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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
HOWARD COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Director	Mikki K. Jeffers	01-01-09 to 12-31-11
Controller	Ronald Metz	01-01-09 to 12-31-11
President of the Board	Ralph Baer Joyce Higginbottom	01-01-09 to 12-31-10 01-01-11 to 12-31-11



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT, HOWARD COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial statements of Howard County Recycling District (District), for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010. The District's management is responsible for the financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the financial statements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the District prepares its financial statements on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the reporting requirements established by the State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The basis noted above is a different basis than that used in the prior year.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the District for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The Combining Schedules of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances – Regulatory Basis and Schedule of Capital Assets, as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for additional analysis and are not required parts of the financial statements. They have not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District's management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. In accordance with Indiana Code 5-11-5-1, this report is a part of the public records of the State Board of Accounts and of the office examined.

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August 22, 2011

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
REGULATORY BASIS
As Of and For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Solid Waste Management	\$ 1,812,753	\$ 932,180	\$ 1,254,155	\$ 1,490,778
Bid Deposit Fund	-	12,500	-	12,500
Totals	<u>\$ 1,812,753</u>	<u>\$ 944,680</u>	<u>\$ 1,254,155</u>	<u>\$ 1,503,278</u>

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

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
REGULATORY BASIS
As Of and For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Cash and Investments 01-01-10	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-10
Solid Waste Management	\$ 1,490,778	\$ 613,244	\$ 1,020,391	\$ 1,083,631
Rainy Day	-	19,244	6,194	13,050
Bid Deposit Fund	12,500	-	-	12,500
Excess Levy Fund	-	1,741	-	1,741
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Totals	<u>\$ 1,503,278</u>	<u>\$ 634,229</u>	<u>\$ 1,026,585</u>	<u>\$ 1,110,922</u>

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

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The District was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The District operates under an appointed governing board and provides recycling management administrative services for Howard County.

The accompanying financial statements present the financial information for the District (primary government), and does not include financial information for any of the District's legally separate component units, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial information of the District (primary government).

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are reported on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the State Board of Accounts in accordance with state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when received and disbursements are recorded when paid.

The regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that receipts are recognized when received in cash, rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid, rather than when a liability is incurred.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are stated at cost. Any changes in fair value of the investments are reported as receipts in the year of the sale of the investment.

D. Receipt

Receipts are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate receipts may include, but are not limited to, the following sources:

Taxes which can include one or more of the following: property taxes, certified shares (local option tax), property tax replacement credit (local option tax), county option income tax, wheel tax, innkeepers tax, food and beverage tax, county economic development income tax, boat and trailer excise tax, county adjusted gross income tax, and other taxes that are set by the District.

Licenses and permits which include amounts received from businesses, occupations, or nonbusinesses that must be licensed before doing business within the government's jurisdiction or permits levied according to the benefits presumably conferred by the permit. Examples of licenses and permits include: peddler licenses, dog tax licenses, auctioneer license, building and planning permits, demolition permits, electrical permits, sign permits, and gun permits.

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Intergovernmental receipts which include receipts from other governments in the form of operating grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes. Examples of this type of receipts include, but are not limited to: federal grants, state grants, cigarette tax distributions received from the state, motor vehicle highway distribution received from the state, local road and street distribution received from the state, financial institution tax received from the state, auto excise surtax received from the state, commercial vehicle excise tax received from the state, major moves distributions received from the state, and riverboat receipts received from the county.

Charges for services which can include, but are not limited to the following: planning commission charges, building department charges, copies of public records, copy machine charges, accident report copies, gun permit applications, 911 telephone services, recycling fees, dog pound fees, emergency medical service fees, park rental fees, swimming pool receipts, cable tv receipts, ordinance violations, fines and fees, bond forfeitures, court costs, and court receipts.

Fines and forfeits which include receipts derived from fines and penalties imposed for the commission of statutory offenses, violation of lawful administrative rules and regulations (fines), and for the neglect of official duty and monies derived from confiscating deposits held as performance guarantees (forfeitures).

Utility fees which are comprised mostly of charges for current services.

Other receipts which include amounts received from various sources which can include, but are not limited to the following: net proceeds from borrowings; interfund loan activity; transfers authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution or court order; internal service receipts; and fiduciary receipts.

E. Disbursements

Disbursements are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate disbursements may include, but are not limited to, the following uses:

Personal services include outflows for salaries, wages, and related employee benefits provided for all persons employed. In those units where sick leave, vacation leave, overtime compensation, and other such benefits are appropriated separately, such payments would also be included.

Supplies which include articles and commodities that are entirely consumed and materially altered when used and/or show rapid depreciation after use for a short period of time. Examples of supplies include office supplies, operating supplies, and repair and maintenance supplies.

Other services and charges which include, but are not limited to: professional services, communication and transportation, printing and advertising, insurance, utility services, repairs and maintenance, and rental charges.

Debt service principal and interest which include fixed obligations resulting from financial transactions previously entered into by the District. It includes all expenditures for the reduction of the principal and interest of the District's general obligation indebtedness.

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)

Capital outlay which include all outflows for land, infrastructure, buildings, improvements, and machinery and equipment having an appreciable and calculable period of usefulness.

Utility operating expenses which include all outflows for operating the utilities.

Other disbursements which include, but are not limited to the following: interfund loan payments, loans made to other funds, internal service disbursements, and transfers out that are authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution, or court order.

F. Interfund Transfers

The District may, from time to time, transfer money from one fund to another. These transfers, if any, are included as a part of the receipts and disbursements of the affected funds and as a part of total receipts and disbursements. The transfers are used for cash flow purposes as provided by various statutory provisions.

G. Fund Accounting

Separate funds are established, maintained, and reported by the District. Each fund is used to account for money received from and used for specific sources and uses as determined by various regulations. Restrictions on some funds are set by statute while other funds are internally restricted by the District. The money accounted for in a specific fund may only be available for use for certain, legally restricted purposes. Additionally, some funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity as an agent of individuals, private organizations, other funds, or other governmental units and therefore the funds cannot be used for any expenditures of the unit itself.

Note 2. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. The fiscal officer of the District submits a proposed operating budget to the governing board for the following calendar year. The budget is advertised as required by law. Prior to adopting the budget, the governing board conducts public hearings and obtains taxpayer comments. Prior to November 1, the governing board approves the budget for the next year. The budget for funds for which property taxes are levied or highway use taxes are received is subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 3. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are scheduled to be distributed to the District in June and December; however, situations can arise which would delay the distributions. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100 percent of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which normally become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 4. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with state statute (IC 5-13), with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end should be entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statutes authorize the District to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

Note 5. Risk Management

The District may be exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; medical benefits to employees, retirees, and dependents; and natural disasters.

These risks can be mitigated through the purchase of insurance, establishment of a self-insurance fund, and/or participation in a risk pool. The purchase of insurance transfers the risk to an independent third party. The establishment of a self-insurance fund allows the District to set aside money for claim settlements. The self-insurance fund would be included in the financial statements. The purpose of participation in a risk pool is to provide a medium for the funding and administration of the risks. These risks may also be mitigated by the District by recording as a disbursement and replacement items purchased.

Note 6. Pension Plan

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) is a defined benefit pension plan. PERF is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in this defined benefit plan. State statutes (IC 5-10.2 and 5-10.3) govern, through the PERF Board, most requirements of the system, and give the District authority to contribute to the plan. The PERF retirement benefit consists of the pension provided by employer contributions plus an annuity provided by the member's annuity savings account. The annuity savings account consists of members' contributions, set by state statute at 3 percent of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

PERF administers the plan and issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole and for its participants. That report may be obtained by contacting:

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Public Employees' Retirement Fund
Harrison Building, Room 800
143 West Market Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph. (317) 233-4162

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The contribution requirements of the plan members for PERF are established by the Board of Trustees of PERF.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – UNAUDITED

For additional financial information, the District's Annual Reports can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/.

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

	<u>Solid Waste Management</u>	<u>Bid Deposit Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 1,812,753	\$ -	\$ 1,812,753
Receipts:			
Taxes	659,777	-	659,777
Intergovernmental	192,143	-	192,143
Other receipts	<u>80,260</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>92,760</u>
Total receipts	<u>932,180</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>944,680</u>
Disbursements:			
Personal services	236,937	-	236,937
Supplies	11,873	-	11,873
Other services and charges	923,343	-	923,343
Capital outlay	<u>82,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,002</u>
Total disbursements	<u>1,254,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,254,155</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(321,975)</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>(309,475)</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 1,490,778</u>	<u>\$ 12,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,503,278</u>

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Solid Waste Management	Rainy Day	Bid Deposit Fund	Excess Levy Fund	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 1,490,778	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ 1,503,278
Receipts:					
Taxes	415,227	-	-	1,741	416,968
Intergovernmental	158,489	19,232	-	-	177,721
Other receipts	39,528	12	-	-	39,540
Total receipts	<u>613,244</u>	<u>19,244</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,741</u>	<u>634,229</u>
Disbursements:					
Personal services	225,350	-	-	-	225,350
Supplies	14,980	-	-	-	14,980
Other services and charges	762,596	-	-	-	762,596
Capital outlay	15,465	-	-	-	15,465
Other disbursements	2,000	6,194	-	-	8,194
Total disbursements	<u>1,020,391</u>	<u>6,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,026,585</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(407,147)</u>	<u>13,050</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,741</u>	<u>(392,356)</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 1,083,631</u>	<u>\$ 13,050</u>	<u>\$ 12,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,741</u>	<u>\$ 1,110,922</u>

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 December 31, 2010

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed or donated assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:	
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Buildings	\$ 274,000
Machinery and equipment	<u>236,799</u>
 Total governmental activities, capital assets not being depreciated	 \$ <u>510,799</u>

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

PRESCRIBED FORMS

The District utilizes a computer based system to generate all vendor payments, reports, and other financial data. The forms generated by this system have not been approved for use in lieu of prescribed forms.

Ledger of Receipts, Disbursements, and Balances, Form 358, and Ledger of Appropriations, Encumbrances, Disbursements and Balances, Form 359, are the prescribed financial records for the District. A similar comment was noted in the prior Reports 30711 and 35424.

Officials and employees are required to use State Board of Accounts prescribed or approved forms in the manner prescribed. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

HOWARD COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 22, 2011, with Mikki K. Jeffers, Director; Jennifer Lyons, Assistant Controller; and Joyce Higginbottom, President of the Board. The officials concurred with our finding.