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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Directors  
Houston Ship Channel Security District  
Harris County, Texas

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Houston Ship Channel Security District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of the District as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 6 and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund on page 21 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purpose of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information, excluding that portion marked "Unaudited" on which we express no opinion or provide any assurance, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 11, 2015, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC  
Certified Public Accountants  
Houston, Texas

August 11, 2015



**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Management's discussion and analysis of Houston Ship Channel Security District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2014. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which begin on page 7.

**USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

This report consists of a series of financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) combined fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements and (2) notes to the financial statements. The combined fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements combine both: (1) the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and (2) the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. This report also includes other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The District's report includes two financial statements combining the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. The government-wide portion of these statements provides both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The first of the government-wide statements is the Statement of Net Position. This information is found in the Statement of Net Position column on page 7. The Statement of Net Position is the District-wide statement of its financial position presenting information that includes all of the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the District would extend to other non-financial factors.

The government-wide portion of Statement of Activities on page 9 reports how the District's net position changed during the fiscal year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The combined statements also include fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District has one governmental fund type. The General Fund accounts for resources not accounted for in another fund, assessment and contract revenues, costs and general expenditures.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

Governmental funds are reported in each of the financial statements. The focus in the fund statements provides a distinctive view of the District's governmental funds. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of the District and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. The adjustments columns, the Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position on page 8 and the Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities on page 10 explain the differences between the two presentations and assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 11 through 19 in this report.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

In addition to the financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information ("RSI"). A budgetary comparison schedule is included as RSI for the General Fund.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$8,722,449 as of December 31, 2014.

The following is a comparative analysis of the Statement of Net Position as December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)**

	Summary of Changes in the Statement of Net Position		
	2014	2013	Change Positive (Negative)
Cash	\$ 7,067,164	\$ 9,578,952	\$ (2,511,788)
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,971,594</u>	<u>170,542</u>	<u>1,801,052</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 9,038,758</u>	<u>\$ 9,749,494</u>	<u>\$ (710,736)</u>
Accounts Payable	\$ 257,246	\$ 579,171	\$ 321,925
Due to Others	<u>                    </u>	<u>18,725</u>	<u>18,725</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 257,246</u>	<u>\$ 597,896</u>	<u>\$ 340,650</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 59,063</u>	<u>\$ 78,750</u>	<u>\$ 19,687</u>
Net Position:			
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 8,722,449</u>	<u>\$ 9,072,848</u>	<u>\$ (350,399)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 8,722,449</u>	<u>\$ 9,072,848</u>	<u>\$ (350,399)</u>

The following table provides a summary of the District's operations for the years ended December 31, 2014, and December 31, 2013. The District's net position decreased by \$350,399 during the current fiscal year.

	Summary of Changes in the Statement of Activities		
	2014	2013	Change Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Assessment Revenues	\$ 2,601,375	\$ 3,307,500	\$ (706,125)
Other Revenues	<u>859,297</u>	<u>188,629</u>	<u>670,668</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 3,460,672	\$ 3,496,129	\$ (35,457)
Expenses for Services	<u>3,811,071</u>	<u>1,781,442</u>	<u>(2,029,629)</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ (350,399)	\$ 1,714,687	\$ (2,065,086)
Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>9,072,848</u>	<u>7,358,161</u>	<u>1,714,687</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 8,722,449</u>	<u>\$ 9,072,848</u>	<u>\$ (350,399)</u>

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

The District's General Fund fund balance was \$8,622,489, as of December 31, 2014, a decrease of \$379,485 from the previous period, which was primarily due to operating expenditures exceeding assessment, contract and grant revenues.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors did not amend the budget during the current fiscal year. The budget for the fiscal year was approved on September 10, 2013. Actual revenue was \$734,914 less than budgeted revenue primarily due to lower than anticipated assessment revenues. Total expenditures were \$487,833 less than budgeted expenditures primarily due to lower than anticipated expenditures and billings from the City of Houston. See the budget to actual comparison on page 21.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

The District has not acquired capital assets as of December 31, 2014.

**LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY**

The District does not have long-term debt as of December 31, 2014.

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for anyone with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Houston Ship Channel Security District, 111 East Loop North, Houston, TX 77029.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash, Note 3	\$ 7,067,164	\$	\$ 7,067,164
Accounts Receivable:			
Assessments Receivable, Net of Allowance for Doubtful Assessments of \$-0-	1,887,375		1,887,375
Penalty and Interest on Delinquent Assessments	5,469		5,469
Port of Houston Authority, Note 7	78,750		78,750
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 9,038,758</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 9,038,758</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 257,246	\$ -0-	\$ 257,246
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Assessments	\$ 94,500	\$ (94,500)	\$
Penalty and Interest on Assessments	5,460	(5,460)	
Contract Revenue	59,063		59,063
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 159,023</b>	<b>\$ (99,960)</b>	<b>\$ 59,063</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
Assigned to 2015 Budget Deficit, Note 2	\$ 1,467,998	\$ (1,467,998)	\$
Unassigned	7,154,491	(7,154,491)	
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 8,622,489</b>	<b>\$ (8,622,489)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 9,038,758</b>		
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Unrestricted		<b>\$ 8,722,449</b>	<b>\$ 8,722,449</b>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>		<b>\$ 8,722,449</b>	<b>\$ 8,722,449</b>

The accompanying notes to the financial  
statements are an integral part of this report.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Total Fund Balance – Governmental Fund	\$ 8,622,489
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Deferred assessment revenues for the 2014 and prior assessments became part of recognized revenue in the governmental activities of the District.	94,500
Deferred penalty and interest revenues for the 2014 and prior assessments became part of recognized revenues in the governmental activities of the District.	<u>5,460</u>
Total Net Position – Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 8,722,449</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessment Revenue	\$ 2,569,875	\$ 31,500	\$ 2,601,375
Penalty and Interest	10,197	(2,414)	7,783
Contract Revenue	98,438		98,438
Grant Revenue	749,434		749,434
Investment Revenues	<u>3,642</u>		<u>3,642</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>\$ 3,431,586</u>	<u>\$ 29,086</u>	<u>\$ 3,460,672</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>			
Service Operations:			
Professional Fees	\$ 100,503	\$	\$ 100,503
Contracted Services	1,240,837		1,240,837
Grant Matching Funds	571,327		571,327
Grant Operations and Maintenance, Note 6	1,837,420		1,837,420
Administrative	<u>60,984</u>		<u>60,984</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 3,811,071</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 3,811,071</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	\$ (379,485)	\$ 379,485	\$
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>		(350,399)	(350,399)
<b>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION – JANUARY 1, 2014</b>	<u>9,001,974</u>	<u>70,874</u>	<u>9,072,848</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION – DECEMBER 31, 2014</b>	<u>\$ 8,622,489</u>	<u>\$ 99,960</u>	<u>\$ 8,722,449</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund \$ (379,485)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report assessment revenue when it is collected. However, in the Statement of Activities, revenue is recorded when the assessments are assessed. 31,500

Governmental funds report penalties and interest revenue on assessments when it is collected. However, in the Statement of Activities, revenue for the current year is recorded when the penalties are assessed. (2,414)

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ (350,399)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 1. CREATION OF DISTRICT**

Houston Ship Channel Security District (the “District”) was created by an order dated June 9, 2009, of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, in accordance with Chapter 68 of the Texas Water Code. This action was authorized by the Texas Legislature under provision of House Bill No. 3011, Chapter 913, of the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature effective June 15, 2007. The District is empowered to provide (or contract with others to provide) security projects and security services which encompass an integrated security strategy and an increased level of security on both the waterside and landside exposures of sites within the District boundaries. The projects and services are intended to increase preparedness and responses needed to address potential threats. The District is located wholly within Harris County and includes more than 100 refinery, chemical and marine facilities. The Board of Directors held its first meeting on January 27, 2010.

**NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”).

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas governed by an appointed board. GASB has established the criteria for determining whether or not an entity is a primary government or a component unit of a primary government. The primary criteria are that it has a separately appointed governing body, it is legally separate, and it is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. Under these criteria, the District is considered a primary government and is not a component unit of any other government. Additionally, no other entities meet the criteria for inclusion in the District’s financial statement as component units.

Financial Statement Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards Part II, Financial Reporting.

The GASB Codification sets forth standards for external financial reporting for all state and local government entities, which include a requirement for a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. It requires the classification of net assets into three components: Net Investment in Capital Assets; Restricted; and Unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

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**NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

- Net Investment in Capital Assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.
- Restricted Net Position – This component of net position consists of external constraints placed on the use of assets imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulation of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted Net Position – This component of net position consists of assets that do not meet the definition of Restricted or Net Investment in Capital Assets.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. The District's Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities are combined with the governmental fund financial statements. The District is viewed as a special-purpose government and has the option of combining these financial statements.

The Statement of Net Position is reported by adjusting the governmental fund types to report on the full accrual basis, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. Any amounts recorded due to and due from other funds are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

The Statement of Activities is reported by adjusting the governmental fund types to report only items related to current year revenues and expenditures. Items such as capital outlay are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. Internal activities between governmental funds, if any, are eliminated by adjustment to obtain net total revenue and expense of the governmental-wide Statement of Activities.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Fund Financial Statements

As discussed above, the District's fund financial statements are combined with the government-wide statements. The fund statements include a Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

Governmental Funds

The District has one major governmental fund.

General Fund - To account for resources not required to be accounted for in another fund, assessment and contract revenues, costs and general expenditures.

Basis of Accounting

The District uses the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental fund types. The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues when both "measurable and available." Measurable means the amount can be determined. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The District considers revenue reported in governmental funds to be available if they are collectible within 60 days after year end. Also, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures when payment is due.

Annual assessments considered available by the District and included in fund revenue include 2014 assessments collected during the period November 18, 2014 to December 31, 2014, and 2013 assessments collected in the 2014 fiscal year.

Budgeting

In compliance with governmental accounting principles, the Board of Directors annually adopts an unappropriated budget for the General Fund. The budget for the fiscal year was approved on September 10, 2013. The budget was not amended during the current fiscal year.

Pensions

A pension plan has not been established. The District does not have employees.

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**NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Measurement Focus

Measurement focus is a term used to describe which transactions are recognized within the various financial statements. In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, the governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities associated with the activities are reported. Fund equity is classified as net position.

Governmental fund types are accounted for on a spending or financial flow measurement focus. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheet, and the reported fund balances provide an indication of available spendable or appropriable resources. Operating statements of governmental fund types report increases and decreases in available spendable resources. Fund balances in governmental funds are classified using the following hierarchy:

*Nonspendable*: amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The District does not have any nonspendable fund balances.

*Restricted*: amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation, or because of constraints that are imposed externally. The District does not have any restricted fund balances.

*Committed*: amounts that can be spent only for purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Directors. The Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. This action must be made no later than the end of the fiscal year. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Board. The District does not have any committed fund balances.

*Assigned*: amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. The District has not adopted a formal policy regarding the assignment of fund balances. As of December 31, 2014, the District has assigned \$1,467,998 of the General Fund fund balance to use for a budgeted General Fund deficit during the year ended December 31, 2015.

*Unassigned*: all other spendable amounts in the General Fund.

When expenditures are incurred for which restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of restricted funds, then committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

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**NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of Texas statutes.

Texas statutes require that any cash balance in any fund shall, to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, be continuously secured by a valid pledge to the District of securities eligible under the laws of Texas to secure the funds of the District, having an aggregate market value, including accrued interest, at all times equal to the uninsured cash balance in the fund to which such securities are pledged. At fiscal year end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$7,067,164 and the bank balance was \$7,071,243. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the balance was covered by the pledge of securities held in safekeeping by a third-party institution in the District's name.

The carrying values of the deposits are included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position at December 31, 2014, as listed below:

	<u>Cash</u>
GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 7,067,164</u>

Investments

Under Texas law, the District is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity and that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management, and all District funds must be invested in accordance with the following investment objectives: understanding the

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**NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

Investments (Continued)

suitability of the investment to the District's financial requirements, first; preservation and safety of principal, second; liquidity, third; marketability of the investments if the need arises to liquidate the investment before maturity, fourth; diversification of the investment portfolio, fifth; and yield, sixth. The District's investments must be made "with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived." No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board of Directors.

Texas statutes include specifications for and limitations applicable to the District and its authority to purchase investments as defined in the Public Funds Investment Act. Authorized investments are summarized as follows: (1) obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities, (3) certain collateralized mortgage obligations, (4) other obligations, the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the State of Texas or the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States, (5) certain A rated or higher obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state, (6) bonds issued, assumed or guaranteed by the State of Israel, (7) insured or collateralized certificates of deposit, (8) certain fully collateralized repurchase agreements secured by delivery, (9) certain bankers' acceptances with limitations, (10) commercial paper rated A-1 or P-1 or higher and a maturity of 270 days or less, (11) no-load money market mutual funds and no-load mutual funds with limitations, (12) certain guaranteed investment contracts, (13) certain qualified governmental investment pools and (14) a qualified securities lending program.

As of December 31, 2014, the District had no investments.

**NOTE 4. ASSESSMENTS**

In accordance with Chapter 68, Texas Water Code, the District may impose an assessment against facilities within its boundaries for any District purpose. On November 18, 2014, the District adopted a plan of assessment. The plan allows facilities to pay their respective assessments on or before January 31, 2015. All assessments not paid by this date shall become delinquent and there shall be added thereto such penalties, interest, expenses of collection, attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses as are permitted by law.

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**NOTE 4. ASSESSMENTS (Continued)**

For the 2014 fiscal year, \$2,601,375 of assessment installment payments were due. At fiscal year end, \$735,000 of the assessment had been collected. Subsequent to year end, \$1,792,875 of 2014 assessments were collected before the delinquent date. Delinquent 2014 assessments of \$73,500 and 2013 assessments of \$21,000 remained outstanding as of the report date.

**NOTE 5. AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

On August 17, 2010, the District executed a contract with the Greater Houston Port Bureau, Inc. (the "Bureau"). The contract was amended and restated on September 10, 2013. The contract provides for administrative services to be performed by the Bureau on behalf of the District. The Bureau is also to provide office space and necessary amenities. Unless terminated by either party, the contract will remain in effect indefinitely.

The District will compensate the Bureau monthly at an hourly rate of \$150 per hour for senior management personnel, \$125 per hour for program and project staff, and \$75 per hour for administrative staff; provided, however, the Bureau shall not bill the District more than 300 hours per year of senior management personnel time and 2,800 hours per year of program and project staff time. Office costs will be reimbursed by the District to the Bureau with no single cost exceeding \$2,500 nor any aggregation of costs exceeding \$15,000 in one month. During the current fiscal year, the District paid the Bureau \$341,175 for administrative services and related costs.

**NOTE 6. AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

On March 8, 2011, the District entered into an agreement with Harris County, Texas (the "County"). The District is to provide financial assistance through assessments received from facilities to defray local matching requirements for federal grants received by the County, and a portion of operations and maintenance costs related to the security projects. The agreement was supplemented by addendums on February 28, 2012 and June 24, 2014. It was further amended on October 23, 2012, September 24, 2013, and December 16, 2014.

Pursuant to the agreement, the County will own, staff, operate and maintain the security project. Payments will be made to the County by the District as requested by the County. During the current fiscal year, the District paid the County \$180,273 in grant matching funds and \$1,837,420 for grant operations and maintenance costs.

The amended contract extends the term of contract through December 31, 2015. The contract may be terminated by either party upon default by the other party or for convenience, and without cause or default by the other party.

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**NOTE 7. AGREEMENT WITH PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**

On December 10, 2013, the District executed an agreement with the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, Texas (the “Authority”). The agreement is for the period of October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014, and calls for a payment to the District by the Authority of \$105,000. On January 13, 2015, the District executed a subsequent agreement with the Authority. The agreement is for the period October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015, and calls for a payment to the District by the Authority of \$78,750. As a governmental agency, the Authority is excluded from the District by the Texas Water Code and thus exempt from the assessment imposed by the District. In support of the District and in lieu of an assessment, the Port Authority voluntarily contributes funds for authorized and approved costs of the District. This agreement may be terminated upon default by either party.

**NOTE 8. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HOUSTON**

On April 24, 2012, the District executed an agreement with City of Houston (the “City”). The agreement was amended on April 24, 2013. On June 27, 2014, a new agreement was executed. The agreement calls for the City to conduct regular helicopter training and patrol flights, as well as waterborne patrols and training exercises, within the boundaries of the District in exchange for the District reimbursing the City for certain portions of its fuel costs, not to exceed \$614,600 in the aggregate. Additionally, information integration services are also included in the agreement at a cost not to exceed \$31,300. The contract term is for one year from the execution date. The contract may be terminated by either party upon default or for convenience, and without cause or default by the other party. During the current fiscal year, the District paid \$221,877 for fuel costs related to this agreement.

**NOTE 9. AGREEMENT WITH WITT O’BRIEN’S, LLC**

On June 11, 2013, the District executed an agreement with Witt O’Brien’s, LLC (“Witt”). The agreement was amended on April 21, 2014. The agreement calls for Witt to conduct a review and perform an update to the 2007 Port Wide Risk Management/Mitigation and Business Continuity Plan. Compensation paid to Witt for this project is not to exceed \$946,959. During the current fiscal year, the District paid Witt \$677,785 for services related to this agreement.

**NOTE 10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District’s Board of Directors is exposed to risks of claims under its errors and omissions policy. The District carries commercial insurance to provide public officials and general liability. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

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**NOTE 11. GRANT PROGRAMS**

The District was awarded a \$750,000 grant of United States Department of Homeland Security funds to update the Houston-Galveston Port-Wide Risk Mitigation and Business Continuity Plan. The funds are administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency under an Advance Funding Agreement. The Funds were awarded under CFDA 97.056 and CSJ Number EMW-2012-PU-0084-S01. The grant requires \$250,000 of District funds to be expended on the project. During the current fiscal year, the District expended \$530,001 of federal grant funds and \$176,667 of District funds on the project.

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**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2014**



**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessment Revenue	\$ 3,307,500	\$ 2,569,875	\$ (737,625)
Penalty and Interest		10,197	10,197
Contract Revenue	105,000	98,438	(6,562)
Grant Revenue	750,000	749,434	(566)
Investment Revenues	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,642</u>	<u>(358)</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>\$ 4,166,500</u>	<u>\$ 3,431,586</u>	<u>\$ (734,914)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Service Operations:			
Professional Fees	\$ 79,000	\$ 100,503	\$ (21,503)
Contracted Services	1,746,900	1,240,837	506,063
Grant Matching Funds	571,054	571,327	(273)
Grant Operations and Maintenance	1,837,300	1,837,420	(120)
Administrative	<u>64,650</u>	<u>60,984</u>	<u>3,666</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 4,298,904</u>	<u>\$ 3,811,071</u>	<u>\$ 487,833</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	\$ (132,404)	\$ (379,485)	\$ (247,081)
<b>FUND BALANCE – JANAUARY 1, 2014</b>	<u>9,001,974</u>	<u>9,001,974</u>	<u></u>
<b>FUND BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2014</b>	<u>\$ 8,869,570</u>	<u>\$ 8,622,489</u>	<u>\$ (247,081)</u>

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**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION –  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2014**



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August 11, 2015

Board of Directors  
Houston Ship Channel Security District  
Harris County, Texas

## **Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statement Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards**

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of Houston Ship Channel Security District ("the District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 11, 2015.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs (Reference #2014-001) to be material weaknesses.



Board of Directors  
Houston Ship Channel Security District

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **District's Response to Findings**

The District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Certified Public Accountants  
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August 11, 2015



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August 11, 2015

Board of Directors  
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Harris County, Texas

## **Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133**

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Houston Ship Channel Security District's (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each the District's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

### **Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.



### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC  
Certified Public Accountants  
Houston, Texas

August 11, 2015



**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Loan/Contract/Warrant Grant Award Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security:			
Port Security Grant Program	97.056	EMW-2012-PU-00084-S01	\$ 530,001

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

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**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the District and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

**NOTE 2. GRANT PROGRAMS**

The District was awarded a \$750,000 grant of United States Department of Homeland Security funds to update the Houston-Galveston Port-Wide Risk Mitigation and Business Continuity Plan. The funds are administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency under an Advance Funding Agreement. The Funds were awarded under CFDA 97.056 and CSJ Number EMW-2012-PU-0084-S01. The grant requires \$250,000 of District funds to be expended on the project. During the current fiscal year, the District expended \$530,001 of federal grant funds and \$176,667 of District funds on the project.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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**Section I — Summary of Auditor's Results**

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***Financial Statements***

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified?     yes     no
- Significant Deficiencies(s) identified  
that are not considered to be  
material weaknesses?             yes     None reported

Noncompliance material to financial  
statements noted?             yes     no

***Federal Awards***

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified?     yes     no
- Significant Deficiencies(s) identified  
that are not considered to be material  
weakness(es)?             yes     None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are  
required to be reported in accordance  
with section 510(a) of Circular A-133     yes     no

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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Identification of major programs:

*CFDA Number(s) Name of Federal Program or Cluster*

**97.056            U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Port Security Grant Program**

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Dollar threshold used to distinguish

between type A and type B programs:    \$300,000

Auditee Qualified as low-risk auditee?     yes     no

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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**Section II — Financial Statement Findings**

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**Reference #2014-001**

**Criteria:** The Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 Section .300(d) states that the auditee shall prepare appropriate financial statements, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with section .310. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, even if the auditor assists in drafting the financial statements.

**Condition:** The accounting function does not include preparation of the financial statements complete with footnotes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, the District has not established internal controls over the preparation of its financial statements. Also, during the course of performing our audit, we prepared various journal entries to present the financial statements on the government-wide basis of accounting.

**Cause:** The District does not employ an individual or consultant with the knowledge and expertise to prepare financial statements complete with footnotes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Effect:** This condition and the reliance on the auditor to perform these functions is considered to be a material weakness in the system of internal controls.

**Recommendation:** We recommend that the Board of Directors consider the requirements in the context of other entities of similar size and the District's facts and circumstances.

**View of Responsible Officials:** The Board of Directors is elected from the general population and do not necessarily have governmental accounting expertise. The Board engages consultants who possess industry knowledge and expertise to provide financial services, as well as legal services. Based on the auditor's unmodified opinion and after reading the financial statements, the Board believes the financial statements to be materially correct. The Board does not think that the addition of an employee or consultant to perform or reperform the annual financial reporting process is necessary nor would it be cost effective.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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**Section III— Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

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None

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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None

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2014**



**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

PROFESSIONAL FEES:	
Auditing	\$ 9,400
Legal	<u>91,103</u>
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL FEES	<u>\$ 100,503</u>
CONTRACTED SERVICES	
Administrator	\$ 341,175
Consultants	677,785
Houston Police Department Security	<u>221,877</u>
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES	<u>\$ 1,240,837</u>
GRANT MATCHING FUNDS	<u>\$ 571,327</u>
GRANT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	<u>\$ 1,837,420</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES:	
Advertising	\$ 6,766
Telephone	669
Insurance	9,890
Board Meetings	14,945
Office Supplies	7,166
Postage	3,412
Travel and Entertainment	3,064
Other	<u>15,072</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 60,984</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 3,811,071</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**CHANGES IN ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Assessments	
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE –		
JANUARY 1, 2014	\$ 147,000	
Adjustments to Beginning Balance	<u>                    </u>	\$ 147,000
Original 2014 Assessment Levy	\$ 2,625,000	
Adjustment to 2014 Assessment Levy	<u>(23,625)</u>	<u>2,601,375</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$ 2,748,375
ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS:		
Prior Years	\$ 126,000	
Current Year	<u>735,000</u>	<u>861,000</u>
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE –		
DECEMBER 31, 2014		<u>\$ 1,887,375</u>
ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE BY YEAR:		
2014		\$ 1,866,375
2013		<u>21,000</u>
		<u>\$ 1,887,375</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

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**HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT  
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
GENERAL FUND - FIVE YEARS**

	Amounts		
	2014	2013	2012
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Assessment Revenue	\$ 2,569,875	\$ 3,244,500	\$ 4,310,000
Penalty and Interest	10,197	38,263	1,350
Contract Revenue	98,438	138,750	127,500
Grant Revenue	749,434		110,333
Investment Revenues	3,642	3,742	8,170
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,431,586</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,425,255</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,557,353</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Professional Fees	\$ 100,503	\$ 109,520	\$ 64,775
Contracted Services	1,240,837	652,639	574,242
Grant Matching Funds	571,327	156,702	100,026
Grant Operations and Maintenance	1,837,420	812,952	620,092
Administrative	<u>60,984</u>	<u>49,629</u>	<u>23,575</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,811,071</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,781,442</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,382,710</u></b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ (379,485)</b>	<b>\$ 1,643,813</b>	<b>\$ 3,174,643</b>
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>9,001,974</u>	<u>7,358,161</u>	<u>4,183,518</u>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,622,489</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,001,974</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,358,161</u></b>

\* First audit was for the inception period ended December 31, 2010.

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		Percent of Total Revenues				
<u>2011</u>	<u>2010*</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010*</u>
\$ 4,310,000	\$ 4,310,000	74.9%	94.7%	94.6%	96.3%	97.3%
22,222	44,500	0.3	1.1		0.5	1.0
135,000	75,000	2.9	4.1	2.8	3.0	1.7
		21.8		2.4		
7,440		0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	
<u>160</u>	<u>840</u>					
<u>\$ 4,474,822</u>	<u>\$ 4,430,340</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
\$ 112,582	\$ 37,497	2.9%	3.2%	1.4%	2.5%	0.8%
106,556	54,461	36.2	19.1	12.6	2.4	1.2
4,127,509		16.6	4.6	2.2	92.2	
236,446		53.5	23.7	13.6	5.3	
<u>28,632</u>	<u>17,961</u>	<u>1.8</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.4</u>
<u>\$ 4,611,725</u>	<u>\$ 109,919</u>	<u>111.0%</u>	<u>52.0%</u>	<u>30.3%</u>	<u>103.0%</u>	<u>2.4%</u>
\$ (136,903)	\$ 4,320,421	<u>(11.0)%</u>	<u>48.0%</u>	<u>69.7%</u>	<u>(3.0)%</u>	<u>97.6%</u>
<u>4,320,421</u>	<u>-0-</u>					
<u>\$ 4,183,518</u>	<u>\$ 4,320,421</u>					

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**BOARD MEMBERS, KEY PERSONNEL AND CONSULTANTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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Houston, TX 77029

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<b>Board Members</b>	Term of Office (All are Appointed)	Fees of Office for the year ended December 31, 2014	Expense Reimbursements for the year ended December 31, 2014	Title
Gary Scheibe	01/2013 – 01/2015	\$ -0-	\$	Chairperson
Thomas Schroeder	01/2013 – 01/2015	\$ -0-	\$	Secretary
Clayton Curtis	01/2014 – 01/2016	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Treasurer/ Investment Officer
Steve Stewart	01/2014 – 01/2016	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Vice-Chair
Todd Adamec	01/2013 – 01/2015	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Assistant Secretary
Richard Henderson	01/2013 – 01/2015	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director
Charles King	01/2014 – 01/2015	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director
Randy Black	01/2014 – 10/2014	\$ -0-	\$ 48	Director
Jimmy Burke	02/2014 – 01/2016	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director
Lewis Brown	01/2014 – 01/2016	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director
Didier Auber	01/2014 – 11/2014	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Director

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<u>Consultants:</u>	<u>Date Hired</u>	<u>Fees for the year ended December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Title</u>
Schwartz, Page & Harding, L.L.P	06/25/10	\$ 66,152	Attorney
McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC	09/13/11	\$ 9,400	Auditor
Greater Houston Port Bureau, Inc.	08/17/10	\$ 348,462	Administrator

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