ANDERSON-COTTONWOOD IRRIGATION DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District Anderson, California

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which 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 an opinion 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, and the State Controller's Minimum Audit Requirements and Reporting Guidelines for California Special Districts. 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 the 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 opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the District as of December 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as well as the accounting systems prescribed by the State Controller's Office and state regulations governing special districts.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 20, 2011, 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 7 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.

Nystrom & Company LLP

June 20, 2011

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following discussion and analysis of the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which begin on page 8 of this report.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's net assets decreased by \$150,277 as a result of depreciation expense of \$422,539. Absent depreciation, all 2010 revenues and expenses (operating and non-operating combined) resulted in a favorable variance of \$272,262.
- During the year the operating revenues of \$902,163 were \$686,407 less than operating expenses of \$1,588,570. Total operating revenues decreased \$86,654 compared to the prior year, while operating expenses decreased by \$574,573 from the prior year. Revenue from water sales increased by \$16,599, while revenues for water transfer sales decreased by \$105,592.
- Budgeted non-operating revenues (principally taxes and interest income) were \$421,993.
- Non-budgeted capital and related financing activities resulted in net cash expense of \$291,786. Almost all of this total was for the Cottonwood Creek siphon replacement project; an additional \$130,000 of grant funding was used for this project.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets; and the Statement of Cash Flows provide information about the activities of the District and a long-term view of the District's finances.

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenue and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2010

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The difference between assets and liabilities is one way to measure the District's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets are an indication of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

The District's net assets decreased from \$12,772,840 a year ago to \$12,622,563 this year, a decrease of \$150,277. In contrast, last year's assets decreased by \$340,833 from the prior year.

The analysis below focuses on the net assets (Table 1) and changes in net assets (Table 2).

Table 1 Net Assets (in dollars)

	2009	2010
Assets Current and other assets Capital assets	\$ 2,851,365 10,341,760	\$ 2,674,194 10,351,043
Total assets	13,193,125	13,025,237
Liabilities Liabilities	420,285	402,674
Total liabilities	420,285	<u>402,674</u>
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of debt Restricted Unrestricted	10,341,760 5,000 <u>2,426,080</u>	10,351,043 - <u>2,271,520</u>
Total net assets	\$ 12,772,840	\$ 12,622,563

Net assets of the District's activities decreased by \$150,277. Unrestricted net assets, the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by legal requirements or District restrictions decreased from \$2,426,080 on December 31, 2009 to \$2,271,520 at the end of the current year.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2010

Table 2 Changes in Net Assets (in dollars)

	2009	2010
Total operating revenues Total operating expenses	\$ 988,817 _1,765,918	\$ 902,163 _1,588,570
Net operating income Total Non-operating revenues (expenses)	(777,101) <u>436,268</u>	(686,407) 421,993
Net income (loss) before capital contributions Capital contributions, principally grants	(340,833) <u>397,225</u>	(264,414) 114,137
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ <u>56,392</u>	\$ <u>(150,277</u>)

Compared to a year ago, operating revenues decreased from \$988,817 to \$902,163, or approximately 9 percent, mostly as a result of decreased water transfer sales.

Operating expenses decreased by \$177,348, or approximately 3 percent. The majority of this decrease was due to lower source of supply expenses associated with Project water transfers and administrative expenses. There was also a significant decrease in water rights protection legal expenses.

Non-operating revenues for future years, principally taxes and interest income, should be relatively stable with minor year-to-year variations. State raids of property tax income and reduced interest income resulting from federal rate adjustments are the most likely sources of reduced non-operating revenues in future years.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District's 2010 operating budget was discussed and approved at the Board of Directors regular meeting in December 2009.

Comparing actual revenue and expenses with budgeted revenues and expenses shows an unfavorable variance of \$52,389 as shown in Table 3.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2010

Table 3 Changes in Net Assets (in dollars)

	Budget	Actual	Variance + or (-)
Total operating revenues Total operating expenses	\$ 813,000 _1,295,638	\$ 902,163 1,588,570	\$ 89,163 (292,932)
Net operating income (loss)	(482,638)	(686,407)	(203,769)
Net budgeted income (loss)	\$ <u>(97,888</u>)	\$ <u>(150,277</u>)	\$ <u>(52,389</u>)

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

As of December 31, 2010, the District had \$10,351,043 invested in capital assets. This amount represents a net increase of \$36,421 from the prior year; acquisition of capital assets, including the Cottonwood Creek siphon replacement and equipment purchases, offset depreciation taken to result in this increase.

The District has no current plans to issue debt to finance capital improvements to the system, but is currently implementing two projects funded by State and Federal grants that include local cost share. Most of the required cost share has been met, but some additional costs will likely be incurred in 2011 as a result of these projects. The current projects include the Main Canal Modernization Program and the Conjunctive Use Program – Groundwater Production Element, both of which will provide additions to the District's capital assets.

Debt

The District has no outstanding bonds, loans, or certificates of participation.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Factors considered in preparation of the 2011 operating budget included:

- Salaries and benefits, including anticipated increases pursuant to the 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters.
- Water rights protection costs, specifically the defense of litigation filed in Federal court by the National Resources Defense Council challenging the District's Settlement Contract and right to divert.
- System improvements, including: a study to determine the feasibility of improvements to the Clear Creek siphon; replacement of rolling stock.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2010

- Confirmed and expected revenue from water transfer sales.
- Decline of interest revenue due to low rates.

Financial uncertainties in 2011 that may affect the District's position include: potential changes to liability insurance premiums resulting from recent litigation; expiration of the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local #137; fuel and chemical costs; and continuing defense of the NRDC litigation.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT

This financial report is designed to provide the public with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District's office at 2810 Silver Street, Anderson, California, 96007; or call (530) 365-7329.

ANDERSON-COTTONWOOD IRRIGATION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2010

ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,114,585
Grants receivable	335,378
Assessments receivable	211,381
Inventories	10,723
Prepaid expenses	2,127
Total current assets	2,674,194
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable assets	447,371
Depreciable capital assets, net	9,903,672
Total capital assets	10,351,043
Total assets	\$ 13,025,237
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 341,361
Accrued wages	17,644
Accrued compensated absences, current portion	16,038
Amount held for others	16,939
Total current liabilities	391,982
Other liabilities:	
Accrued compensated absences, non-current portion	10,692
Total liabilities	402,674
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	10,351,043
Unrestricted net assets	2,271,520
Total net assets	\$ 12,622,563

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

OPERATING REVENUES		
Water sales	\$	613,489
Water transfer sales		272,506
Penalty revenue		2,823
Other revenues		13,345
Total operating revenues		902,163
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits		670,855
Depreciation expense		422,539
Source of supply		128,419
Maintenance		125,571
Pumping		121,760
General and administrative expenses		119,426
Total operating expenses		1,588,570
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS		(686,407)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
County tax allocation		399,253
Interest income		22,740
Total non-operating revenues (expenses), net		421,993
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS		114,137
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(150,277)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED	1	2,772,840
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1	2,622,563

ANDERSON-COTTONWOOD IRRIGATION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 919,102
Cash paid to suppliers	(523,513)
Cash paid to employees	 (668,194)
Net cash used by operating activities	(272,605)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash received from county tax allocation	 371,819
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	 371,819
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Acquisition of capital assets	(291,786)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	 (291,786)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Interest received	 22,740
Net cash provided by investing activities	 22,740
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(169,832)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	 2,284,417
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,114,585
SCHEDULE OF NONCASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Contributed capital	\$ 140,036

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

ANDERSON-COTTONWOOD IRRIGATION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

RECONCILIATION OF INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Income (loss) from operations	\$ (686,407)
Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) from operations to	
net cash used by operating activities:	
Depreciation	422,539
(Increase) decrease in assets:	
Inventories	5,695
Prepaid expenses	3,179
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	
Accounts payable	(37,211)
Accrued wages	(115)
Accrued compensated absences	2,776
Amounts held for others	 16,939
Total adjustments	 413,802
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (272,605)

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY

The Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (the District) was formed in 1914 and provides irrigation water to residents of the District. The District encompasses approximately 32,000 acres in Shasta and Tehama Counties. District irrigation facilities include the main canal diversion dam on the Sacramento River in Redding, a pump station to serve the Churn Creek Bottom area, and approximately 120 miles of canals and pipelines.

The District operates under an elected Board of Directors. The accounting methods and procedures adopted by the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Consistent with GASB Statement No. 20, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting, the District has elected to apply all Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except those that conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements present the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District alone, as the District has no component units, related organizations or jointly governed organizations.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The District's activities are accounted for as an enterprise fund (a business-type activity) and the accounting records are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

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

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Funds invested in the County Treasurer's investment pool are considered cash equivalents.

INVESTMENTS

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, amounts held in external investment pools are reported at fair value. The District uses the value of the pool shares held to approximate the fair value of the underlying cash and investments of the pool.

GRANTS AND ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE

Grants and assessments receivable include amounts due from the federal government, state, and local governments, or private sources, in connection with reimbursement of allowable expenditures made pursuant to the District's grants and contracts. Losses on uncollectible accounts receivable are recognized when such losses become known or indicated. The allowance is recorded at December 31, 2010, as management believes all amounts are collectible.

INVENTORIES

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in, first-out method.

PREPAID EXPENSES

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the fiscal year end are recorded as prepaid assets.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

CAPITAL ASSETS

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related assets, as applicable.

All purchased capital assets are valued at cost based upon purchasing records when available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are valued at estimated fair market value on the date received.

Accumulated depreciation is reported on the accompanying statements of net assets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Transmission and distribution	50 - 60 years
Machinery	3 - 50 years
Pumps	20 - 25 years
Autos and trucks	50 years
Buildings	10 - 30 years
Yard improvements	15 years
Furniture and fixtures	3 - 10 years
Fish screens	25 years
Fish ladders	50 years
Scada equipment	5 years
Groundwater program	50 years

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Vested or accumulated sick leave and vacation pay is recorded as an expense and liability as the benefits accrue to employees. In accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB) Statement No. 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

NET ASSETS

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. The District's net assets are classified as follows:

- Invested in capital assets, net of related debt This represents the
 District's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt
 obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been
 incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not
 included as a component invested in capital assets, net of related debt.
- Restricted net assets-expendable Restricted expendable net assets represent resources which are legally or contractually obligated to be spent in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.
- Unrestricted net assets Unrestricted net assets represent resources available for transactions relating to the general operations of the District, and may be used at the discretion of the governing board to meet current expenses for any purpose.

OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSE

The District distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the District's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the District include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

TAX REVENUES

The County of Shasta assesses, bills and collects property taxes for the District.

The County property tax is levied each November 1st on the assessed valuation of land located in the County as of the preceding lien date (March 1). Taxes are receivable in two equal installments which become delinquent the first working day after December 10th and April 10th.

The County adopted the alternative method of tax apportionment ("Teeter Plan"). The District determined they would participate in this plan. Under the plan the County remits all property taxes and special assessments due to the District without regard to their current or delinquent status.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

BUDGET

The District's budget is adopted on a modified accrual basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

DEPOSITS

All of the District's deposits in financial institutions are entirely insured or collateralized. The California Government Code requires California banks and savings and loan associations to secure local agency deposits by pledging government securities as collateral. The market value of pledged securities must equal at least 110% of a local agency's deposits.

Custodial credit risk – The District's deposits at December 31, 2010, were as follows:

Carrying amount	\$ 1,642,648
Bank balance Amount covered by Federal depository insurance	\$ 1,642,690 250,000
Amount covered by collateral held by agents of pledging banks	\$ <u>1,392,690</u>

Collateral was not held in the District's name. (There is no Government Code requirement that collateral be held in the District's name).

EQUITY IN POOLED

The District also maintains cash equivalents in pools managed by others. The pooled investment fund is unrated.

Pooled investment funds:	
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	\$ 471,937

The District invests funds in the State Treasurer's Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA) through the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), a voluntary program created by statute in 1977. The PMIA has regulatory oversight from the Pooled Money Investment Board and an in-house Investment Committee. The Local Agency Investment Advisory Board has oversight of LAIF. The fair value of the District's position in the pool is materially equivalent to the value of pool shares.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

In accordance with authorized investment laws, the State Treasurer's Investment Pool (LAIF) invests in various structured notes and mortgage-backed securities, such as collateralized mortgage obligations. As of December 31, 2010, 5.42% of LAIF's investment portfolio was invested in structured notes and other asset-backed securities. (Copies can be obtained from the Local District Investment Fund, P.O. Box 942809, Sacramento, CA 94209.) PMIA's weighted average maturities was 235.59 days at December 31, 2010.

<u>Risk Information</u> – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity its fair value is to changes in market interest rates. California Government Code Section 53601 limits the County's investments to maturities of five years or less.

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by ratings assigned by nationally-recognized organizations. The District's investment in the county investment pool is unrated.

Concentration risk is defined as positions of 5% or more in the securities of a single issuer. In accordance with the District's joint powers agreement, all funds are held in the county investment pool.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., financial institution, broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its cash and investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. For deposits, the *California Government Code* requires California banks and savings and loan associations to secure the District's deposits by pledging government securities as collateral. The market value of pledged securities must equal 110 percent of an entity's deposits. California law also allows financial institutions to secure an entity's deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150 percent of an entity's total deposits. For investments, the District does not have a policy to address this risk.

NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2010 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Transfers/ Deletions	Ending Balance
Non-depreciable capital assets: Land Construction in progress	\$ 18,885 397,225	\$ - 31,261	\$ -	\$ 18,885 428,486
Non-depreciable capital assets total	416,110	31,261		447,371
Depreciable capital assets:				
Transmission and distribution	2,497,333	372,070	-	2,869,403
Machinery	316,386	4,185	-	320,571
Pumps	236,595	-	-	236,595
Autos and trucks	129,938	-	-	129,938
Buildings	56,885	-	2,644	54,241
Yard improvements	14,697	-	-	14,697
Furniture and fixtures	29,684	1,555	-	31,239
Fish screens	5,575,575	-	-	5,575,575
Fish ladders	5,575,575	-	-	5,575,575
Scada equipment	136,865	22,751	-	159,616
Groundwater program	300,000			300,000
	14,869,533	400,561	2,644	15,267,450
Less accumulated depreciation	4,943,883	422,539	(2,644)	5,363,778
Depreciable capital assets, net	9,925,650	(21,978)		9,903,672
Capital assets, net	\$ <u>10,341,760</u>	\$ <u>9,283</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>10,351,043</u>

NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The District offers its employees a non-contributory deferred compensation plan created in accordance with IRC Section 457. The plan, available to all District employees, permits them to defer a portion of their current salary until future years. Deferred compensation benefits are not available to the employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS (Continued)

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (Continued)

District employees (except for the general manager) are covered by a pension plan through their collective bargaining agreement with the General Teamsters Local #137. Total District contributions for the year totaled \$30,070.

NOTE 5 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ended December 31, 2010, the District carried insurance through various commercial carriers to cover all risks of losses. The District has had no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded its commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, the District did not reduce insurance coverages from coverage levels in place as of December 31, 2009.

NOTE 6 NET ASSETS

The District's net assets at December 31, 2010, consist of the following:

Investment in capital assets			\$ 10,351,043
Unrestricted: Board designated:			
Drainage fund	\$	25,000	
Water right protection		250,000	
Equipment reserve		232,178	
M/S annexation	_	16,939	524,117
Undesignated			1,747,403
Total net assets			\$ <u>12,622,563</u>

NOTE 7 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The net assets as of the beginning of the year were restated for errors related to capital assets. First, expenses incurred in 2009 related to the canal modernization project were erroneously not capitalized. Second, the depreciation expense in previous years was overstated.

Net asset balance, as previously reported	\$ 12,348,477
Capitalization of project costs	397,225
Depreciation overstatement	27,138
Net asset balance, as restated	\$ <u>12,772,840</u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District Anderson, California

We have audited the basic financial statements of Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010 and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2011. 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 Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District's internal control over financial reporting.

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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, 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.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation 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 management, Board of Directors, others within the entity, and federal or state awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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