, except for Special Assessments to be assessed and levied by the Issuer as set forth in the Indenture.

By the acceptance of this Bond, the Registered Owner hereof assents to all the provisions of the Indenture.

This Bond is payable from and secured by Pledged Revenues, as such term is defined in the Indenture, all in the manner provided in the Indenture. The Indenture provides for the levy and the evidencing and certifying, of non-ad valorem assessments in the form of Special Assessments to secure and pay the Bonds.

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity in the amounts, at the times and in the manner provided below. All payments of the Redemption Price of the Bonds shall be made on the dates specified below. Upon any redemption of Bonds other than in accordance with scheduled mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts, the Issuer shall cause to be recalculated and delivered to the Trustee revised mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts recalculated so as to amortize the Outstanding principal amount of Bonds in substantially equal annual installments of principal and interest (subject to rounding to Authorized Denominations of principal) over the remaining term of the Bonds. The mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts as so recalculated shall not result in an increase in the aggregate of the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts for all Bonds in any year. In the event of a redemption or purchase occurring less than 45 days prior to a date on which a mandatory sinking fund redemption amount is due, the foregoing recalculation shall not be made to mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts due in the year in which such redemption or purchase occurs, but shall be made to mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts for the immediately succeeding and subsequent years.

[Insert Optional, Mandatory, Sinking Fund and Extraordinary Redemption Provisions]

Notice of Redemption

The Trustee shall cause notice of redemption to be mailed at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of redemption to all Registered Owners of Bonds to be redeemed (as such owners appear on the books of the Registrar on the fifth (5th) day prior to such

mailing) and to certain additional parties as set forth in the Indenture; provided, however, that failure to mail any such notice or any defect in the notice or the mailing thereof shall not affect the validity of the redemption of the Bonds for which such notice was duly mailed in accordance with the Indenture. If less than all of the Bonds shall be called for redemption, the notice of redemption shall specify the Bonds to be redeemed. On the redemption date, the Bonds called for redemption will be payable at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent and on such date interest shall cease to accrue, such Bonds shall cease to be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture and such Bonds shall not be deemed to be outstanding under the provisions of the Indenture and the Registered Owners of such Bonds shall have no rights in respect thereof except to receive payment of the redemption price thereof. If the amount of funds so deposited with the Trustee, or otherwise available, is insufficient to pay the redemption price and interest on all Bonds so called for redemption on such date, the Trustee shall redeem and pay on such date an amount of such Bonds for which such funds are sufficient, selecting the Bonds to be redeemed by lot from among all such Bonds called for redemption on such date, and interest on any Bonds not paid shall continue to accrue, as provided in the Indenture.

Partial Redemption of Bonds. If less than all the Bonds of a maturity are to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed by lot in such reasonable manner as the Trustee in its discretion may determine. In the case of any partial redemption of Bonds pursuant to an optional redemption, such redemption shall be effectuated by redeeming Bonds of such maturities in such manner as shall be specified by the Issuer in writing, subject to the provisions of the Indenture. In the case of any partial redemption of Bonds pursuant to an extraordinary mandatory redemption, such redemption shall be effectuated by redeeming Bonds pro rata among the maturities, treating each date on which a mandatory sinking fund redemption amount is due as a separate maturity for such purpose, with the portion to be redeemed from each maturity being equal to the product of the aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed multiplied times a fraction the numerator of which is the principal amount of Bonds of such maturity outstanding immediately prior to the redemption date and the denominator of which is the aggregate principal amount of all Bonds outstanding immediately prior to the redemption date.

This Bond shall initially be issued in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for DTC, and so long as this Bond is held in book-entry-only form Cede & Co. shall be considered the Registered Owner for all purposes hereof, including the payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond. Payment to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC. Payments by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to individual Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct Participants and Indirect Participants and not of DTC, the Issuer or the Trustee.

The Issuer shall keep books for the registration of the Bonds at the corporate trust office of the Registrar in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Subject to the restrictions contained in the Indenture, the Bonds may be transferred or exchanged by the Registered Owner thereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing only upon the books of the Issuer kept by the Registrar and only upon surrender thereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the Registered Owner or his duly authorized attorney. In all cases in which the privilege of transferring or exchanging Bonds is exercised, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds in authorized form and in like

aggregate principal amount in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture. Every Bond presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Trustee, Paying Agent or the Registrar, duly executed by the Bondholder or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Transfers and exchanges shall be made without charge to the Bondholder, except that the Issuer or the Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds. Neither the Issuer nor the Registrar on behalf of the Issuer shall be required (i) to issue transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (ii) to transfer or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part.

The Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent and the Registrar shall deem and treat the person in whose name any Bond shall be registered upon the books kept by the Registrar as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not such Bond shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing thereon made by anyone other than the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Bond as the same becomes due, and for all other purposes. All such payments so made to any such Registered Owner or upon his order shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and neither the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, nor the Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, to happen, and to be performed, precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due form and time as required by the laws and Constitution of the State applicable thereto, including particularly the Act, and that the issuance of this Bond, and of the issue of the Bonds of which this Bond is one, is in full compliance with all constitutional and statutory limitations or provisions.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the Indenture until it shall have been authenticated by execution of the Trustee, or such other authenticating agent as may be appointed by the Trustee under the Indenture of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District has caused this Bond to be signed by the facsimile signature of the Chair of its Board of Supervisors and a facsimile of its seal to be imprinted hereon, and attested by the facsimile signature of the Secretary of its Board of Supervisors, all as of the date hereof.

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

(SEAL)

Attest:

By: _____
Secretary, Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds delivered pursuant to the within mentioned Indenture.

Date of Authentication: _____

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

STATEMENT OF VALIDATION

This Bond is one of a series of Bonds which were validated by judgment of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Sarasota County, Florida, rendered on the __ day of _____, 20__.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Secretary

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of the within Bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM	-	as tenants in common
TEN ENT	-	as tenants by the entireties
JT TEN	-	as joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIFORM TRANSFER MIN ACT - _____ Custodian _____
(Cust) (Minor)

Under Uniform Transfer to Minors

Act _____
(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto

(please print or typewrite name and address of assignee)

the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

Attorney to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Signature Guarantee:

NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange or a commercial bank or trust company

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the Registered Owner as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Please insert social security or other identifying number of Assignee.

EXHIBIT D
FORM OF REQUISITION

VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 20__

The undersigned, a Responsible Officer of the Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the "Issuer") hereby submits the following requisition for disbursement under and pursuant to the terms of the Master Trust Indenture from the Issuer to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee, dated as of _____ 1, 2026, as supplemented by that certain _____ Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of _____ 1, 20__ (the "Indenture") (all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Indenture):

- (1) Requisition Number:
- (2) Name of Payee pursuant to Acquisition Agreement:
- (3) Amount Payable:
- (4) Purpose for which paid or incurred (refer also to specific contract if amount is due and payable pursuant to a contract involving progress payments, or, state Costs of Issuance, if applicable):
- (5) Fund or Account and subaccount, if any, from which disbursement to be made:

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

1. ☐ obligations in the stated amount set forth above have been incurred by the Issuer,

or

☐ this requisition is for Costs of Issuance payable from the Acquisition and Construction Fund that have not previously been paid;
2. each disbursement set forth above is a proper charge against the Acquisition and Construction Fund;
3. each disbursement set forth above was incurred in connection with the acquisition and/or construction of the Project;
4. each disbursement represents a Cost of the Project which has not previously been paid.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that there has not been filed with or served upon the Issuer notice of any lien, right to lien, or attachment upon, or claim affecting the right to receive

payment of, any of the moneys payable to the Payee set forth above, which has not been released or will not be released simultaneously with the payment hereof.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that such requisition contains no item representing payment on account of any retained percentage which the District is at the date of such certificate entitled to retain.

Attached hereto or on file with the District are copies of the invoice(s) from the vendor of the property acquired or the services rendered, with respect to which disbursement is hereby requested.

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Responsible Officer

**CONSULTING ENGINEER'S APPROVAL FOR NON-COST OF ISSUANCE
REQUESTS ONLY**

If this requisition is for a disbursement for other than Costs of Issuance, the undersigned Consulting Engineer hereby certifies that this disbursement is for a Cost of the Project and is consistent with: (i) the applicable acquisition or construction contract; (ii) the plans and specifications for the portion of the Project with respect to which such disbursement is being made; and (iii) the report of the Consulting Engineer, as such report shall have been amended or modified on the date hereof. The Consulting Engineer further certifies and agrees that for any requisition (a) the portion of the Project that is the subject of this requisition is complete, and (b) the purchase price to be paid by the District for the portion of the Project to be acquired with this disbursement is no more than the lesser of (i) the fair market value of such improvements and (ii) the actual cost of construction of such improvements.

Consulting Engineer

SECTION D

RESOLUTION 2026-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS; DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID; DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT AND A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; ADDRESSING THE SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND ADDRESSING CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District (the “District”) was established by Ordinance No. 2026-12, adopted by the City Council of the City of Venice, effective as of April 28, 2026, and is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under and pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, located entirely within the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, install, equip, operate, extend, or construct certain improvements, including but not limited to: transportation facilities, utility facilities, recreational facilities, and other infrastructure projects, and services necessitated by the development of, and serving lands within, the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of the District hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the infrastructure improvements described in the *Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District Engineer’s Report*, dated April 29, 2026, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference (the “CIP” and the improvements described therein, the “Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay all or a portion of the cost of the Improvements by special assessments levied on benefitted lands within the District pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes* (the “Assessments”); and

WHEREAS, the District is empowered by Chapters 170, 190, and 197, *Florida Statutes*, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain the Improvements and to impose, levy and collect the Assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall serve as the “resolution required to declare special assessments” contemplated by Section 170.03, *Florida Statutes*, for the assessment lien(s) levied against the property as described in **Exhibits A** and **B** that secure the Assessments.

WHEREAS, as set forth in *Master Assessment Methodology for Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District*, dated April 29, 2026, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference (the “Assessment Report”), and on file at Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (the “District Records Office”), the District hereby finds and determines that:

- (i) benefits from the Improvements will accrue to the property improved,
- (ii) the amount of those benefits will exceed the amount of the Assessments, and
- (iii) the Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION; INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Florida law, including without limitation Chapters 170, 190, and 197, *Florida Statutes*. The recitals stated above are incorporated herein and are adopted by the Board as true and correct statements.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF ASSESSMENTS. The Board hereby declares that it has determined to undertake all or a portion of the Improvements and to defray all or a portion of the cost thereof by the Assessments and is as set forth in the Assessment Report attached as **Exhibit B**.

SECTION 3. DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS. The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for the Improvements are described in **Exhibit A** and as set forth in the CIP, which is on file at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.

SECTION 4. DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID.

- A. The total estimated construction cost of the Improvements is **\$13,128,500** (the “Estimated Cost”).
- B. The Assessments will defray approximately **\$17,560,000** which is the anticipated maximum par value of any bonds and which includes all or a portion of the Estimated Cost, as well as other financing-related costs, capitalized interest, and a debt service reserve as set forth in **Exhibit B**.
- C. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in the Assessment Report attached as **Exhibit B**, as may be modified by supplemental assessment resolutions. Commencing with the years in which the Assessments are certified for collection, the Assessments shall each be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments. The Assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non-ad valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law, including but not limited to by direct bill. The decision to collect Assessments by any particular method – e.g., on the tax roll or by direct bill – does not mean that such method will be used to collect Assessments in future years, and the District reserves the right in its sole discretion to select collection methods in any given year, regardless of past practices.

SECTION 5. DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED. The Assessments shall be levied, within the District, on all lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon such Improvements or specially benefitted thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter referenced.

SECTION 6. ASSESSMENT PLAT. Pursuant to Section 170.04, *Florida Statutes*, there is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed, with certain plans and

specifications describing the Improvements and the estimated cost of the Improvements, all of which are open to inspection by the public.

SECTION 7. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL. Pursuant to Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the maximum assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

SECTION 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS DECLARED; DIRECTION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS. Pursuant to Sections 170.07 and 197.3632(4)(b), *Florida Statutes*, among other provisions of Florida law, there are hereby declared two (2) public hearings to be held as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE:	Monday, June 29, 2026
TIME:	1:15 PM
LOCATION:	Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library 2801 Newtown Boulevard Sarasota, Florida 34234

The purpose of the public hearings is to hear comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District Improvements as identified in the CIP and the preliminary assessment roll, a copy of which is on file at the District Records Office. Interested parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearings at the District Records Office.

Notice of said hearings shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper of paid general circulation within Sarasota County (by two (2) publications one (1) week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of the hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

SECTION 9. PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION. Pursuant to Section 170.05, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of paid general circulation within Sarasota County, and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 10. CONFLICTS. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY. If any section or part of a section of this Resolution is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force, and effect of any other section or part of a section of this Resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section of this Resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

**VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson / Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: *Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District Engineer's Report, dated April 29, 2026*

Exhibit B: *Master Assessment Methodology for Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District, dated April 29, 2026*

Exhibit A:

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District Engineer's Report,
dated April 29, 2026

**VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MASTER ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Prepared for:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Prepared by:

ABSOLUTE ENGINEERING, INC.

APRIL 29, 2026

VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**ENGINEER'S REPORT
VENICE GRAND OAKS
CDD**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District ("CDD" OR "District") is located along the east side of Knights Trail Road, north of Gene Green Road, Venice, Florida. The District currently contains approximately 60.44 acres and is expected to consist of 222 single family lots, 116 townhomes, recreation / amenity areas, parks, and associated infrastructure.

The CDD will own and operate the roadways, stormwater management facilities, as well as the landscape, irrigation, signage, and recreational facilities within the community. The water, sewer and reclaimed utilities will be dedicated to the City of Venice for ownership and operation.

Improvements and facilities financed, acquired, and/or constructed by the CDD will be required to conform to regulatory criteria of the City of Venice, Southwest Florida Water Management District ("SWFWMD"), and other applicable agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over the development. All improvements acquired by the District will be on land owned, or subject to a permanent easement for the benefit of, the District or another governmental entity. An overall estimate of probable cost is provided in Section 9 of this Report.

The development plan reflects the present intentions of the CDD. It should be noted that the location of proposed facilities and improvements may be adjusted during the final design, permitting, and implementation phases. It should also be noted that these modifications are not expected to diminish the benefits received by the lands within the CDD. The CDD reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to the development plan to meet applicable regulatory requirements of agencies with jurisdiction over the development, while maintaining comparable level of benefits to the lands served by the improvements. Changes and modifications are expected as changes in regulatory

criteria are implemented.

Implementation of any proposed facilities or improvements outlined in this Report requires approval by the CDD's Board of Supervisors. Estimated costs outlined in this Report were based on best available information, which includes but is not limited to previous experience with similar projects. Actual costs could be different than estimates because final engineering and specific field conditions may affect construction costs.

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Report is to provide engineering support to fund improvements in the CDD. Venice Grand Oaks is entitled through Mixed Use Corridor Land Use and Knights Trail Mixed Use Zoning. This Report will identify the proposed capital improvements to be constructed or acquired by the District along with an opinion of probable cost.

Contained within this Report is a description of the public infrastructure to be constructed or acquired by the District ("Capital Improvements".) The District will finance, construct, operate, and maintain specific portions of the proposed Capital Improvements. An assessment methodology consultant has been retained by the District, who will develop the assessment and financing methodology to be applied to this Report.

The predominant portion of this Report provides descriptions of the proposed Capital Improvements, determination of estimated probable construction costs, and the corresponding benefits associated with the implementation of the described improvements. Detailed site construction plans and specifications have not yet been completed but will require permits through the City of Venice, Sarasota County, SWFWMD, and FDEP for the improvements described herein. The engineer has considered, and in specific instances has relied upon, the information and documentation prepared or supplied by others, and information that may have been provided by public entities, public employees, the developer, site construction contractors, other engineering professionals, land surveyors, the District Board of Supervisors, and its staff and consultants.

III. THE DEVELOPMENT

The Venice Grand Oaks Community will consist of 222 single family homes and 116 townhomes and associated infrastructure (“the Development”). The Development is a planned residential community located on the east side of Knights Trail Road, north of Gene Green Road in Venice, Florida. The Development lies within, Section 22 Township 38 South, Range 19 East, in Venice, Florida. The Development received Knights Trail Mixed Use zoning approval by the city of Venice and has an underlying Future Land Use Designation of Mixed-Use Corridor. The Development will be constructed in a single phase.

IV. THE PROJECT

The Capital Improvements consist of public infrastructure as more specifically described herein. The primary portions of the Capital Improvements will entail stormwater pond construction, roadways built to an "urban" typical section, water, reclaimed and sewer utility facilities and off-site improvements including water and sewer utility extensions and roadway improvements.

There will also be stormwater structures and conveyance culverts within the Capital Improvements which will outfall into the on-site retention ponds. These structures and pond areas comprise the overall stormwater facilities of the Capital Improvements. Installation of the water distribution and wastewater collection system are also included. Below ground installation of conduits for power, telecommunications, cable TV, and street lights within the public right of way and in the adjacent utility easement will be funded by the District. Only the incremental cost of undergrounding the utilities will be financed by the District.

As a part of the recreational component of the Development, a public park will be constructed in the center of the Development and is accessed by the public roadways.

V. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The Capital Improvements include the following:

Stormwater Management Facilities

Stormwater management facilities consisting of storm conveyance systems and retention ponds are contained within the District boundaries. Stormwater runs off via roadway curb and gutter to storm inlets. From that point storm culverts convey the runoff into the proposed retention ponds for water quality treatment and attenuation. The proposed stormwater systems will utilize wet detention for biological pollutant assimilation to achieve water quality treatment. The design criteria for the District's stormwater management systems is regulated by the City of Venice and SWFWMD. There are surface waters and natural wetlands within the Project.

FEMA Community Panel Numbers 12115C245G dated 03/27/24, demonstrates that the property is located within Flood Zones X and X500. The Project has been designed to provide adequate floodplain compensation for proposed floodplain encroachment.

During the construction of stormwater management facilities, utilities and roadway improvements, the contractor will be required to adhere to a *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan* (SWPPP) as required by FDEP as delegated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The SWPPP will be prepared to depict for the contractor the proposed locations of required erosion control consisting of floating and staked turbidity barriers specifically along the down gradient side of any proposed construction activity and adjacent to the edge of existing ponds, surface water ditches, wetland edges and the perimeter of the site. The site contractor will be required to provide the necessary reporting on various forms associated with erosion control, its maintenance and any rainfall events that occur during construction activity.

Roadways

The proposed public roadway sections are to be 50' R/W with 20' of asphalt and Miami curb and gutter on both sides. The proposed roadway section will consist of stabilized subgrade, crushed concrete or cement treated base and asphalt wearing surface. The proposed curb is to be 2' wide and placed along the edge of the proposed roadway section for purposes of protecting the integrity of the pavement and also to provide stormwater runoff conveyance to the proposed stormwater inlets. Underdrain is provided as necessary to control groundwater and protect the roadway base material.

The proposed roadways will require signing and pavement markings within the public rights-of-way, as well as street signs depicting street name identifications, and addressing, which will be utilized by the residents and public. As stated above, the District's funding of roadway construction will occur for all public roadways.

Water and Wastewater Facilities

A potable water system inclusive of water main, gate valves, fire hydrants and appurtenances will be installed for the Development. The water service provider will be the city of Venice Utilities Department. The water system will be a "looped" system consisting of 4" and 6" diameter PVC water main. These facilities will be installed within the proposed public rights-of-way within the District. This water will provide the potable (domestic) and fire protection services which will serve the entire District.

A domestic wastewater collection system inclusive of gravity sanitary sewer mains, sewer laterals, one pump station and pressure force mains will be installed. The gravity sanitary sewer mains will be 8" diameter PVC. The gravity sanitary sewer lines will be placed inside of the proposed public rights-of-way, under the proposed paved roadways. Branching off from these sewer lines will be laterals to serve the individual lots. A sanitary sewer pump station is currently proposed within the District to collect the gravity sanitary sewer and pump it to the proposed City of Venice force main in the planned right-of-way donation of Knights Trail Road along the Project frontage. The future force main is being designed and permitted by others for a project north of the District and is expected to be installed prior to completion of the proposed Project.

A reclaimed water system inclusive of water main, gate valves and appurtenances will be installed for the Development. The reclaimed water service provider for single family homes will be the City of Venice Utilities Department and the reclaimed water system serving townhomes will be owned and operated by the District. The reclaimed water system will be a "looped" system consisting of 4" diameter PVC water main. These facilities will be installed within the proposed public rights-of-way within the District. This reclaimed water main will provide the reclaimed water which will serve the entire District.

Off-Site Improvements

The District will provide funding for the required off-site improvements to facilitate connection of the District's internal roads to Knights Trail Road & Gene Green Road at the project entrances.

The District will also provide funding for the required off-site improvements to facilitate connection of the District's water, wastewater and reclaim utility facilities to existing off-site utilities.

Upon completion of these improvements, inspection / certifications will be obtained from SWFWMD, the City of Venice and Sarasota County. Roadway Improvements located within the Knights Trail Road right-of-way will be owned and operated by Sarasota County. Roadway Improvements located within the Knights Trail Road right-of-way will be owned and operated by the City of Venice. Roadway Improvements located within the Gene Green Road right-of-way will be owned and operated by the District. Roadway Improvements located within the Gene Green Road right-of-way will be owned and operated by the City of Venice.

Miscellaneous:

The stormwater improvements, landscaping and irrigation, hardscaping and signage, mitigation area(s), and certain permits and professional fees as described in this Report, are being financed by the District with the intention for benefiting all of the developable real property within the District. The construction and maintenance of the proposed public Capital Improvements will benefit the Development for the intended use as a mixed use planned development.

VI. PERMITTING

Construction permits are currently being obtained, which include the SWFWMD Environmental Resource Permit (ERP), City of Venice Preliminary Plat and Construction Plan, FDEP Water and Wastewater and Sarasota County Construction Plan. There are no Army Corps of Engineer (ACOE) jurisdictional wetlands within the Development, therefore no permits are required from that agency.

Following is a summary of required permits obtained and pending for the construction of the public Capital Improvements for the District:

Permits / Approvals	Approval / Date
Zoning Approval (Venice)	Knights Trail Mixed Use
Preliminary Plat (Venice)	April 2026
SWFWMD ERP	August 2026
Construction Permits (Venice)	August 2026
FDEP Water	September 2026
FDEP Sewer	September 2026

VII. RECOMMENDATION

As previously described within this Report, the public Capital Improvements as described are necessary for the development and functional operation as required by the City of Venice and all other applicable agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over the Development.. The site planning, engineering design and construction plans for the infrastructure are in accordance with the applicable requirements of the City of Venice and SWFWMD. It should be noted that the Capital Improvements will provide their intended use and function so long as the construction and installation is in substantial conformance with the design construction plans and regulatory permits.

Items utilized in the *Opinion of Probable Costs* for this Report are based upon current plan quantities for the infrastructure as shown on construction drawings incorporating specifications in the most recent review comments received from SWFWMD and the City of Venice.

VIII. REPORT MODIFICATION

During development and implementation of the public Capital Improvements as described for the District, it may be necessary to make modifications and/or deviations for the plans. However, if such deviations and/or revisions do not change the overall primary objective of the plan for such improvements, then the costs differences would not materially affect the proposed cost estimates.

IX. CONCLUSION

It is our professional opinion that the Capital Improvements cost for the District provided in this report are reasonable to complete the construction of the infrastructure required for community development within the CDD. Furthermore, the public infrastructure improvements will benefit and add value to lands within the District equal to or in excess above the costs of such improvements.

The *Opinion of Probable Costs* of the Capital Improvements is only an estimate and is not a guaranteed maximum price. The estimated costs are based upon unit prices currently experienced on an ongoing and similar basis for work in the city of Venice. Furthermore, the quantities are a derivative of line items from specific construction documents and construction contracts as of this date. However, labor market, future costs of equipment, materials, changes to the regulatory permitting agencies activities, and the actual construction processes employed by the chosen site contractor are beyond the engineer's control. Due to this inherent opportunity for changes (upward or downward) in the construction costs, the total, final construction cost may be more or less than this estimate.

Based upon the presumption that the construction of the Capital Improvements continues in a timely manner, it is our professional opinion that the proposed Capital Improvements when constructed and built in substantial conformance with the approved plans and specifications, can be completed and used for their intended function. Be advised that we have utilized historical costs and direct unit costs from site contractors and consultants in the City of Venice, which we believe to be necessary in order to facilitate accuracy associated with the *Opinion of Probable Costs*. Based upon the information above, it is our professional opinion that the acquisition and construction costs of the proposed Capital Improvements can be completed at the cost stated.

TABLE 1:
SUMMARY OF OPINION OF
PROBABLE COSTS

Summary of Opinion of Probable Cost

<u>Number of Lots</u>	<u>338⁽¹⁰⁾</u>
<u>Infrastructure⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾</u>	<u>Nokomis Groves CDD</u>
Offsite Improvements ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 1,193,500
Stormwater Management ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	\$ 3,580,500
Utilities (Water)	\$ 1,071,090
Utilities (Sewer)	\$ 1,300,609
Utilities (Reclaimed Water)	\$ 535,545
Utilities (Street Lighting) ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 76,506
Roadway ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 2,387,000
Entry Feature & Signage ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 596,750
Parks and Amenities	\$ 1,193,500
Contingency	\$ 1,193,500
TOTAL	\$ 13,128,500

1. Infrastructure consists of public roadway improvements, stormwater management facilities, master sanitary sewer lift station and utilities, entry feature, landscaping and signage, and neighborhood parks. Any land or other acquisitions will be made at the lower of cost or fair market value.
2. Stormwater does not include grading associated with building pads, both for initial construction and in conjunction with home construction.
3. Includes stormwater pond excavation, and storage of fill, but not the cost of transporting the fill to private lots.
4. Includes sub-grade, base, asphalt paving, curbing, and civil/site engineering. All roadways will be public and accessible by public.
5. Includes subdivision infrastructure and civil/site engineering.
6. Estimates are based on 2025/2026 costs.
7. Includes entry features, signage, hardscape, landscape, irrigation and fencing.
8. CDD will enter into a Lighting Agreement with Florida Power and Light for the street light poles and lighting service. Only undergrounding of wires in public rights-of-way and on District land will be funded by the CDD.
9. Offsite Improvements include turn lanes on Knights Trail Road at Project Access and utility extensions.
10. Includes 116 - 40' Townhomes, 135 - 40' x 120' Single Family Units and 87 - 50' x 120'; Single Family Units
11. Infrastructure Construction timeline - 2026-2027.
12. All utilities shall be constructed to city standards.

TABLE 2:
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED DISTRICT
FACILITIES

**VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
TABLE 2 - SUMMARY OF PROPOSED DISTRICT FACILITIES**

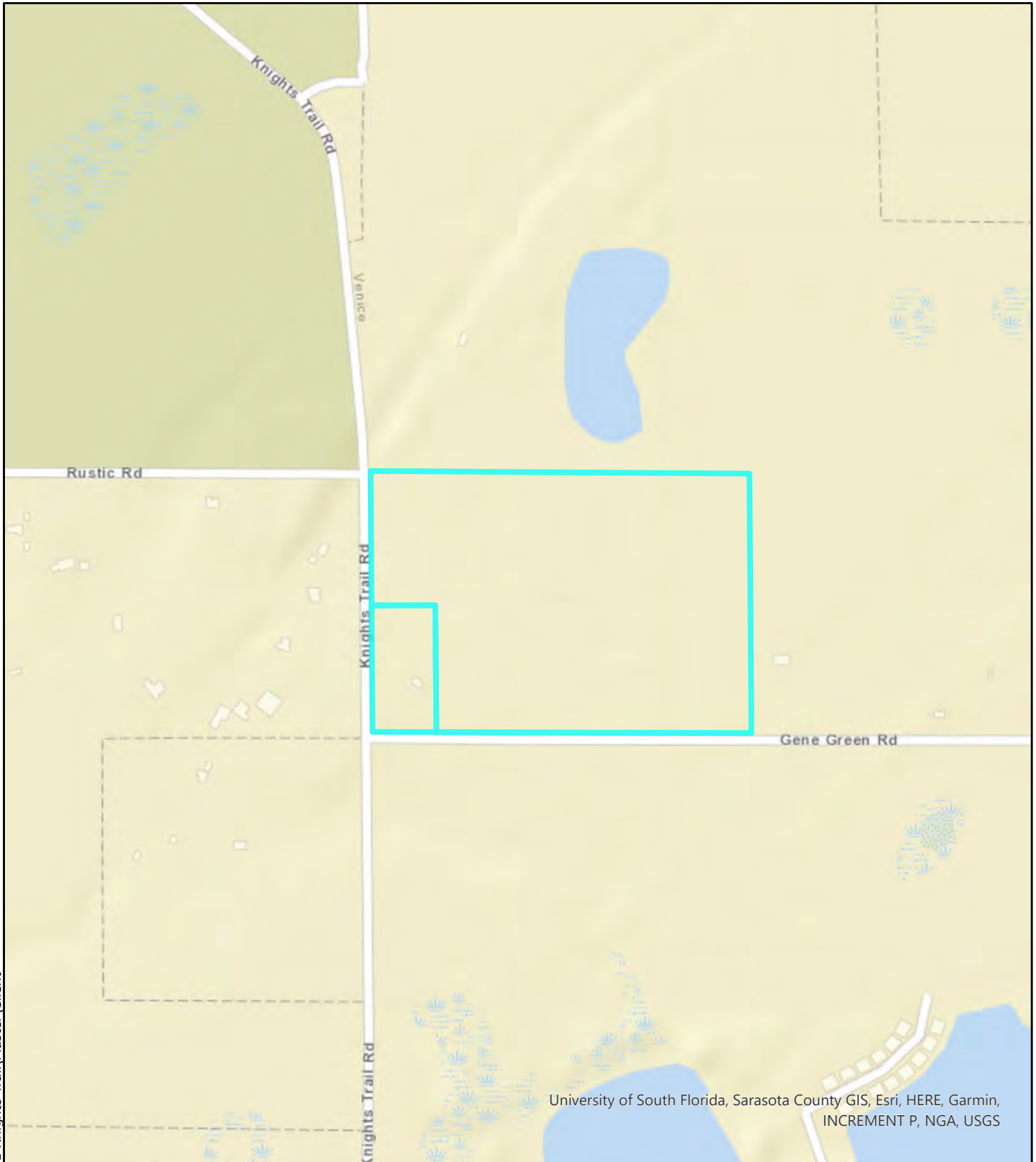
DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE	CONSTRUCTION	OWNERSHIP	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE
ENTRY SIGNAGE AND FEATURES	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
PARKS AND AMENITIES	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
STORMWATER FACILITIES	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES	DISTRICT	CITY OF VENICE	CITY OF VENICE
RECLAIMED WATER UTILITIES (SINGLE FAMILY)	DISTRICT	CITY OF VENICE	CITY OF VENICE
RECLAIMED WATER UTILITIES (TOWNHOMES)	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
STREET LIGHTING/CONDUIT	DISTRICT	STREET LIGHTS - FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT CONDUIT - DISTRICT	FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT
ROAD CONSTRUCTION¹	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
OFFSITE ROADWAY (GENE GREEN ROAD ACCESS)	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT ²
OFFSITE ROADWAY (KNIGHTS TRAIL ACCESS)	DISTRICT	SARASOTA COUNTY	SARASOTA COUNTY

1. Roadways will be constructed in accordance with city standards.

2. The District shall be the responsible O&M entity for access improvements constructed to connect the District's internal roads to existing rights-of-way. The District shall not be the responsible O&M entity for any existing rights-of-way.

EXHIBIT 1:
LOCATION MAP

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EXHIBIT 1 - LOCATION MAP
VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

MAP DATE: 11/13/2025 LOCATION: CITY OF VENICE



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EXHIBIT 2:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (AS FURNISHED):

A parcel of land lying in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.00°30'20"E., along the West line of said Section 22, a distance of 2680.99 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence S.89°44'18"E., leaving said West line of Section 22, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on the East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road as recorded in Official Records Book 2089, Page 2446 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, same being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S.00°29'36"E., along said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road, a distance of 1280.55 feet to the intersection of the East Right of Way of Knight's Trail Road and the North Right of Way of Gene Green Road (50' Wide Right of Way) per Official Records Book 1084, Page 1581 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.89°46'54"E., along said North Right of Way line of Gene Green Road, a distance of 1970.62 feet to a point on the East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence N.00°56'32"W., along said East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, a distance of 1338.90 feet; thence N.89°43'52"W., a distance of 1960.16 feet to a point on said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road; thence S.00°30'19"E., along said East Right of Way line, a distance of 59.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel contains 2,632,597 square feet, or 60.4361 acres more or less.

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22-38S-19E

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EXHIBIT 3:
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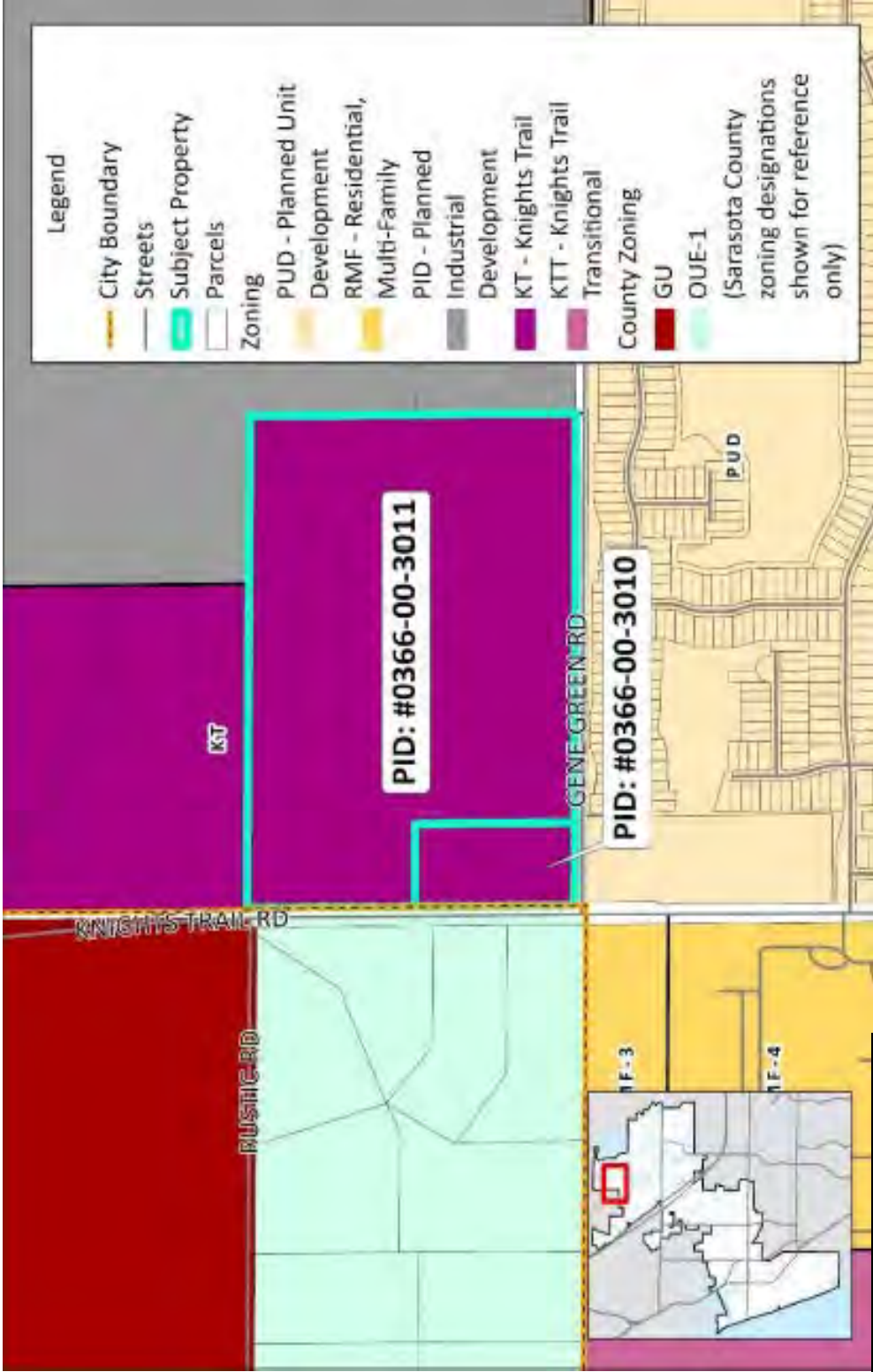


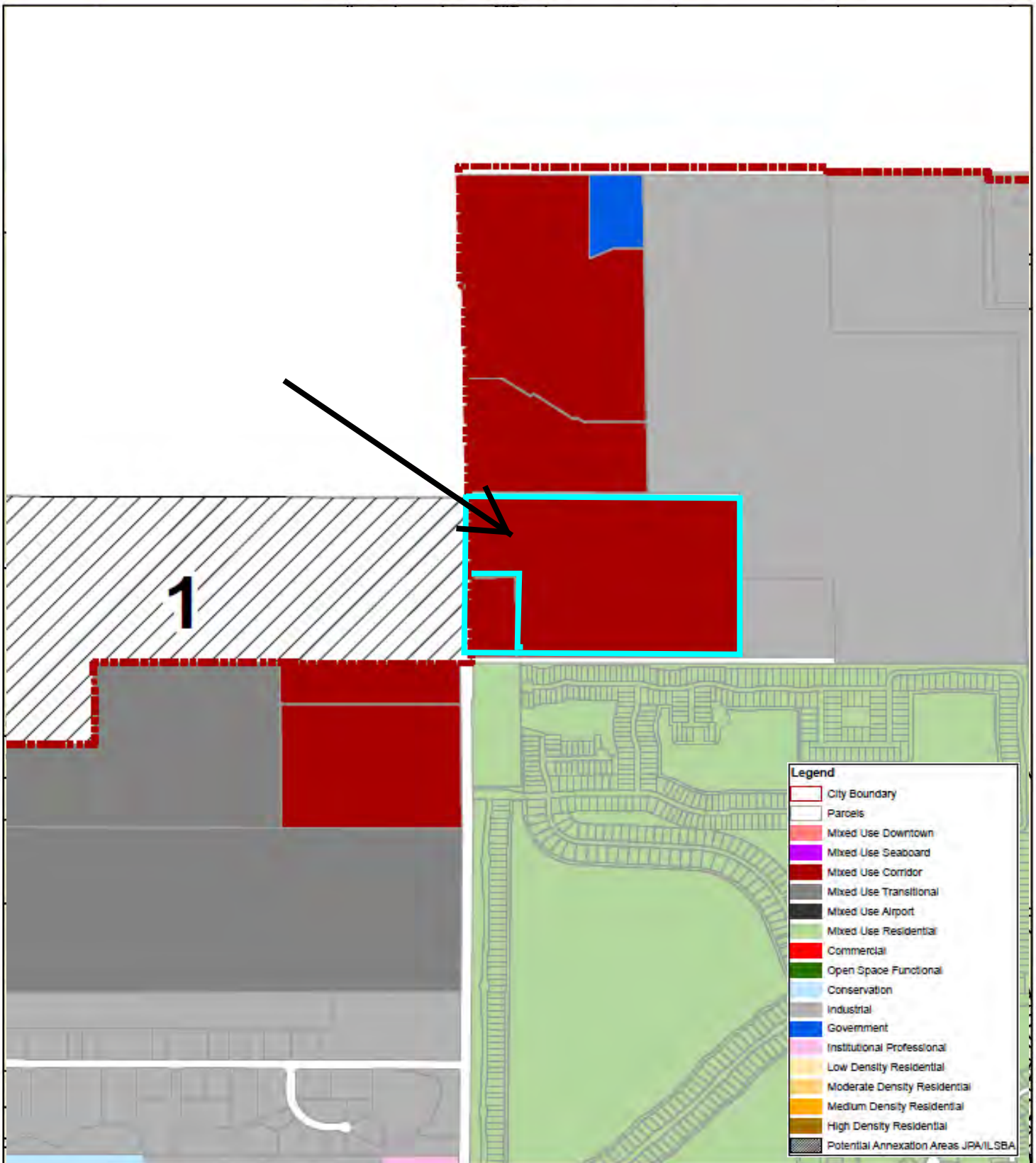
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VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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EXHIBIT 4:
FUTURE LAND USE MAP



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EXHIBIT 4 - EXISTING AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP

VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

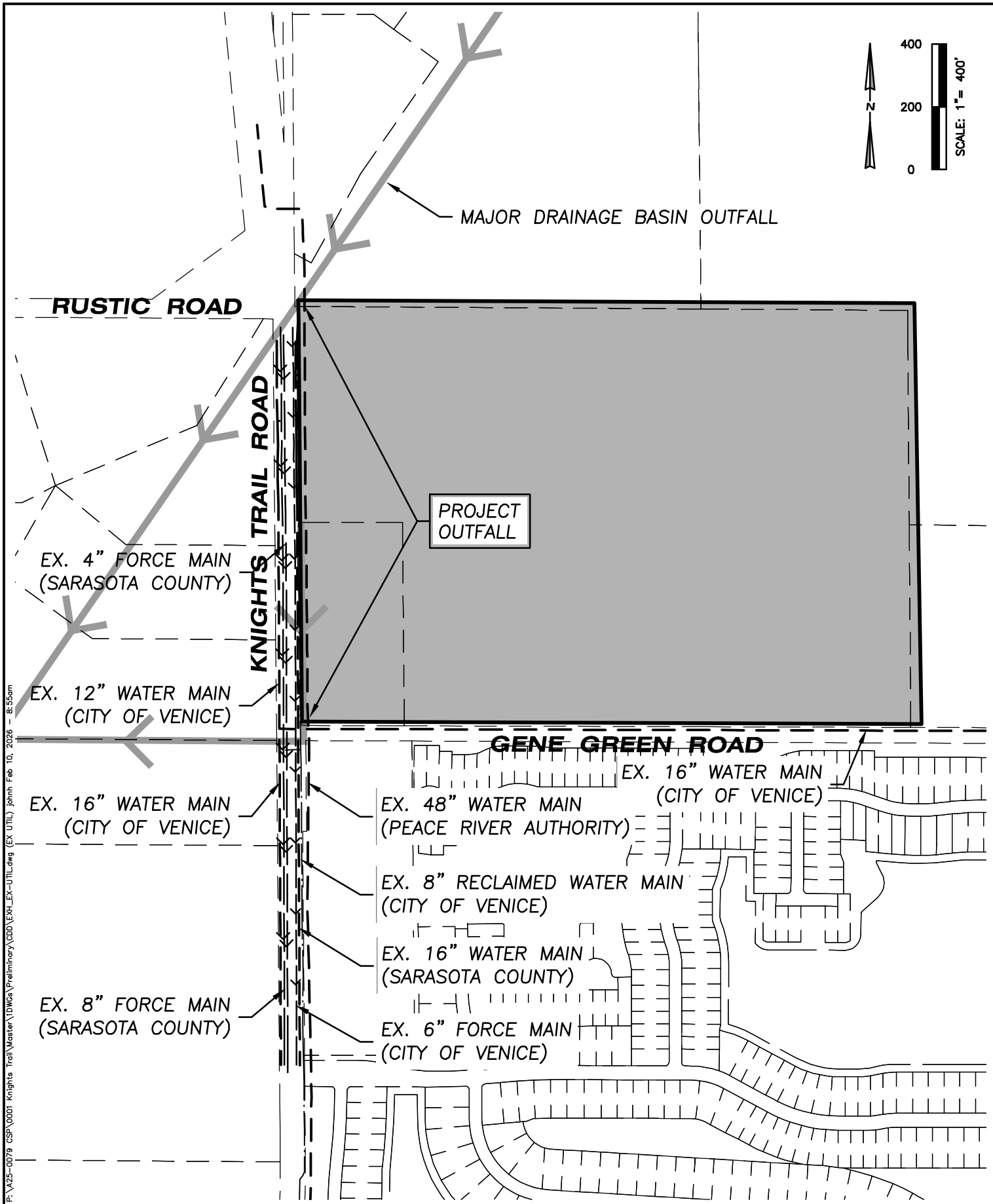
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EXHIBIT 5:
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EXHIBIT 6:
AERIAL SITE PLAN



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EXHIBIT A - AERIAL MAP
VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

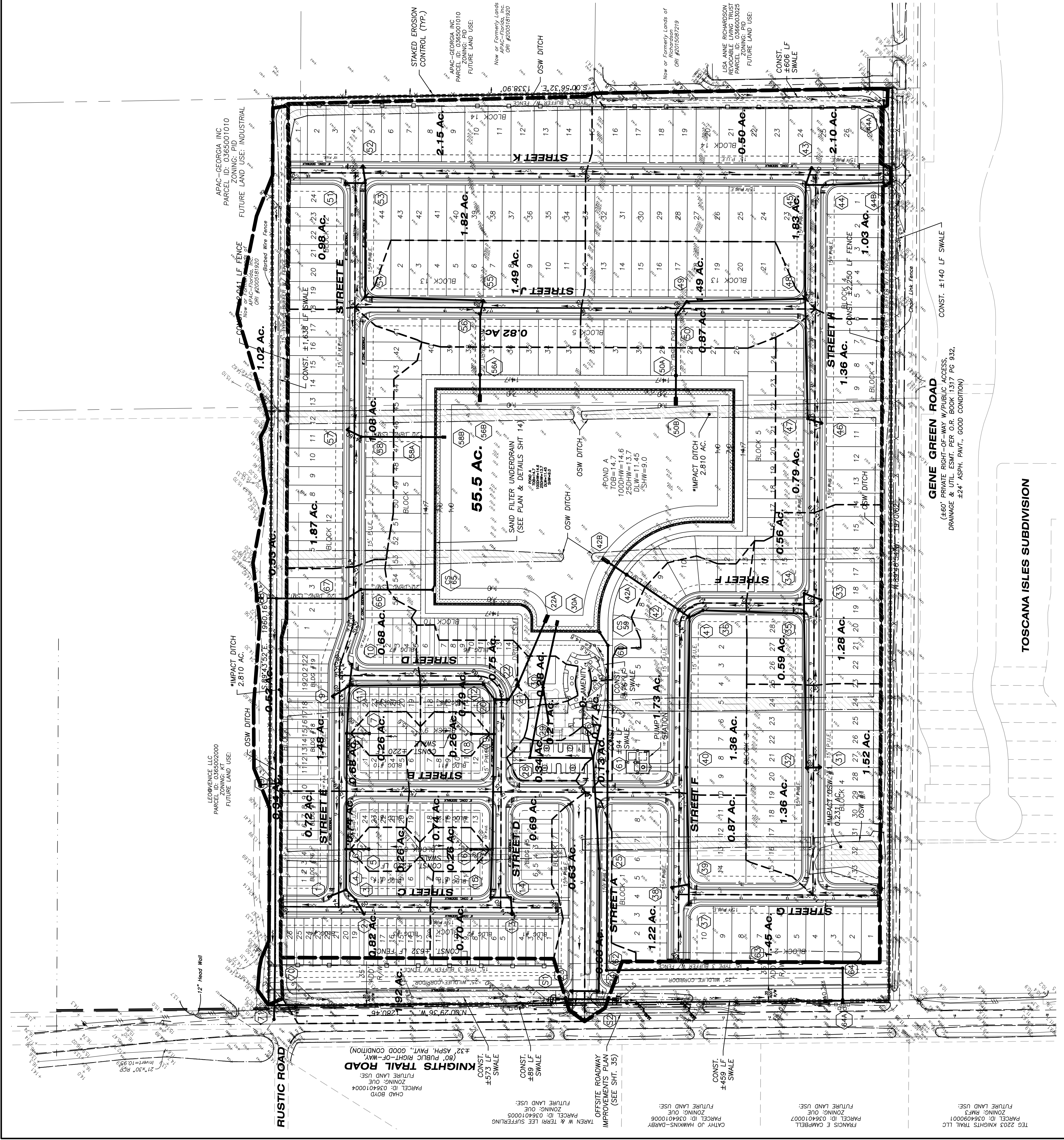


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EXHIBIT 7:
OVERALL SITE PLAN

EXHIBIT 8:
DRAINAGE MAP

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1. ALL EXISTING STRUCTURES, PIPES, SLABS & BUILDINGS WITHIN THE EROSION CONTROL TO BE REMOVED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
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Exhibit B:

Master Assessment Methodology for Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District, dated April 29,
2026

**MASTER
ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

FOR
VENICE GRAND OAKS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Date: April 29, 2026

Prepared by

**Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC
219 E. Livingston Street
Orlando, FL 32801**



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1.0 Introduction

Venice Grand Oaks Community Development District is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the “District”). The District plans to issue up to \$17,560,000 of special assessment bonds in one or more series (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of financing certain infrastructure improvements within the District, more specifically described in the Master Engineer’s Report dated April 29, 2026 prepared by Absolute Engineering, Inc as may be amended and supplemented from time to time (the “Engineer’s Report”). The District anticipates the construction of public infrastructure improvements consisting of improvements that benefit property owners within the District.

1.1 Purpose

This Master Assessment Methodology Report (the “Assessment Report”) provides for an assessment methodology for allocating the debt to be incurred by the District to benefiting properties within the District. This Assessment Report allocates the debt to properties based on the special benefits each receives from the District’s capital improvement plan (“CIP”). This Assessment Report will be supplemented with one or more supplemental methodology reports to reflect the actual terms and conditions at the time of the issuance of each series of Bonds. This Assessment Report is designed to conform to the requirements of Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes, with respect to special assessments and is consistent with our understanding of case law on this subject.

The District intends to impose non ad valorem special assessments on the benefited lands within the District based on this Assessment Report. It is anticipated that all of the proposed special assessments will be collected through the Uniform Method of Collection described in Chapter 197.3632, Florida Statutes, collected directly, or through any other legal means of collection available to the District. It is not the intent of this Assessment Report to address any other assessments, if applicable, that may be levied by the District, a homeowner’s association, or any other unit of government.

1.2 Background

The District currently includes approximately 60.44 acres within the City of Venice within Sarasota County, Florida. The development program currently envisions approximately 338 residential units (herein the “Development”). The proposed Development program is depicted in Table 1. It is recognized that such land use plan may change, and this Assessment Report will be modified accordingly.

The public improvements contemplated by the District in the CIP will provide facilities that benefit certain property within the District. The CIP is delineated in the Engineer's Report. Specifically, the District may construct and/or acquire certain offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, potable water utilities, sewer utilities, reclaimed water utilities, undergrounding of conduit, roadways, entry features & signage, parks and amenities, professional costs, and contingency along with any other public projects authorized by Florida law. The acquisition and construction costs are summarized in Table 2.

The Assessment Report is a four-step process.

1. The District Engineer must first determine the public infrastructure improvements that may be provided by the District and the costs to implement the CIP.
2. The District Engineer determines the assessable acres that benefit from the District's CIP.
3. A calculation is made to determine the funding amounts necessary to acquire and/or construct CIP.
4. This amount is initially divided equally among the benefited properties on a prorated gross acreage basis. Ultimately, as land is platted, this amount will be assigned to each of the benefited properties based on the number of platted units.

1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

Improvements undertaken by the District create special and peculiar benefits to the assessable property, different in kind and degree than general benefits, for properties outside its borders as well as general benefits to the public at large.

However, as discussed within this Assessment Report, these general benefits are incidental in nature and are readily distinguishable from the special and peculiar benefits, which accrue to the assessable property within the District. The implementation of the CIP enables properties within its boundaries to be developed. Without the District's CIP, there would be no infrastructure to support development of land within the District. Without these improvements, development of the property within the District would be prohibited by law.

There is no doubt that the general public and property owners outside the District will benefit from the provision of the District's CIP. However, these benefits will be incidental to the District's CIP, which is designed solely to meet the needs of property within the District. Properties outside the District boundaries do not depend upon the District's CIP. The property owners within the District are therefore receiving special benefits not received by those outside the District's boundaries. The District has determined that the general benefits conferred upon the public at large and properties

outside the District are de minimis in relation to the special and peculiar benefits conferred upon assessed properties within the District. Accordingly, no portion of the assessments levied hereunder represents a charge for general benefits, and the full amount of the assessments reflects only special benefits conferred upon the assessed properties.

1.4 Requirements of a Valid Assessment Methodology

There are two requirements under Florida law for a valid special assessment:

- 1) The properties must receive a special benefit from the improvements being paid for.
- 2) The assessments must be fairly and reasonably allocated to the properties being assessed.

Florida law provides for a wide application of special assessments that meet these two requirements for valid special assessments.

1.5 Special Benefits Exceed the Costs Allocated

The special benefits provided to the property owners within the District are greater than the costs associated with providing these benefits. The District Engineer estimates that the District's CIP that is necessary to support full development of property will cost approximately \$13,128,500. The District's Underwriter projects that financing costs required to fund the infrastructure improvements, including project costs, the cost of issuance of the Bonds, the funding of debt service reserves and capitalized interest, will be approximately \$17,560,000. Additionally, funding required to complete the CIP which is not financed with Bonds is expected to be funded by Cassidy Land Development, LLC, its successors, assigns or future purchaser or another related entity (the "Developer"). Without the CIP, the property would not be able to be developed and occupied by future residents of the community. For each product type within the District, the special and peculiar benefits received - including the added use of the property, added enjoyment, and increased marketability and value resulting from the CIP - are greater than the assessments allocated to that product type as set forth in Tables 5 and 6. This finding is supported by the fact that the CIP is necessary to enable any development of the property and that the market value attributable to a fully serviced lot in this location exceeds the per-unit assessment obligations set forth herein.

2.0 Assessment Methodology

2.1 Overview

The District is planning to issue up to \$17,560,000 in Bonds, in one or more series to fund the District's CIP, provide for capitalized interest, a debt service reserve account and cost of issuance. It is the purpose of this Assessment Report to allocate the \$17,560,000 in debt to the properties benefiting from the CIP.

Table 1 identifies the proposed land uses as identified by the Developer and current landowners of the land within the District. The District has relied on the Engineer's Report to develop the costs of the CIP needed to support the Development. These construction costs are outlined in Table 2. The improvements needed to support the Development are described in detail in the Engineer's Report and are estimated to cost \$13,128,500. Based on the estimated costs, the size of the Bond issue under current market conditions needed to generate funds to pay for the CIP and related costs was determined by the District's Underwriter to total approximately \$17,560,000. Table 3 shows the breakdown of the bond sizing.

2.2 Allocation of Debt

Allocation of debt is a continuous process until the development plan is completed. The CIP funded by District Bonds benefits all developable acres within the District.

The initial assessments will be levied on an equal basis to all acres within the District. A fair and reasonable methodology allocates the debt incurred by the District proportionately to the properties receiving the special benefits. At this point all of the lands within the District are benefiting from the improvements.

Once platting, site planning, or the recording of declaration of condominium, ("Assigned Properties") has begun, the assessments will be levied to the Assigned Properties based on the benefits they receive. The Unassigned Properties, defined as property that has not been platted, assigned development rights or subjected to a declaration of condominium, will continue to be assessed on a per acre basis ("Unassigned Properties"). Eventually the development plan will be completed and the debt relating to the Bonds will be allocated to the planned 338 residential units within the District, which are the beneficiaries of the CIP, as depicted in Table 5 and Table 6. If there are changes to the development plan, a true up of the assessment will be calculated to determine if a debt reduction or true-up payment from the Developer is required. The process is outlined in Section 3.0.

Until all the land within the District has been platted and sold, the assessments on the portion of the land that has not been platted and sold are not fixed and determinable.

The reasons for this are (1) until the lands are platted, the number of developable acres within each tract against which the assessments are levied is not determined; (2) the lands are subject to re-plat, which may result in changes in development density and product type; and (3) until the lands are sold it is unclear of the timing of the absorptions. Only after the property has been platted and sold will the developable acreage be determined, the final plat be certain, the developable density known, the product types be confirmed, and the timing of the sales solidified.

The assignment of debt in this Assessment Report sets forth the process by which debt is apportioned. As mentioned herein, this Assessment Report will be supplemented from time to time.

2.3 Allocation of Benefit

The CIP consists of offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, potable water utilities, sewer utilities, reclaimed water utilities, undergrounding of conduit, roadways, entry features & signage, parks and amenities, professional costs, and contingency. There are three residential product types within the planned development. The Single Family 50' unit has been set as the base unit and has been assigned one equivalent residential unit ("ERU"). The ERU factors for each product type are based on the relative special benefit each product type receives from the CIP, as measured by factors including lot size, anticipated impervious surface area, demand placed on stormwater, utility and roadway infrastructure, and access to parks and amenities. A Townhome unit, with a smaller footprint and shared walls, is estimated to generate proportionally less demand on the CIP improvements and has been assigned an ERU factor of 0.75. A Single Family 40' unit, with a larger footprint than a Townhome but smaller than a Single Family 50' unit, has been assigned an ERU factor of 0.80. A Single Family 50' unit, having the largest footprint and placing the greatest demand on the CIP, serves as the base unit at 1.00 ERU. Table 4 shows the allocation of benefit to the particular land uses. It is important to note that the benefit derived from the improvements on the particular units exceeds the cost that the units will be paying for such benefits.

2.4 Lienability Test: Special and Peculiar Benefit to the Property

Construction and/or acquisition by the District of its proposed CIP will provide several types of systems, facilities and services for its residents. These may include but are not limited to offsite improvements, stormwater management facilities, potable water utilities, sewer utilities, reclaimed water utilities, undergrounding of conduit, roadways, entry features & signage, parks and amenities, professional costs, and contingency. These improvements accrue in differing amounts and are somewhat dependent on the type of land use receiving the special benefits peculiar to those properties, which flow from the logical relationship of the improvements to the properties.

Once these determinations are made, they are reviewed in the light of the special benefits peculiar to the property, which flow to the properties as a result of their logical connection from the improvements in fact actually provided.

For the provision of CIP, the special and peculiar benefits are:

- 1) the added use of the property,
- 2) added enjoyment of the property, and
- 3) the probability of increased marketability and value of the property.

These special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable but are not yet capable of being calculated as to value with mathematical certainty. However, each is more valuable than either the cost of, or the actual non-ad valorem special assessment levied for the improvement or the debt as allocated.

2.5 Lienability Test: Reasonable and Fair Apportionment of the Duty to Pay Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

A reasonable estimate of the proportion of special and peculiar benefits received from the public improvements described in the Engineer's Report is delineated in Table 5 (expressed as Allocation of Par Debt per Product Type).

The determination has been made that the duty to pay the non-ad valorem special assessments is fairly and reasonably apportioned because the special and peculiar benefits to the property derived from the acquisition and/or construction of the District's CIP have been apportioned to the property according to reasonable estimates of the special and peculiar benefits provided consistent with the land use categories.

Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the boundaries of the District will have a lien for the payment of any non-ad valorem special assessment more than the determined special benefit peculiar to that property and therefore, the debt allocation will not be increased more than the debt allocation set forth in this Assessment Report.

In accordance with the benefit allocation suggested for the product types in Table 4, a total debt per unit and an annual assessment per unit have been calculated for each product type (Table 6). These amounts represent the preliminary anticipated per unit debt allocation assuming all anticipated units are built and sold as planned, and the entire proposed CIP is developed or acquired and financed by the District.

3.0 True Up Mechanism

Although the District does not process plats, declaration of condominiums, site plans or revisions thereto for the Developer, it does have an important role to play during

the course of platting and site planning. Whenever a plat, declaration of condominium or site plan is processed, the District must allocate a portion of its debt to the property according to this Assessment Report outlined herein. In addition, the District must also prevent any buildup of debt on Unassigned Property. Otherwise, the land could be fully conveyed and/or platted without all of the debt being allocated. To preclude this, at the time Unassigned Properties become Assigned Properties, the District will determine the amount of anticipated assessment revenue that remains on the Unassigned Properties, taking into account the proposed plat, or site plan approval. If the total anticipated assessment revenue to be generated from the Assigned and Unassigned Properties is greater than or equal to the maximum annual debt service then no adjustment is required. In the case that the revenue generated is less than the required amount then a debt reduction or true-up payment by the landowner in the amount necessary to reduce the par amount of the outstanding Bonds plus accrued interest to a level that will be supported by the new net annual debt service assessments will be required. In addition, if any Unassigned Property is permanently removed from the developable land base for any reason (including changes in entitlements, environmental restrictions, dedication, or condemnation), the District shall treat such removal as a triggering event requiring a true-up calculation, and the landowner shall be required to make a true-up payment or the District shall reduce the outstanding par amount of the Bonds to a level supportable by the remaining assessable properties.

4.0 Assessment Roll

The District will initially distribute the liens across the property within the District boundaries on a gross acreage basis. As Assigned Property becomes known with certainty, the District will refine its allocation of debt from a per acre basis to a per unit basis as shown in Table 7. If the land use plan changes, then the District will update Tables 1, 4, 5 and 6 to reflect the changes. As a result, the assessment liens are neither fixed nor are they determinable with certainty on any acre of land in the District prior to the time final Assigned Properties become known. At this time the debt associated with the District's CIP will be distributed evenly across the acres within the District. As the development process occurs, the debt will be distributed against the Assigned Property in the manner described in this Assessment Report. The current assessment roll is depicted in Table 7.

TABLE 1
 VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
 MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	Totals	ERUs per Unit (1)	Total ERUs
Townhome	116	116	0.75	87.00
Single Family - 40'	135	135	0.80	108.00
Single Family - 50'	87	87	1.00	87.00
Total Units	338	338		282.0

(1) Benefit is allocated on an ERU basis based on the special benefit received from the CIP improvements. The allocation is density of planned development, with a Single Family 50' unit equal to 1 ERU. The District has determined that this allocation methodology provides a fair and reasonable apportionment of the debt among the benefited properties in accordance with Section 170.201, Florida Statutes

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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TABLE 2
 VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 INFRASTRUCTURE COST ESTIMATES
 MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP") (1)	Total Cost Estimate
Offsite Improvements	\$1,193,500
Stormwater Management	\$3,580,500
Utilities (Water)	\$1,071,090
Utilities (Sewer)	\$1,300,609
Utilities (Reclaimed Water)	\$535,545
Undergrounding of Conduit	\$76,506
Roadway	\$2,387,000
Entry Feature & Signage	\$596,750
Parks and Amenities	\$1,193,500
Contingency	\$1,193,500
	\$13,128,500

(1) A detailed description of these improvements is provided in the Master Engineer's Report dated April 29, 2026

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TABLE 3
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOND SIZING
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Description	Total
Construction Funds	\$13,128,500
Debt Service Reserve	\$1,344,700
Capitalized Interest	\$2,282,800
Underwriters Discount	\$351,200
Cost of Issuance	\$450,000
Rounding	\$2,800
Par Amount*	\$17,560,000

Bond Assumptions:

Average Coupon	6.50%
Amortization	30 years
Capitalized Interest	24 months
Debt Service Reserve	Max Annual D/S
Underwriters Discount	2%

* Par amount is subject to change based on the actual terms at the sale of the Bonds

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TABLE 4
 VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 ALLOCATION OF BENEFIT
 MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	ERU Factor	Total ERUs	% of Total ERUs	Total Improvements	
					Costs Per Product Type	Improvement Costs Per Unit
Townhome	116	0.75	87.00	30.85%	\$4,050,282	\$34,916
Single Family - 40'	135	0.80	108.00	38.30%	\$5,027,936	\$37,244
Single Family - 50'	87	1.00	87.00	30.85%	\$4,050,282	\$46,555
Totals	338		282.00	100.00%	\$13,128,500	

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

TABLE 5
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ALLOCATION OF TOTAL BENEFIT/PAR DEBT TO EACH PRODUCT TYPE
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	Total Improvements Costs Per Product	Allocation of Par Debt Per Product	Par Debt Per Unit
		Type	Type	
Townhome	116	\$4,050,282	\$5,417,447	\$46,702
Single Family - 40'	135	\$5,027,936	\$6,725,106	\$49,816
Single Family - 50'	87	\$4,050,282	\$5,417,447	\$62,270
Totals	338	\$13,128,500	\$17,560,000	

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TABLE 6
 VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 PAR DEBT AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH PRODUCT TYPE
 MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Product Types	No. of Units *	Allocation of Par Debt Per Product Type	Total Par Debt Per Unit	Maximum Annual Debt Service	Net Annual Debt Assessment Per Unit	Gross Annual Debt Assessment Per Unit (1)
Townhome	116	\$5,417,447	\$46,702	\$414,854	\$3,576	\$3,805
Single Family - 40'	135	\$6,725,106	\$49,816	\$514,991	\$3,815	\$4,058
Single Family - 50'	87	\$5,417,447	\$62,270	\$414,854	\$4,768	\$5,073
Totals	338	\$17,560,000		\$1,344,700		

(1) This amount includes collection fees and early payment discounts when collected on the Sarasota County Tax Bill

* Unit mix is subject to change based on marketing and other factors

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TABLE 7
VENICE GRAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL
MASTER ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Owner	Parcel ID	Net Acres	Total Par Debt Allocation Per Acre	Total Par Debt Allocated	Net Annual Debt Assessment Allocation	Gross Annual Debt Assessment Allocation (1)
CSPGRAND OAKS VENICE LAND I LLC	0366-00-3010	5.48	\$290,555	\$1,591,674	\$121,886	\$129,666
CSPGRAND OAKS VENICE LAND I LLC	0366-00-3011	54.96	\$290,555	\$15,968,326	\$1,222,814	\$1,300,866
Totals		60.44		\$17,560,000	\$1,344,700	\$1,430,532

(1) This amount includes 6% to cover collection costs and early payment discounts when collected utilizing the uniform method. As authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, when collected utilizing the uniform method of collection pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes

Annual Assessment Periods	30
Average Coupon Rate (%)	6.50%
Maximum Annual Debt Service	\$1,344,700

* - See Metes and Bounds, attached as Exhibit A

Prepared by: Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC

Exhibit A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (AS FURNISHED):

A parcel of land lying in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.00°30'20"E., along the West line of said Section 22, a distance of 2680.99 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence S.89°44'18"E., leaving said West line of Section 22, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on the East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road as recorded in Official Records Book 2089, Page 2446 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, same being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S.00°29'36"E., along said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road, a distance of 1280.55 feet to the intersection of the East Right of Way of Knight's Trail Road and the North Right of Way of Gene Green Road (50' Wide Right of Way) per Official Records Book 1084, Page 1581 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida; thence S.89°46'54"E., along said North Right of Way line of Gene Green Road, a distance of 1970.62 feet to a point on the East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 22; thence N.00°56'32"W., along said East line of the West half of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, a distance of 1338.90 feet; thence N.89°43'52"W., a distance of 1960.16 feet to a point on said East Right of Way line of Knight's Trail Road; thence S.00°30'19"E., along said East Right of Way line, a distance of 59.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel contains 2,632,597 square feet, or 60.4361 acres more or less.

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EXHIBIT 2 - METES & BOUNDS DESC. KNIGHTS TRAIL SUBDIVISION

SEC TWP RGE	JOB NUMBER	DRAWN BY	DATE	SHEET
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SECTION VII

SECTION A

Venice Grand Oaks
Community Development District

Funding Request #1
April 29, 2026

Bill to: CSP-Grand Oaks Venice Land I, LLC

Payee		General Fund FY2026	
1	Funds to open Operating Account	\$	5,000.00
2	Insurance	\$	5,000.00
3	ADA Website Creation	\$	1,750.00
4	Legal Advertising	\$	10,000.00

Total: \$ 21,750.00

Please make check payable to:

Venice Grand Oaks CDD
6200 Lee Vista Blvd, Suite 300
Orlando, FL 32822

SECTION B

SECTION 1

SECTION (a)

E-Verify Memorandum

TO: District Manager, Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC

DATE: April 29, 2026

RE: Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes* / E-Verify Requirements

As you may be aware, the Florida Legislature recently enacted Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, which, generally speaking, requires that all employers verify employment eligibility using the United States Department of Homeland Security's "E-Verify" system. Specifically, Section 448.095(2), *Florida Statutes*, provides:

(2) EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION.—

(a) An employer shall verify each new employee's employment eligibility within 3 business days after the first day that the new employee begins working for pay as required under 8 C.F.R. s. 274a.

(b)(1) A public agency shall use the E-Verify system to verify a new employee's employment eligibility as required under paragraph (a).

(2) Beginning on July 1, 2023, a private employer with 25 or more employees shall use the E-Verify system to verify a new employee's employment eligibility as required under paragraph (a).

(3) Each employer required to use the E-Verify system under this paragraph must certify on its first return each calendar year to the tax service provider that it is in compliance with this section when making contributions to or reimbursing the state's unemployment compensation or reemployment assistance system. An employer that voluntarily uses the E-Verify system may also make such a certification on its first return each calendar year in order to document such use.

Section 448.095(1)(d), *Florida Statutes*, defines "public agency" as any "office, department, agency, division, subdivision, political subdivision, board, bureau, commission, authority, district, public body, body politic, state, county, city, town, village, municipality, or any other separate unit of government created or established pursuant to law, and any other public or private agency, person, partnership, corporation, or business entity acting on behalf of any public agency." Because all CDDs and stewardship districts (together, "Special Districts") enter into contracts with contractors (and many Special Districts have employees), all Special Districts are subject to the new E-Verify requirements.

As a District Manager, there are two steps that need to be taken:

1. Enroll your Special Districts on the E-Verify system, at: <https://www.e-verify.gov/>.

An E-Verify enrollment checklist is available at <https://www.e-verify.gov/employers/enrolling-in-e-verify/enrollment-checklist>. In order to enroll, all Special Districts must enter into a memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) which must be executed by the chairperson of each board. Under the MOU, the responsibilities of the Special Districts include provision of contact information, display of notices to prospective employees, completion of an E-Verify tutorial, familiarization with the E-Verify User Manual, and other obligations.

2. On a going forward basis, include the following contract provision in Special District contracts:

E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*.

If the Contractor anticipates entering into agreements with a subcontractor for the Work, Contractor will not enter into the subcontractor agreement without first receiving an affidavit from the subcontractor regarding compliance with Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, and stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the agreement and provide a copy to the District upon request.

In the event that the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, but the Contractor has otherwise complied with its obligations hereunder, the District shall promptly notify the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to immediately terminate the agreement with the subcontractor upon notice from the District. Further, absent such notification from the District, the Contractor or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated s. 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall promptly terminate its agreement with such person or entity.

By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(5)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We appreciate your attention to this matter, and I can be reached at (877) 350-0372.