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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2009 and 2008

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OFFICIAL ROSTER JUNE 30, 2009

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Independent Auditor's Report

Members of the Board of Directors Vermejo Conservancy District and

Mr. Hector H. Balderas New Mexico State Auditor

We have audited the accompanying comparative financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Vermejo Conservancy District (the District), State of New Mexico, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. 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 with 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our 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 the general fund of the Vermejo Conservancy District, State of New Mexico as of June 30, 2009 and 2008 and the respective changes in financial position, thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the general fund, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated November 30, 2009, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part on an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 2 through 6 and the budgetary comparison information on page 13 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Robert L. Mantz, CPA, P.C.

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Raton, New Mexico November 30, 2009

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2009

As management of the New Mexico Vermejo Conservancy District, we offer readers of the Vermejo Conservancy District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Vermejo Conservancy District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. All amounts, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in dollars.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The District's total net assets decreased by \$6,812 in 2009 as compared to a \$5,761 increase in the prior year.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$151,533, which was a decrease of \$19,888 in comparison with the prior year.

The substantial majority of the Districts long-term liabilities is comprised of an amount due to the Bureau of Reclamation. Payments on this debt have been deferred until the Secretary of the Bureau of Reclamation determines that additional repayment is feasible.

The balance of the long-term liabilities is made up of four notes due to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission. See the notes to the financial statements for additional data.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section includes information on the use of the annual report, and management's analysis of the financial position and results of operations for the District.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Government-Wide Financial Statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector businesses. The statement of net assets includes all of the Districts assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid. The financial statements report the District's net assets and how they have changed.

Fund Financial Statements.

The Fund Financial Statements provide a more detailed look at the District's significant funds. The funds present sources and uses of liquid resources. This is the manner in which the financial plan (the budget) is typically developed. Funds are established for various purposes and the financial statement allows the demonstration of sources and uses and/or budgeting compliance associated, therewith.

Budgetary Comparisons

GASB 34 requires budgetary comparison schedules for the general fund and for each major special revenue fund that has a legally adopted annual budget. The budgetary comparison schedules should present both the original and the final appropriated budgets for the reporting period as well as the actual inflows, outflows and balances, stated on the government's budgetary basis. As required by the Office of the State Auditor under 2NMAC2.2, the budgetary comparison statement is presented. This information is provided at the approved budget level to demonstrate compliance with legal requirements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to full understanding of the data provided in the government—wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 15 through 26 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Statement of New Assets: Below is a summary of the District's net assets for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009 and 2008. There have not been any significant changes to assets, liabilities and net assets as compared to the prior year. See page 7 for a more detailed look at the Statement of Net Assets.

VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Net Assets

		Governmental Activities
	2009	2008
Current Assets	173,378	193,831
Capital Assets	2,856,661	2,777,481
Total Assets	3,030,039	2,971,312
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Long-term Liabilities Outstanding	2,066,336	2,006,187
Other Liabilities	36,696	31,306.
Total Liabilities	2,103,032	2,037,493
Net Assets:		
Invested in Capital Assets	775,474	762,398
Restricted	-	-
Unrestricted	151,533	171,421
Total Net Assets	927,007	933,819

Statement of Activities: The following represents the revenues and expenses for fiscal years 2008 and 2007. See page 8 for a more detailed look at the Statement of Activities.

VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT Changes in Net Assets

Governmental Activities 2008 2009 Revenues: 39,543 42,860 Program Revenues 146,540 132,027 General Revenues 174,887 186,083 Total Revenues Expenses: 192,895 169,126 District Operations 5,761 (6,812)Change in Net Assets 933,819 928,058 Net Assets - Beginning Net Assets - Ending 927,007 933,819

FUND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Governmental Funds: The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. As of year-end, the governmental fund (the General Fund) reported a fund balance of \$151,533.

The District's only fund is the General Fund. This fund realized a decrease in its fund balance from the prior year by the amount of \$19,888. General fund revenues increased by \$86,196, which consisted of a loan of \$75,000 from New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and assessment increases of about \$23,000. Expenditures increased significantly from the prior year because of a \$100,000 capital outlay purchase. 2009 payroll costs increased by about \$10,900 because of required overtime. Payroll taxes increased because of a \$4,727 unemployment settlement.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

In total, there was no major difference between the original budget and the final amended budget. During the year, however, actual revenues were less than budgetary estimates and actual expenditures were less than budgetary estimates.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets: The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2009, amounts to \$2,856,661 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets consists of equipment, lakes, ditches and improvements.

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 4B on page 24 of this report.

Long-Term Debt: At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had total long-term debt outstanding of \$2,081,187, including the current portion due within the next twelve months of \$14,851.

The District's total long-term debt increased by \$66,104, which was the net result of an additional \$75,000 loan from New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and payments on note principals.

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note 4C on pages 25 and 26 of this report.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

The District has increased its 2010 assessments from a \$4.68 mill levy to a \$5.21 levy in order to pay for anticipated legal fees. The 2009 budget decreased from \$317,500 in 2009 to \$215,500 in 2010.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Vermejo Conservancy District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Vermejo Conservancy, PO Box 292, Maxwell, New Mexico 87728.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2,009	2,008
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	145,968	178,503
Class "A" Assessments Receivable	20,033	7,736
Class "B" Assessments Receivable	1,030	359
Accrued Interest Receivable	108	1,680
Due from Other Governments	158	161
Prepaid Expenses	6,08 <u>1</u>	5,392
Total Current Assets	173,378	193,831
Noncurrent Assets		
Capital Assets	3,032,657	2,932,657
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(175,996)	(155,176)
Net Capital Assets	2,856,661	2,777,481
Total Assets	3,030,039	2,971,312
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	7,866	1,415
Unearned Revenues	12,469	20,798
Payroll Taxes Payable	1,510	127
Employee Benefits Payable	-	70
Note Payable - Current Portion	14,851	8,896
Total Current Liabilities	36,696	31,306
Long-term Liabilities:		
Notes Payable	2,081,187	2,015,083
Less: Current Portion from Above	(14,851)	(8,896)
Total Long-term Liabilities	2,066,336	2,006,187
Total Liabilities	2,103,032	2,037,493
NET ASSETS		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	775,474	762,398
Unrestricted	151,533	171,421
Total Net Assets	927,007	933,819
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	3,030,039	2,971,312

STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For The Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2,009	2,008
Expenses		
District Operations	00.000	
Salaries	86,886	75,981
Payroll Taxes	11,951	5,849
Advertising	370	-
Auditing Fees	3,558	3,234
County Treasurer's Fees	205	-
Depreciation Expense	20,820	17,152
Dues and Subscriptions	545	45
Employee Benefits	6.400	537
Equipment Rental	6,462	40.044
Equipment Repairs and Supplies	14,159	13,641
Gas and Oil	16,187	12,794
Insurance	12,768	13,924
Interest Expense	426	643
Irrigation Expense	971	720
Legal Fees	6,452	12,356
Miscellaneous Expense	1,668	4,120
Office Printing	16	220
Office Postage	278	437
Office Supplies	2,623	1,035
Telephone	1,657	1,925
Travel	1,558	1,466
Utilities	3,335	3,047
Total District Operations	192,895	169,126
Program Revenues		
Charges for Service		
Water Charges	39,415	42,860
Canal Assessments	128	•
Total Program Revenues	39,543	42,860
Changes in Net Assets		
Net (Expense) Revenue	(153,352)	_(126,266)
General Revenues		
Class *A* Assessments	105,155	86,804
Class "B" Assessments	20,483	15,760
Unrestricted Grants	•	-
Lease and Rental Income	14,531	16,331
Equipment Rental	1,140	198
Sale of Assets	-	4,500
Unrestricted Interest Income	3,319	7,263
Miscellanous Income	1,912	1,171
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Total General Revenues	146,540	132,027
Change in Net Assets	(6,812)	5,761
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	933,819	928,058
Net Assets - End of Year	927,007	933,819

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2009 and 2008

ASSETS	2,009	2,008
AGGETG		
Cash	145,968	178,503
Class *A* Assessments Receivable	20,033	7,736
Class "B" Assessments Receivable	1,030	359
Accrued Interest Receivable	108	1,680
Due from Other Governments	158	161
Prepaid Expenses	6,081	5,392
Total Assets	173,378	193,831
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	7,866	1,415
Unearned Revenues	12,469	20,798
Payroll Taxes Payable	1,510	127
Employee Benefits Payable		70
Total Liabilities	21,845	22,410
FUND BALANCE		
Unreserved		
Undesignated	151,533	171,421
Total Fund Balance	151,533	171,421
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	173,378	193,831

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COMPARATIVE RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF

NET ASSETS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
Total Fund Balances for the Governmental Funds	151,533	171,421
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		-
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:		
Land, land improvements, buildings and equipment	3,032,657	2,932,657
Accumulated depreciation	(175,996)	(155,176)
Total capital assets	2,856,661	2,777,481
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current Period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Those liabilities consist of:		
Notes payable	(2,081,187)	(2,015,083)
Net assets of Governmental Activities	927,007	933,819

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VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2,009	2,008
REVENUES		
Class "A" Assessments	105,155	86,804
Class "B" Assessments	20,483	15,760
Water Charges	39,415	42,860
Canal Assessments	128	-
Lease and Rental Income	14,531	16,331
Equipment Rental	1,140	198
Sale of Assets	*	4,500
Investment Interest Income	2,727	4,844
Interest on Account	592	2,419
Miscellaneous Income	1,912	1,171
Total Revenues	186,083	174,887
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EXPENDITURES		
Current:		
District Operations:		
Salaries	86,886	75,981
Payroll Taxes	11,951	5,849
Advertising	370	•
Auditing Fees	3,558	3,234
County Treasurer's Fees	205	•
Dues and Subscriptions	545	45
Employee Benefits	-	537
Equipment Rental	6,462	-
Equipment Repairs and Supplies	14,159	13,641
Gas and Oil	16,187	12,794
Insurance	12,768	13,924
Irrigation Expenses	971	720
Legal Fees	6,452	12,356
Miscellaneous Expense	1,668	4,123
Office Printing	16	220
Office Postage	278	437
Office Supplies	2,623	1,035
Telephone	1,657	1,925
Travel	1,558	1,466
Utilities	3,335	3,047
	100,000	•
Capital Outlay	100,000	
Debt Service	8,896	8,679
Principal	426	643
Interest	280,971	160,656
Total Expenditures	200,571	100,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Loan From New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission	75,000	-
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Net Changes in Fund Balances	(19,888)	14,231
FUND BALANCE AT Beginning of Year	171,421	157,190
FUND BALANCE AT End of Year	151,533	171,421

STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

COMPARATIVE RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	(19,888)	14,231
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Proceeds from the sale of assets are reported for Governmental funds whereas gain or loss on the sale of the assets is reported for governmental activities:		
Proceeds from sale of assets Gain on the sale of assets	(19,888)	14,231
Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:		
Capital outlay Depreciation expense Excess of capital outlay over depreciation expense	100,000 (20,820) 79,180	(17,152) (17,152)
Debt service – principal payments	8,896	8,679
Adjustment for Rounding		3
Adjustment to Beginning Loan Balance (1)	(75,000)	
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	(6,812)	5,761

STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Budgeted	_	Actual Amounts Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget Favorable
DEVENUES	_Original	<u>Final</u>	8asis_	(Unfavorable)
REVENUES Class "A" Assessments	103,937	103,937	91,778	(40.450)
Class "B" Assessments	25,984	25,984	16,333	(12,159)
	43,307	43,307	, ,	(9,651)
Water Charges Canal Assessments	43,307	43,307	39,415	(3,892)
ISC Loan	75,000		128	(114)
		75,000	75,000	-
Pasture and Lake Lease	11,530	11,530	11,531	1
Rental Income	3,000	3,000	3,000	4.040
Rental - Equipment	•	-	1,040	1,040
Sale of Assets	4,000	4.000	4.000	200
Investment interest	4,000	4,000	4,299	299
Interest on Account	500	500	592 1,953	592
Miscellaneous Income	25,000		1,955	1,453 (50,000)
Transfer from Savings Total Revenues and Sources	292,500	<u>50,000</u> 317,500	245,069	(72,431)
Total Nevellues and Sources	252,500	317,300	240,009	(72,431)
Budgeted Cash Balance	25,000			
Total Revenues and Cash	317,500	317,500		
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
District Operations:				
Salaries	88,400	88,400	85,707	2,693
Payroll Taxes	6,600	6,600	6,544	56
Auditing Fees	3,558	3,558	3,558	
Employee Benefits	-		70	(70)
Equipment Repairs and Supplies	15,000	15,000	12,013	2,987
Gas and Oil	20,000	20,000	12,228	7,772
Insurance	18,000	18,000	13,457	4,543
Legal Fess	26,442	19,282	6,542	12,740
Miscellaneous Expense	10,500	16,500	14,165	2,335
Office Supplies	3,500	3,500	2,857	643
Telephone	2,000	2,000	1,691	309
Travel	1,500	2,660	2,296	364
Utilities	4,000	4,000	3,393	607
Capital Outlay	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Debt Service:				
Principal	17,000	17,000	8,896	8,104
Interest	1,000	1,000	427	573_
Total Expenditures and Uses	317,500	317,500	273,844	43,656

STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSESRVANCY DISTRICT COMPARATIVE BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT BUDGET-TO-GAAP RECONCILIATION GENERAL FUND

For The Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

Sources/Inflows of Resources:	2009	2008
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the budgetary comparison statement	245,069	174,662
Revenues received during the year ended June 30, 2009 that were measurable and available at June 30, 2008	(9,775)	(13,806)
Revenues to be received during the year ending June 30, 2010 that were measurable and available at June 30, 2009	21,171	9,775
Deferred revenue at June 30, 2008	20,798	21,089
Deferred revenue at June 30, 2009	(12,469)	(20,798)
Equipment Grant	-	-
Reimbursement	-	-
Other Deferred Revenues	(3,711)	3,965
Total revenues and other financing sources as reported in the statement of revenues expenditures and changes in fund balance-governmental	261,083	174,887
Uses/Outflows of Resources:		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total charges to appropriations" from the budgetary comparison statement	273,844	164,274
Expenditures incurred before June 30, 2008 but paid during the year ended June 30, 2009	(1,612)	(5,576)
Expenditures incurred before June 30, 2009 but paid during the year ended June 30, 2010.	9,376	1,612
Increase in prepaid expense accrual	(689)	(86)
Equipment Grant Expenditure	-	-
Reimbursement	(158)	(161)
Expenses Requiring Reclassification	210	_ 593
Total expenditures and other financing uses as reported in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - governmental funds	280,971	160,656

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FUNCTION OF THE ENTITY

NOTE 1.

NOTE 1. FUNCTION OF THE ENTITY

The Vermejo Conservancy District (the District) was created by the Conservancy Act of New Mexico, Ch. 77-2701 through 77-2929 and the Conservancy District Reclamation Contract Act, Ch. 77-3101 through 77-3124, New Mexico Statutes annotated, 1941 Compilation, as amended. The Board appoints qualified personnel to guide and direct the operations of the District, and approves all contracts and the annual budget. The purpose of the agency is to operate and maintain the irrigation system within the Vermejo Conservancy.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASP) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

In June, 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) unanimously approved Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. This Statement provides for the most significant change in financial reporting in over twenty years and is scheduled for a phased implementation based on the size of the government.

In June, 2001, the GASB unanimously approved Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements and management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments: Omnibus and Statement No. 38 Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures. Statement 37 clarifies and modifies Statements 34 and should be implemented simultaneously with Statement 34. Statement 38 modifies, establishes and rescinds certain financial statement disclosure requirements.

The District implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, 37 and 38 effective July 1, 2003. As part of this Statement, there is a new reporting requirement regarding the government's infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.). The District's infrastructure consists of earthen canals and reservoirs. Since these two items are considered land, no depreciation has been applied to them as shown in Note 4 of the footnotes. Maintenance of the infrastructure is included in the budget. In addition, the District does not have any fiduciary funds.

The District implemented the statutory change in the capitalization threshold of capital assets from \$1,000 to \$5,000, effective June 17, 2005. However, capital asset inventory items acquired prior to July 1, 2005, that do not meet the new capitalization threshold, remain on the inventory list and continue to be depreciated. See Note G.3.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The District is special-purpose government created pursuant to statute and is comprised of an elected Board of Directors. The officers of the District are elected bi-annually. The District is a governmental subdivision of the State of New Mexico and a body with all the powers of a public or quasi-municipal corporation and these financial statements include all funds and activities over which the District officers have oversight responsibility. The officers of the District have decision-making authority, the power to designate management, the responsibility to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters. The District is not included in any other governmental reporting entity as defined in Section 2100, Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. The District does not have any component units.

B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – GOVERNMENT- WIDE STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include both government-wide (based on the District as a whole) and fund financial statements. The new reporting model focus is on either the District as a whole or major individual funds (within the fund financial statements). The District is a single-program government that engages in only governmental activities and has no component units. Both the government-wide and fund financial statements (within the basic financial statements) categorize primary activities as governmental activities. In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, the governmental activities are presented on the full accrual basis, economic resources measurement focus, which incorporates long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net assets are reported in three parts – invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net assets (of which none are present); and unrestricted net assets.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports the gross and net cost of the District's function. The function is also supported by general government revenues. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. The District includes only one function (district operations), and has no operating or capital grants. The District does not have an internal service fund, but all internal activities have been eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by program revenue (special assessments).

This government-wide measurement focus is more on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the District's net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial transactions of the District are reported in one fund in the fund financial statements. The fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. The District does not have any proprietary or fiduciary funds.

The single fund of the District is described below:

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund for the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The governmental fund statements are presented on a current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting. This presentation is deemed appropriate to (a) demonstrate legal compliance, (b) demonstrate the source and use of liquid resources, and (c) demonstrate how the District's actual experience conforms to the budget or fiscal plan. Since the governmental fund statements are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide statements, reconciliation is presented on the page following each statement, which briefly explains the adjustment necessary to transform the fund based financial statements into the government-wide presentation.

GASB Statement No. 34 eliminated the presentation of account groups, but provides for these records to be maintained and incorporates the information into the government-wide Statement of Net Assets.

Generally, private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December I, 1989, are followed in government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statement are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Property taxes (water assessments) are recognized as revenues in the year which they are levied.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

Modified accrual

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The district considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual include water rights assessments. In accordance with GASB Statement 33, estimated assessments that are not available are recorded as both accounts receivable and deferred revenue. All other revenues are recognized when they are received and are not susceptible to accrual, because they are usually not measurable until payment is actually received.

E. USE OF 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 amounts 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 expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

F. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of moneys are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the District.

G. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AMOUNTS

1. Cash

For the purpose of the Statement of Net Assets, "cash" includes all petty cash, demand accounts, savings accounts and certificates of deposit of the District.

2. Assessments Receivable

Assessments receivable consists of revenue earned from assessments for water rights. The District has the option of collecting delinquent assessments by filing a lien against properties with delinquent accounts or filing a civil action against the delinquent property owners. Management had determined that assessments are fully collectible; accordingly no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded.

G. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AMOUNTS - Continued

2. Assessments Receivable - Continued

The Colfax County Treasurer bills and collects the general property tax levy (per share water assessments). Property taxes (water assessments) attach as an enforceable lien on January 1 of each year. Collections are remitted to the District monthly. As of June 30, 2008, all uncollectible taxes are considered delinquent.

Class A assessments are billed annually to all property owners within the District. Rates are set annually by the board and are payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1.

Class B assessments are billed annually to all property owners within the District. Rates are set annually by the Board and are billed and collected by the Colfax County Treasurer. Class B assessments are payable in two installments on November 1 and April 1.

3. Capital Assets

Capital Assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$1,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. For capital assets acquired after June 17, 2005, the District increased the capitalization threshold from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, computer software and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance is expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis with no salvage value. The estimated useful life for the distribution system is twenty to fifty years, and the estimated useful life of equipment is five to ten years.

GASB Statement No. 34 requires the District to report and depreciate infrastructure assets. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, underground pipe, traffic signals, etc. Other than the distribution system, the District does not own any infrastructure assets.

4. Compensated Absences

The District does not compensate employee absences in excess of the current year accruals. Employees are allowed up to 80 hours of paid vacation annually. Employees earn 80 hours of sick leave annually up to a cumulative 240 hours. Unused vacation time and unused sick leave are not monetarily compensated in excess of the current year amount; therefore, no accrual is required for compensated absences at year end.

G. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AMOUNTS - Continued

5. Equity Classifications

Government - wide Statements.

Equity is classified as net assets. Net assets are the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets represent the historical costs of assets or fair value on date of receipt less accumulated depreciation on those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed on their use by the District or external restrictions by other governments, creditors or grantors. Unrestricted net assets are all other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt." It is the District's policy to first apply unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

Fund Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved with the unreserved further split between designated and undesignated. Reservations of fund balance are created to either satisfy legal covenants that require that a portion of the fund balance be segregated or identify the portion of the fund balance that is not appropriated for future expenditure.

Revenues and Expenditures

For class A assessments for the year ended June 30, 2009, the District assessed property owners at the rate of \$14.07 per share. For Class B assessments, the mill levy was increased from \$4.68 in 2009 to \$5.21 in 2010. Substantially all governmental fund revenues are accrued. Assessments are included as program revenues in the accompanying financial statements.

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred. The exception is that principal on long-term debt is recognized when due.

NOTE 3. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

By its nature as a government unit, the District is subject to various laws and contractual regulations. An analysis of the District's compliance with significant laws and regulations and demonstration of its stewardship over District resources follows:

A. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

Irrigation Districts follow procedures that are promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division. Those procedures are as follows:

- 1. Prior to July 1, the Chairman submits to the Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- After the Board approves the proposed budget, it is then submitted to the Local Government Division for review and certification.
- Upon certification the budget becomes a legally binding document which does not allow total expenditures in any fund to exceed the amount budgeted. Appropriations lapse at year-end.
- The Board is authorized to make budget revisions with the Local Government Division's approval.
- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.

Budgets are not adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The budgets are adopted on the non-GAAP basis of cash receipts and disbursements; consequently, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenditures are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Budgetary comparisons presented in this report are on this non-GAAP Budgetary basis.

The reconciliation of governmental fund revenues and expenses to budget basis revenue and expenses is presented in the Budgetary Comparison Statement – Budget – to – GAAP Reconciliation.

NOTE 4. DETAIL NOTES ON ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTION CLASSES

A. CASH

Cash deposits are reported at cost, which reasonably estimates fair value. At year-end, the financial statement balances of the bank accounts and certificates of deposit were \$145,938 (not including petty cash of \$30) while the bank balances of the bank accounts and certificate of deposits were \$150,600.

NOTE 4. DETAIL NOTES ON ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTION CLASSES

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2008, the District's accounts were 100% covered by FDIC insurance and no collateral was pledged.

The following schedule presents cash on deposit with banks and the collateral pledged by each institution in accordance with Section 6-10-16, NMSA, 1978 Compilation:

Tetamesticanal Double of Doton, 200 S 2nd, Doton, NBA 97740.	Туре	Amount
International Bank of Raton, 200 S 2 nd , Raton, NM 87740: Financial statement balance	Checking	\$5,854
Reconciling items	Checking	4,662
Total balance per bank		10,516
Less: Deposits covered by FDIC		10,516
Total		\$ -0-
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International Bank of Raton, 200 S 2 nd St., Raton, NM 87740:		
Financial statement balance	Savings	\$ 54,697
Reconciling items		
Total balance per bank		54,697
Less: Deposits covered by FDIC		54,697
Total		\$ -0-
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International Bank of Raton, 200 S 2 nd St., Raton, NM 87740:	0	610.016
Financial statement balance	Savings	\$19,016 -0-
Reconciling items		19,016
Total balance per bank Less: Deposits covered by FDIC		19,016
Total		\$ -0-
Total		
International Bank of Raton, 200 S. 2nd St., Raton, NM 87740:		
Financial statement balance	CD	\$ 25,000
Reconciling items		-0-
Total balance per bank		25,000
Less: Deposits covered by FDIC		25,000
Total		\$ -0-
International Bank of Raton, 200 S 2nd St., Raton, NM 77400:		605.000
Financial statement balance	CD	\$25,000
Reconciling items		-0-
Total balance per bank		25,000 25,000
Less: Deposits covered by FDIC		\$ -0-
Total		⊅ -V-

The First National Bank of Trinidad, 1247 S 2nd St., Raton, NM 87740:		
Financial statement balance	Savings	\$15,326
Reconciling items		-0-
Total balance per bank		15,326
Less: Deposits covered by FDIC		15,326
Total		\$ -0-
Raymond James , 130 Camino Escondido, Santa Fe, NM 87501		
Financial statement balance	Savings	\$1,045
Reconciling items	Ü	-0-
Total balance per bank		1,045
Less: Deposits covered by FDIC		1,045
Total		\$ -0-
A. CASH - Continued		

B. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2009 was as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	July 1,2007	Additions	Deletions	June 30,2008
Capital assets not being Depreciated:				
Water rights, canals,		_		
Reservoirs & land	\$2,678,723	\$0		\$2,678,723
Capital assets being	•			
depreciated:	21 202	^	0	21 202
Building & fences	21,302	-0-	-0-	21,302
Equipment	232,632	100,000		332,632
	253,934	100,000	0-	353,934
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Building & fences	12,696	391	-0-	13,087
Equipment	142,480	20,429	-0-	162,909
	155,176	20,820	-0-	175,996
Net capital assets being				
depreciated	98,758	79,180		177,938
Net capital assets	\$ 2,777,481	\$79,180	\$ -0-	\$2,856,661

Depreciation expense of \$20,820 was charged to the district operations function of governmental activities.

C. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the District for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	Long-Term Debt Payable At June 30, 2008	New Obligations Incurred	Payments Made on Long-Term Debt	Long-Term Debt Payable At June 30, 2009	Due Within One Year
Bureau of Reclamation	\$1,998,031	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$1,998,031	\$ -0-
Interstate Stream Commission (4 notes)	17,052	75,0000	8,896	83,156	14,851
Total	\$2,015,083	75,000	\$8,896	\$2,081,187	\$14,851

Notes Payable

\$2,065,100 note payable to the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Repayment Contract #178-458, August 7, 1952. Public Law 96-550, December 19, 1980, Title IV, Section 401 provided deferment of payments on all repayment obligations until such time as a Secretary determines additional	
repayment to be feasible	\$ 1,998,031
\$59,636 note payable to New Mexico Stream Commission on 10/28/86 in annual Installments of \$3,825, including interest at 2.5%	3,732
\$36,108 note payable to New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission on 12/29/86 in annual installments of \$2,316, including interest at 2.5%	2,260
\$34,586 note payable to New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission on 3/13/87 in annual installments of \$2,219, including interest at 2.5%	2,164
\$75,000 note payable to New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission on 10/10/08 in annual installments of \$8,569, including interest at 2.5%	75,000
Total	\$2,081,187

Current year interest expense included as a direct function expense with district operations was \$426.

C. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES - Continued

The annual requirement to amortize the principal of all debt outstanding as of June 30, 2009, is as follows:

Year Ended			
<u>June 30,</u>	Principal	Interest	
2010	14,851	2,079	
2011	6,862	1,708	
2012	7,033	1,536	
2013	7,209	1,360	
2014	7,389	1,180	
2015	7,574	995	
Other	32,238	2,040	
Amounts with no stated maturity	1,998,031	-0-	
Total	\$ 2,081,187	\$ 10,898	

D. UNEARNED REVENUES

The District received water delivery revenues in advance of June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$12,469. The revenues were received before they were earned. The unearned revenues will be applied to the member's account in the following fiscal year.

NOTE 5. OTHER NOTES

A. RISK MANAGEMENT

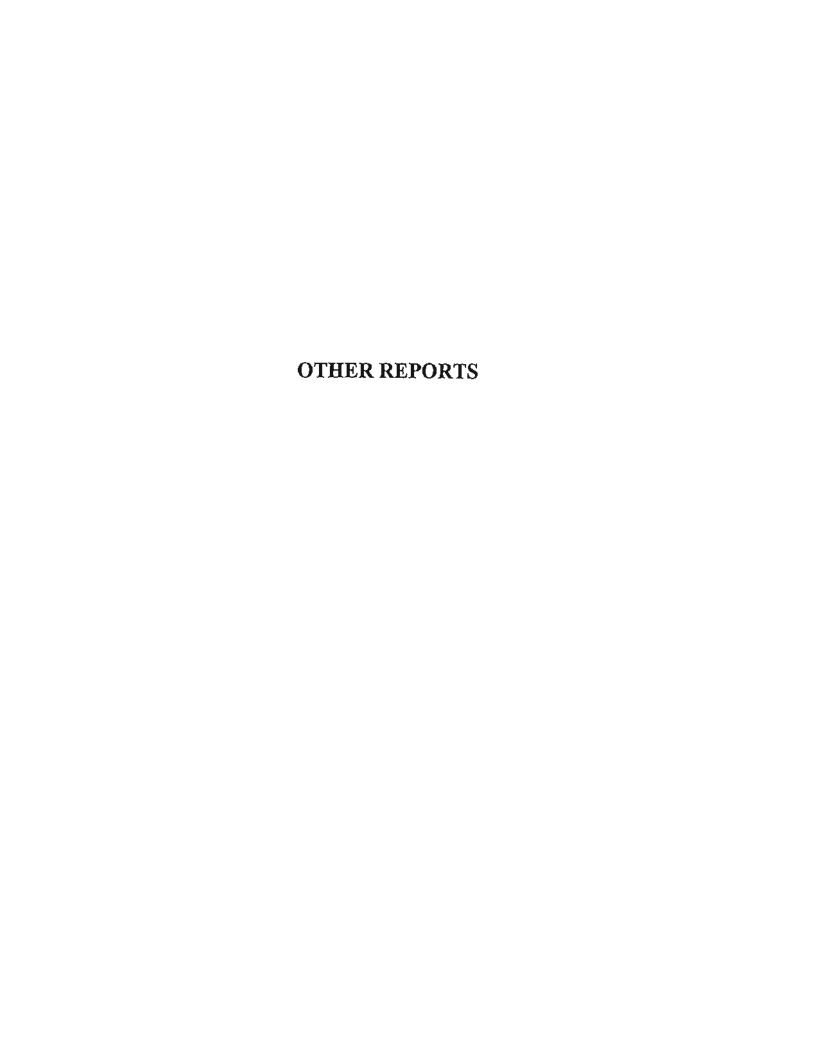
The District covers its insurance needs through various insurance policies. The coverage includes business and personal property, commercial general liability, non-owned and hired automobiles, worker's compensation, and a notary bond. The limits of coverage depends on the items being insured. The maximum coverage is generally limited to \$500,000. The premiums paid on the policies during the year were \$12,768. If the District's losses exceed its premiums, there is no supplemental assessment; while on the other hand, if the District's losses are low, they will not receive a refund. Therefore, except for deductible amounts, risk has been transferred to the insurance carrier.

B. RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT PLANS

The District does not currently offer to any employees any pension, deferred compensation plan, or health benefit plan.

C. PENDING LITIGATION

There is pending litigation where a member claims to have been damaged by the District when the District confiscated twenty (20) Class A shares of Water. The financial impact upon the District is unknown at this time. The final decision of the lawsuit is unknown.





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Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Mr. Hector H. Balderas,
New Mexico State Auditor
And the
Members of the Board of Directors
Vermejo Conservancy District
Maxwell, New Mexico

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Vermejo Conservancy District as of and for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, which collectively comprise the Vermejo Conservancy District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2009. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Vermejo Conservancy District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing the audit procedures for the purpose of expressing opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the District's internal control of financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Vermejo Conservancy District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Vermejo Conservancy District's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Vermejo Conservancy District's financial statements are free of 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Vermejo Conservancy District, the Office of the State Auditor, the New Mexico Legislature, and the New Mexico Department of Finance Administration, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

November 30, 2009

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSES June 30, 2009 and 2008

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDITING FINDINGS

There were not audit findings in the prior year.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR AUDITING FINDINGS

There were not audit findings in the current year.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSES June 30, 2009 and 2008

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, drafting the financial statements is considered to be technical assistance that would not impair independence if certain requirements are met. Although, it would be preferable and desirable for the District to prepare its own GAAP-based financial statements, it is felt that the District's personnel have neither the time nor the expertise to prepare them. Therefore, the outside auditor prepared the GAAP-basis financial statements and footnotes that were included in the annual audit report. Since, the District's management assumed the responsibility for the content of the financial report, and since, the District has the necessary accounting expertise to prevent, detect and correct a potential material misstatement in the financial statements, assisting the District with their financial statement preparation would not result in the conclusion that the District has a control deficiency.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO VERMEJO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT EXIT CONFERENCE June 30, 2009 and 2008

EXIT CONFERENCE

On November 30, 2009, an exit conference was held at the District's office. Present were Vice-President Mary Lou Kern, Board Member Roger Kuchan, General Manager Joe R. Hronich, Bookkeeper Telena Shubert, and auditor Robert L. Mantz, CPA. The contents of this report were discussed. The meeting was not open to the public.

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In the course of the audit, we were required to make several journal entries in the various funds maintained by the District to bring them in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). All the adjustments were included in the audited financial statements and so there were "no passed adjustments".

November 30, 2009

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