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FINANCIAL STATEMENT EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

WEST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Director	Jane Collisi	01-01-09 to 12-31-12
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE WEST CENTRAL SOLID  
WASTE DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial statements of the West Central Solid Waste 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, 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 Board, and others within the entity, 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.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

March 1, 2012

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements and accompanying notes were approved by management of the District. The financial statements and notes are presented as intended by the District.

WEST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE 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	\$ 1,625,915	\$ 386,924	\$ 654,970	\$ 1,357,869
Putnam County Special Projects Fund	<u>69,713</u>	<u>9,033</u>	<u>47,297</u>	<u>31,449</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,695,628</u>	<u>\$ 395,957</u>	<u>\$ 702,267</u>	<u>\$ 1,389,318</u>

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

WEST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE 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	\$ 1,357,869	\$ 355,501	\$ 282,266	\$ 1,431,104
Putnam County Special Projects Fund	<u>31,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,449</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,389,318</u>	<u>\$ 355,501</u>	<u>\$ 313,715</u>	<u>\$ 1,431,104</u>

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

WEST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE 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.

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. Receipts*

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:

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.

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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.

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.

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**Note 2. Budgets**

The operating budget is initially prepared at the local level. The fiscal officer of the District submits a proposed operating budget for the following calendar year to the county council of the county with the largest assessed value. The District's budget is advertised as required by law in that particular county. Prior to adopting the District's budget, the county council conducts public hearings and obtains taxpayer comments. Prior to November 1, the county council approves the District's budget for the next year.

**Note 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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

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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:

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/](http://www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/).

Differences may be noted between the financial information presented in the financial statements contained in this report and the financial information presented in the Annual Reports of the District which are referenced above. These differences, if any, are due to adjustments made to the financial information during the course of the examination. This is a common occurrence in any financial statement examination. The financial information presented in this report is examined information, and the accuracy of such information can be determined by reading the opinion given in the Independent Accountant's Report.

The supplementary information presented was prepared and/or approved by management of the District. It is presented as intended by the District.

WEST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS  
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

	Solid Waste Management	Putnam County Special Projects Fund	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 1,625,915	\$ 69,713	\$ 1,695,628
Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	21,002	-	21,002
Charges for services	325,271	-	325,271
Other receipts	40,651	9,033	49,684
Total receipts	<u>386,924</u>	<u>9,033</u>	<u>395,957</u>
Disbursements:			
Personal services	135,076	-	135,076
Supplies	8,128	-	8,128
Other services and charges	186,781	47,297	234,078
Other disbursements	324,985	-	324,985
Total disbursements	<u>654,970</u>	<u>47,297</u>	<u>702,267</u>
Deficiency of receipts over disbursements	<u>(268,046)</u>	<u>(38,264)</u>	<u>(306,310)</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 1,357,869</u>	<u>\$ 31,449</u>	<u>\$ 1,389,318</u>

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	Solid Waste Management	Putnam County Special Projects Fund	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 1,357,869	\$ 31,449	\$ 1,389,318
Receipts:			
Charges for services	332,890	-	332,890
Other receipts	<u>22,611</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,611</u>
Total receipts	<u>355,501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>355,501</u>
Disbursements:			
Personal services	126,928	-	126,928
Supplies	5,997	-	5,997
Other services and charges	<u>149,341</u>	<u>31,449</u>	<u>180,790</u>
Total disbursements	<u>282,266</u>	<u>31,449</u>	<u>313,715</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>73,235</u>	<u>(31,449)</u>	<u>41,786</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 1,431,104</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,431,104</u>

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EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 1, 2012, with Jane Collisi, Director. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.