

**The Valley Water District
Jefferson County, Colorado**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

With Independent Auditors' Report

December 31, 2016 and 2015



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Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
The Valley Water District
Jefferson County, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Valley Water District (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements as listed in the table of contents

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Valley Water District, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

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

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as a whole. The supplemental information for the year ended December 31, 2016, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and legal requirements, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Darner Higginbotham & Associates, PC

Lakewood, Colorado
March 25, 2017

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The discussion and analysis of The Valley Water District's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2016. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should review the information presented here in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the notes to financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

The Valley Water District operates as a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado operating as a water service provider serving parts of Wheat Ridge, Arvada and unincorporated Jefferson County.

The District purchases its water through a distributor's contract with the Denver Water Department.

The District derives its revenues from the sales of taps and water. The District prioritizes customer service and budgets funds annually for capital water system improvements.

Due to improving economic conditions and the expansion of mass transit within the District, continued development is expected in the areas of residential, commercial and industrial. The majority of this growth will be funded by the developers of said projects.

The District remains dedicated to providing a safe, reliable water supply and adequate reserves for emergencies. The District has upheld its commitment to its customers through its proven track record of minimal service interruptions and no bonded indebtedness.

Financial Highlights

- Assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$22,565,773 (net position). Of this amount, \$10,427,030 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.
- The District's total net position increased by \$722,591 over the prior fiscal year.
- Operating revenues from water operations increased \$348,637 from the prior year, primarily due to increased usage by residents.
- Operating expenses increased \$316,069 from the prior year, primarily due to increased service fees from Denver Water.
- Tap fees decreased \$100,000 from the prior year.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Valley Water District basic financial statements included in this report are those of a special purpose government engaged in a business-type activity, providing water services. The statements are comprised of two components: 1) basic financial statements and 2) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Basic Financial Statements. The basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position* presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., earned but unused vacation leave). The statement reports the District's operating and non-operating revenue by source along with operating and non-operating expenses and capital contributions.

The *Statement of Cash Flows* reports the District's cash flows from operating activities, investing, capital and non-capital activities.

The *Notes to the Financial Statements* provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

A budgetary comparison statement has been provided in the *supplemental information* to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Valley Water District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$22,565,773 (net position) at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
(continued)**

Statement of Net Position

	December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
Current assets	\$ 10,764,910	\$ 9,985,334	\$ 9,407,528
Capital assets	12,014,732	12,025,730	11,830,214
Total assets	22,779,642	22,011,064	21,237,742
 Current liabilities	 213,869	 167,882	 179,584
 Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	12,014,732	12,025,730	11,830,214
Restricted	124,011	115,203	112,000
Unrestricted	10,427,030	9,702,249	9,115,944
Net position	\$ 22,565,773	\$ 21,843,182	\$ 21,058,158

Unrestricted net position of \$10,427,030 is available for future expansion and major repair costs such as emergency water main breaks.

The District has 53% of its net position invested in capital assets (e.g., water distribution system, building, and equipment). The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, this net position is *not* available for future spending.

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
(continued)**

Changes in Net Position

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
Revenues			
Water operations	\$ 3,963,480	\$ 3,614,843	\$ 3,603,079
Non-operating revenue			
Tap fee revenue	25,000	125,000	10,000
Interest income	9,604	6,352	5,397
Other revenue	4,147	2,400	2,615
Total revenues	4,002,231	3,748,595	3,621,091
Expenses			
Water operations	2,243,095	1,958,351	1,982,628
Maintenance and repairs	75,324	82,704	77,432
Administrative and general	562,246	536,438	520,543
Depreciation	398,975	386,078	374,338
Total expenses	3,279,640	2,963,571	2,954,941
Change in net position	722,591	785,024	666,150
Net position - beginning	21,843,182	21,058,158	20,392,008
Net position - ending	\$ 22,565,773	\$ 21,843,182	\$ 21,058,158

Budgetary Highlights

The District prepares its budget on the modified accrual basis of accounting to recognize the fiscal impact of capital outlay in addition to operations and non-operating revenue. Depreciation is not reflected in the budget since it does not affect funds available. Funds available (current assets less current liabilities) increased \$733,589 during 2016.

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
(continued)**

Capital Assets

The District's net investment in capital assets as of December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014 was as follows:

	December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
Land	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Rights of use of supplemental line	4,041,732	4,041,732	4,041,732
Building and ground improvements	395,522	395,522	395,522
Infrastructure	14,345,573	14,006,104	13,431,681
Vehicles	146,586	99,700	99,700
Office equipment	6,075	5,272	70,448
Other equipment	62,869	287,514	325,708
Total assets	19,023,357	18,860,844	18,389,791
Accumulated depreciation	(7,008,625)	(6,835,114)	(6,559,577)
Net capital assets	\$ 12,014,732	\$ 12,025,730	\$ 11,830,214

Additional information relating to the District's capital assets activity can be found in Note 4 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

- The District monitors all proposed legislation along with legal counsel and Special District Association representatives. At this time, no legislation that poses significant negative impact to the District is foreseen.
- Inflation within the District is anticipated to be at or near the Denver metropolitan rate.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Treasurer
The Valley Water District
12101 West 52nd Avenue
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033

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STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
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	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,370,707	\$ 6,671,388
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	124,011	115,203
Investments	2,976,596	2,980,777
Accounts receivable	259,195	188,925
Accrued interest receivable	693	693
Prepaid expenses	23,914	17,745
Inventory	9,794	10,603
Total current assets	10,764,910	9,985,334
Capital assets, not being depreciated	25,000	25,000
Capital assets, net	11,989,732	12,000,730
Total assets	22,779,642	22,011,064
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	168,197	131,672
Accrued salary and benefits	27,361	18,707
Deposits on system extension requests	3,511	2,703
Deposits on water taps	14,800	14,800
Total current liabilities	213,869	167,882
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NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	12,014,732	12,025,730
Restricted	124,011	115,203
Unrestricted	10,427,030	9,702,249
Total net position	\$ 22,565,773	\$ 21,843,182

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
OPERATING REVENUES		
Water operations	\$ 3,963,480	\$ 3,614,843
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Water operations	2,243,095	1,958,351
Maintenance and repairs	75,324	82,704
Administrative and general	562,246	536,438
Depreciation	398,975	386,078
Total operating expenses	3,279,640	2,963,571
OPERATING INCOME	683,840	651,272
NON-OPERATING REVENUES		
Tap fee revenue	25,000	125,000
Interest income	9,604	6,352
Other revenues	4,147	2,400
Total non-operating revenues	38,751	133,752
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	722,591	785,024
NET POSITION - beginning of year	21,843,182	21,058,158
NET POSITION - end of year	\$ 22,565,773	\$ 21,843,182

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 3,894,019	\$ 3,607,739
Cash paid to suppliers	(2,363,909)	(2,147,017)
Cash payments to and for the benefit of employees	(476,938)	(442,116)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,053,172	1,018,606
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from miscellaneous revenue	4,147	2,400
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	4,147	2,400
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash paid to acquire capital assets	(387,977)	(581,594)
Cash received from tap fees	25,000	125,000
Net cash (used) by capital and related financing activities	(362,977)	(456,594)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net maturity (purchase) of long-term investments	4,181	2,765
Interest received on investments	9,604	6,353
Net cash provided by investing activities	13,785	9,118
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	708,127	573,529
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - beginning of year	6,786,591	6,213,062
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - end of year	\$ 7,494,718	\$ 6,786,591

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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	2016	2015
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating income	\$ 683,840	\$ 651,272
Adjustment to reconcile net operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	398,975	386,078
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	(70,270)	(6,808)
Prepaid expenses	(6,169)	(1,180)
Inventory	809	946
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	36,525	(10,011)
Accrued salary and benefits	8,654	(1,394)
Deposits	808	(297)
Total adjustments	369,332	367,334
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,053,172	\$ 1,018,606

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

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Note 1 – Definition of reporting entity

The District is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado established on October 27, 1956, and is governed pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Special District Act (Title 32, Article 1, Colorado Revised Statutes). The District's service area is located in Jefferson County, Colorado. The District's primary operating function is to provide treated water for residential and commercial users within the boundaries of the District.

The District follows the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting pronouncements which provide guidance for determining which governmental activities, organizations and functions should be included within the financial reporting entity. GASB pronouncements set forth the financial accountability of a governmental organization's elected governing body as the basic criterion for including a possible component governmental organization in a primary government's legal entity. Financial accountability includes, but is not limited to, appointment of a voting majority of the organization's governing body, ability to impose its will on the organization, a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens and fiscal dependency.

The District is not financially accountable for any other organization, nor is the District a component unit of any other primary governmental entity.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies

The more significant accounting policies of the District are described as follows:

The accounting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units accounted for as a proprietary enterprise fund. The enterprise fund is used since the District's powers are related to those operated in a manner similar to a private utility system where net income and capital maintenance are appropriate determinations of accountability.

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.

Basis of Accounting

The District's financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Depreciation is computed and recorded as an operating expense; expenditures for property, plant and equipment are shown and recorded as an operating expense. Expenditures for capital assets are

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shown as increases in assets. Contributed assets from developers are recorded as capital contributions when received.

Operating revenues and expenses

The District distinguishes between operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items in the Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the District's purpose of providing water services to its customers. Operating revenues consist of charges to customers for service provided. Operating expenses include the cost of service, administrative expenses, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses or capital contributions.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The District believes that the carrying amounts of financial instruments, which include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities, approximates fair value because of their generally short maturities.

Cash equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the District considers cash deposits and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition, to be cash equivalents.

Investments

Investments for the District are carried at fair value.

Accounts receivable, allowance for doubtful accounts

User fees and tap fees constitute a perpetual lien on or against property served until paid. Such liens may be foreclosed upon as provided by the State of Colorado. Therefore, no provision for uncollectible receivables has been made in the financial statements.

Inventory

Inventory, which includes meters to be installed, is stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined primarily by the first-in, first-out method.

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Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied based on assessed valuations determined by the County Assessor generally as of January 1 of each year. The levy is normally set by December 15 by certification to the County Commissioners to put the tax lien on the individual properties as of January 1 of the following year. The County Treasurer collects the determined taxes during the ensuing calendar year. The taxes are payable by April or in equal installments, at the taxpayer's election, in February and June. Delinquent taxpayers are notified in August and generally sales of the tax liens on delinquent properties are held in November and December. The County Treasurer remits the taxes collected monthly to the District.

The District has adopted a policy whereby it assesses a mill levy annually and immediately rebates the amount levied. The amounts of the rebate for 2016 and 2015 were \$0 and \$52,014, respectively.

Capital assets

Capital assets are defined by the District as those assets with an initial, individual cost of \$500 or greater and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation or at the developer's cost.

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

Depreciation expense has been computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated economic useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Water distribution system	50
Building and improvements	50
Office equipment	5 - 7
Other equipment	5 - 7

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Compensated absences

Vacation and sick leave are accrued in the period they are earned. Accrued, unused vacation expires at the end of twelve months subsequent to the time of accrual. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, accrued salary and vacation and sick leave benefits totaled \$17,086 and \$11,158 respectively.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires District 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 expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Capital contributions

The District has agreements with developers whereby extensions to existing water lines are constructed and funded by the developer and donated to the District. The District is then responsible for the maintenance and operations of the lines. Water lines contributed to the District by developers are recorded as capital contributions and additions to the water system when received.

Tap fees are recorded as revenue when received.

Budgets

In accordance with the State Budget Law, the District's Board of Directors holds public hearings in the fall each year to approve the budget and appropriate the funds for the ensuing year. The appropriation is at the total fund expenditures level and lapses at year-end. The District's Board of Directors can modify the budget by line item within the total appropriation without notification. The total appropriation can only be modified upon completion of notification and publication requirements.

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Note 3 – Cash and investments

Cash and investments are reflected on the December 31, 2016 and 2015 Statements of Net Position as follows:

	2016	2015
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,370,707	\$ 6,671,388
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	124,011	115,203
Investments	2,976,596	2,980,777
Total cash and investments	\$ 10,471,314	\$ 9,767,368

Cash and investments as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 consist of the following:

Deposits with financial institutions	\$ 8,994,618	\$ 8,286,491
Cash on hand	100	100
Investments	1,476,596	1,480,777
Total cash and investments	\$ 10,471,314	\$ 9,767,368

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the District's cash deposits had bank balances of \$8,996,578 and \$8,291,674, respectively, and carrying balances of \$8,994,618 and \$8,286,491, respectively.

Deposits with financial institutions

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the federal insurance limits were \$250,000. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool for all the uninsured public deposits as a group is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust. The market value of the collateral must be at least 102% of the aggregate uninsured deposits. The State Commissioners for banks and financial services are required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

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Custodial credit risk - deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District has not adopted a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the District's bank balances and carrying balances were insured or collateralized as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Bank balances:		
Federally insured	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,750,000
Collateralized	7,246,578	6,541,674
Total bank balances	<u>\$ 8,996,578</u>	<u>\$ 8,291,674</u>
Carrying balances:		
Federally insured	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,750,000
Collateralized	7,244,618	6,536,491
Total carrying balances	<u>\$ 8,994,618</u>	<u>\$ 8,286,491</u>

Investments

The District's investment policy calls for investment diversification within the portfolio to avoid unreasonable risks inherent in over-investing in specific instruments, individual financial institutions, or maturities. The District's investments are concentrated in U.S. Treasury Obligation securities (50%) and certificates of deposit with original maturities in excess of 90 days (50%). The District's policy is to hold investments until maturity.

The District's investments are believed to have minimal credit risk, minimal interest rate risk and no foreign currency risk. In addition, it is the District's policy to maintain approximately 50 percent of their investment balance in U.S. Treasury Bills with an original maturity of one year or less as a means of further reducing interest rate risks. Colorado Revised Statutes limit investment maturities to three to five years or less unless formally approved by the Board of Directors. Such actions are generally associated with a debt service reserve or sinking fund requirements.

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Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments may invest including the following:

- Obligations of the United States, certain U.S. government agency securities and securities of the World Bank
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Certain certificates of participation
- Certain securities lending agreements
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Written repurchase agreements and certain reverse repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts
- Local government investment pools

Fair Value Measurement and Application

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The District has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2016:

- U.S Treasury securities of \$1,476,596 are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs).
- Certificates of deposit of \$1,500,000 are valued using third-party quotations (Level 2 inputs).

Restricted cash and investments

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the District had \$3,511 and \$2,703 respectively, restricted for line extension projects within the District. These deposits are being held by the District at the end of the year for unfinished projects.

The District had restricted cash of \$120,500 and \$112,500, for emergencies as required by Article X, Section 20 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado (see Note 11), as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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Note 4 – Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2016 was as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2015	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2016
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Rights of use of supplemental line	\$ 4,041,732	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,041,732
Building and ground improvements	395,522	-	-	395,522
Infrastructure	14,006,104	339,469	-	14,345,573
Vehicles	99,700	46,886	-	146,586
Office equipment	5,272	803	-	6,075
Other equipment	287,514	819	225,464	62,869
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>18,835,844</u>	<u>387,977</u>	<u>225,464</u>	<u>18,998,357</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Rights of use of supplemental line	464,802	80,834	-	545,636
Building and ground improvements	222,103	13,527	-	235,630
Infrastructure	5,788,887	283,517	-	6,072,404
Vehicles	80,585	16,159	-	96,744
Office equipment	1,599	975	-	2,574
Other equipment	277,138	3,963	225,464	55,637
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>6,835,114</u>	<u>398,975</u>	<u>225,464</u>	<u>7,008,625</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 12,000,730</u>	<u>\$ (10,998)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,989,732</u>

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December 31, 2016 and 2015

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2015 was as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2014	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2015
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Rights of use of supplemental line	\$ 4,041,732	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,041,732
Building and ground improvements	395,522	-	-	395,522
Infrastructure	13,431,681	574,448	25	14,006,104
Vehicles	99,700	-	-	99,700
Office equipment	70,448	2,703	67,879	5,272
Other equipment	325,708	4,443	42,637	287,514
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>18,364,791</u>	<u>581,594</u>	<u>110,541</u>	<u>18,835,844</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Rights of use of supplemental line	383,967	80,835	-	464,802
Building and ground improvements	208,701	13,402	-	222,103
Infrastructure	5,508,790	280,122	25	5,788,887
Vehicles	72,939	7,646	-	80,585
Office equipment	68,842	636	67,879	1,599
Other equipment	316,338	3,437	42,637	277,138
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>6,559,577</u>	<u>386,078</u>	<u>110,541</u>	<u>6,835,114</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 11,805,214</u>	<u>\$ 195,516</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,000,730</u>

Depreciation expense of \$398,975 and \$386,078 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, was charged to water operations.

The District reduced capital assets and accumulated depreciation by \$225,464 and \$110,541 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, to reflect assets that are no longer in use.

Note 5 – General Obligation Debt

The District is not obligated in any manner for general obligation debt at December 31, 2016 and 2015, nor does it have any authorized, unissued debt.

Note 6 – Net Position

The District has Net Position consisting of three components – net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

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Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the District had net investment in capital assets calculated as follows:

	2016	2015
Capital assets, not being depreciated	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Capital assets, net	11,989,732	12,000,730
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 12,014,732	\$ 12,025,730

Restricted assets include Net Position that is restricted for use either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the District had restricted Net Position as follows:

	2016	2015
Emergencies (Note 11)	\$ 120,500	\$ 112,500
Line extension projects (Note 3)	3,511	2,703
Total restricted net position	\$ 124,011	\$ 115,203

The District's unrestricted Net Position as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$10,427,030 and \$9,702,249, respectively.

Note 7 – Deferred compensation plan

The District has a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. This plan is administered by Great West Life and Annuity Insurance Company. Participation in the plan is optional for all employees. The plan allows the employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to the employee until termination, retirement, death or unforeseen emergencies. All amounts deferred under the plan are required to be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participating employees and are not accessible by the District or its creditors. During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, \$30,915 and \$26,790, respectively, were deferred at the request of the plan participants and remitted to the trustee in their behalf.

Note 8 – Commitments

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the District was under contract with the Denver Water Board for its purchase of water.

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Note 9 – Risk management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or acts of God.

The District was a member of the Colorado Special District Property and Liability Pool (the Pool) as of December 31, 2016. The Pool is an organization created by intergovernmental agreement to provide property, liability, public officials' liability, boiler and machinery, and workers compensation coverage to its members. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District pays annual premiums to the Pool for liability, property, public officials' liability and workers' compensation coverage. In the event aggregated losses incurred by the Pool exceed amounts recoverable from reinsurance contracts and funds accumulated by the Pool, the Pool may require additional contributions from the Pool members. Any excess funds which the Pool determines are not needed for purposes of the Pool may be returned to the members pursuant to a distribution formula.

Note 10 – Tax, spending and debt limitations

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado constitution, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) contains tax, spending, revenue and debt limitations which apply to the State of Colorado and all local governments.

Enterprises, defined as government-owned businesses authorized to issue revenue bonds and receiving less than 10% of annual revenue in grants from all state and local governments combined, are excluded from the provisions of TABOR. The District's management believes a significant portion of its operations qualifies for this exclusion.

Spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's fiscal year spending as adjusted for allowable increases for inflation and local growth. Fiscal year spending is generally defined as expenditures plus reserve increases with certain exceptions. Revenues in excess of the fiscal year spending limit must be refunded unless retention of such revenue has been approved by the voters.

TABOR requires local governments to establish emergency reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of fiscal year spending (excluding bonded debt service). Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls or salary or benefit increases.

The District's management believes it is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of the provisions,

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including the interpretation of how to calculate Fiscal Year Spending limits and qualification as an Enterprise will require judicial interpretation.

The District created The Valley Water District Activity Enterprise (the "Enterprise") effective November 8, 1994, for the purpose of conducting its water activities. On December 31, 1994, the District transferred to its Enterprise all of the District's General Expense Reserve Fund, together with all additions thereto to be held, invested, reinvested and utilized by the governing body of the Enterprise.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The Valley Water District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUNDS AVAILABLE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)

Water Fund

For the year ended December 31, 2016

	<u>Original and Final Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES			
Water operations			
Water sales and penalties	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,960,327	\$ 460,327
Inspection fees	2,000	3,153	1,153
Total water operations	<u>3,502,000</u>	<u>3,963,480</u>	<u>461,480</u>
Non-operating			
Water taps and permits	50,000	25,000	(25,000)
Interest income	5,000	9,604	4,604
Miscellaneous income	-	1,747	1,747
Fruitdale agreement	2,400	2,400	-
Total non-operating	<u>57,400</u>	<u>38,751</u>	<u>(18,649)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>3,559,400</u>	<u>4,002,231</u>	<u>442,831</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Operations			
Denver water costs	2,033,000	2,243,095	(210,095)
Maintenance and repairs	100,000	75,324	24,676
Total operations	<u>2,133,000</u>	<u>2,318,419</u>	<u>(185,419)</u>
General			
Automobile and truck	12,000	9,317	2,683
Gas and electric	14,000	8,983	5,017
Insurance			
Group	88,000	84,981	3,019
Liability and workmen's compensation	26,000	18,799	7,201
Maintenance and repairs - office equipment	2,000	3,239	(1,239)
Mobile communications	3,600	2,645	955
Office supplies	22,000	15,516	6,484
Payroll taxes	27,250	26,991	259
Salaries	370,000	356,312	13,688
Sanitation	400	411	(11)
Telephone	3,300	2,634	666
Uniform and towel expense	2,500	2,179	321
Total general	<u>571,050</u>	<u>532,007</u>	<u>39,043</u>

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IN FUNDS AVAILABLE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)

Water Fund

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	<u>Original and Final Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Administration			
Accounting costs	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,750	\$ 50
Conservation water information program	5,000	-	5,000
County Clerk and recorder	200	300	(100)
Directors fees	6,500	6,300	200
Dues and subscriptions	3,500	3,171	329
Education and training	5,000	465	4,535
Election expense	3,000	315	2,685
Engineering	5,000	5,782	(782)
Legal fees	9,000	7,156	1,844
Total administration	<u>44,000</u>	<u>30,239</u>	<u>13,761</u>
Capital			
Line extensions - Construction	700,000	318,779	381,221
Line extensions - Engineering	21,000	20,690	310
Line extensions - Legal	2,000	-	2,000
Building and ground improvements	15,000	-	15,000
Office equipment	7,000	803	6,197
Other equipment	65,000	47,705	17,295
Total capital	<u>810,000</u>	<u>387,977</u>	<u>422,023</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>3,558,050</u>	<u>3,268,642</u>	<u>289,408</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,350	733,589	732,239
FUNDS AVAILABLE - beginning of year	<u>8,074,690</u>	<u>9,217,264</u>	<u>1,142,574</u>
FUNDS AVAILABLE - end of year	<u>\$ 8,076,040</u>	<u>\$ 9,950,853</u>	<u>\$ 1,874,813</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUNDS AVAILABLE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)

General Fund

For the year ended December 31, 2016

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENDITURES	-	-	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	-
FUNDS AVAILABLE - beginning of year	-	600,189	600,189
FUNDS AVAILABLE - end of year	\$ -	\$ 600,189	\$ 600,189

**RECONCILIATION OF ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) TO STATEMENT
OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

Revenues (budgetary basis)	\$ 4,002,231
Total revenues per Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position	<u>4,002,231</u>
Expenditures (budgetary basis)	3,268,642
Depreciation and amortization	398,975
Capital outlay	<u>(387,977)</u>
Total expenses per Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position	<u>3,279,640</u>
Change in net position per Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position	<u>\$ 722,591</u>