

# Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District

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## Annual Financial Report

December 31, 2016



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## **Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants**

To the Board of Directors  
Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic 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 of 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.

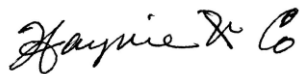
## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District, as of December 31, 2016 and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison for the general fund, as listed in the table of contents, 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.



Littleton, Colorado  
June 21, 2017

## **Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) December 31, 2016**

As management of the Animas La Plata Water Conservancy District, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2016.

This discussion and analysis is intended to be an easily readable analysis of the Animas La Plata Water Conservancy District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions and conditions. This analysis focuses on current year activities and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements that follow.

### **Report Layout**

Besides this Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the report consists of financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, and other supplementary information. Animas La Plata Water Conservancy District is a proprietary fund entity whose primary function for several years was to plan for and oversee the development of the Animas La Plata Project. This project has been completed. It is now coordinating the acquisition and transfer of project water allocations. The financial statements of Animas La Plata Water Conservancy District consist of two primary statements: the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

The Statement of Net Position reflects the cumulative financial condition of the District on December 31, 2016. Net position reflects the sum total of earnings and contributions to the District over its lifetime, net of any losses incurred.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position shows the change in financial condition from operations and other activities during the calendar year ending December 31, 2016.

This MD&A is intended to explain the significant changes in financial position and differences in operations between the current and prior year. Significant changes from the prior year are explained following the reports.

### **Budgetary Highlights**

The budgetary comparison schedule for the District is included in other Supplementary information.

**Statement of Net Position:**

	2016	2015	Change
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 253,540	\$ 248,680	\$ 4,860
Prepaid Expenses	7,415	1,748	5,667
Property Taxes Receivable	267,085	260,453	6,632
Capital Assets	<u>1,231,127</u>	<u>1,104,319</u>	<u>126,808</u>
Total Assets	1,759,167	1,615,200	143,967
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	<u>875</u>	<u>2,550</u>	<u>(1,675)</u>
Total Liabilities	875	2,550	(1,675)
<b>Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>			
Property Tax Revenue	<u>267,085</u>	<u>260,453</u>	<u>6,632</u>
Total Deferred Inflow of Resources	267,085	260,453	6,632
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,231,127	1,104,319	126,808
Restricted for Emergency Reserves	8,144	3,957	4,187
Unrestricted	<u>251,936</u>	<u>243,921</u>	<u>8,015</u>
Total Net Position	1,491,207	1,352,197	139,010
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources &amp; Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 1,759,167</u>	<u>\$ 1,615,200</u>	<u>\$ 143,967</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2016, total assets increased by \$143,967. This increase was due primarily to purchasing additional water allocations of \$116,017.

**Statement of Activities:**

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Change</b>
Taxes			
Property Taxes Receivable	\$ 259,904	\$ 249,895	\$ 10,009
Specific Ownership Taxes	22,598	22,740	(142)
Interest & Penalties	606	581	25
Interest Income	462	395	67
Other Local Sources	100	100	-
Total Revenues	<u>283,670</u>	<u>273,711</u>	<u>9,959</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
General Government			
Board Expenses	6,384	5,142	1,242
Administration			
Personnel	51,082	48,663	2,419
Other Services	4,530	4,936	(406)
County Treasurer Fees	7,734	7,429	305
Rent	14,007	12,852	1,155
Dues & Memberships	1,720	1,881	(161)
Professional & Technical Services	13,649	17,337	(3,688)
Supplies	328	467	(139)
Water Conservation and Assistance Activities			
Professional & Technical Services	5,000	5,000	-
Other Services	40,226	13,414	26,812
Total Expenditures	<u>144,660</u>	<u>117,121</u>	<u>27,539</u>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 139,010</u>	<u>\$ 156,590</u>	<u>\$ (17,580)</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the District's Revenues increased by \$9,959. This increase was due primarily to an increase in property tax revenue collected resulting from an increase in property valuation.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the District's expenses increased by \$27,539. This was primarily due to an increase in water conservation and assistance activities.

**Financial Contact**

The District's financial statements are designed to present citizens with a general overview of the District's finances and demonstrate the District's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact Executive Director, Bruce Whitehead, 841 E. 2nd Avenue, Durango, Colorado 81301 or 970 247-2659.

## **Basic Financial Statements**

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2016**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 253,540
Other assets	7,415
Property taxes receivable	267,085
Capital assets, net	<u>1,231,127</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,759,167</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 875</u>
<b>Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>	
Property tax revenue	<u>267,085</u>
Total deferred inflow of resources	<u>267,085</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	1,231,127
Restricted - emergency reserves	8,144
Unrestricted	<u>251,936</u>
Total Net Position	<u>1,491,207</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources and Net Position	<u>\$ 1,759,167</u>

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

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

<u>Functions/Program Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental activities:		
General government	\$ 6,384	\$ (6,384)
Administration	93,050	(93,050)
Water conservation and assistance activities	45,226	(45,226)
Total governmental activities	144,660	(144,660)
<b>General revenues:</b>		
Taxes		
Property taxes		259,904
Specific ownership taxes		22,598
Interest and penalties		606
Interest income		462
Other local sources		100
<b>Total general revenues</b>		<b>283,670</b>
<b>Change in net position</b>		<b>139,010</b>
<b>Net position - beginning of year</b>		<b>1,352,197</b>
<b>Net position - end of year</b>		<b>\$ 1,491,207</b>

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

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Governmental Fund Balance Sheet**  
**and Reconciliation of Fund Balances to Net Position**  
**December 31, 2016**

	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 253,540
Prepaid expense	7,415
Property taxes receivable	<u>267,085</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 528,040</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 875
Total liabilities	<u>875</u>
<b>Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>	
Property tax revenue	<u>267,085</u>
Total deferred inflow of resources	<u>267,085</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
Restricted for emergency reserves	8,144
Assigned - subsequent year's expenditures	<u>251,936</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>260,080</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources and Fund Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 528,040</u></u>

**Reconciliation of Fund Balance to Net Position**

<b>Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ 260,080</b>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position excluded from the governmental fund balance because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are excluded from the funds.	
Governmental capital assets	<u>1,231,127</u>
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,491,207</u></u>

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

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures,**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Taxes	
Property taxes	\$ 259,904
Specific ownership taxes	22,598
Interest and penalties	606
Interest income	462
Other local sources	100
Total Revenues	283,670
<b>Expenses</b>	
General government	
Board expenses	6,384
Administration	
Personnel	51,082
Other services	4,530
County treasurers' fees	7,734
Rent	14,007
Dues and subscriptions	1,720
Professional and technical services	13,649
Supplies	328
Capital outlay	126,808
Water conservation and assistance activities	
Professional and technical services	5,000
Other Services	40,226
Total Expenditures	271,468
<b>Excess of Revenues over Expenditures</b>	12,202
<b>Fund balances:</b>	
Beginning of the year	247,878
End of the year	\$ 260,080

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

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

**Net change in fund balance—total governmental funds** \$ 12,202

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives. Donations of capital assets increase the net position in the statement of activities, but do not appear in the governmental funds because they are not

Capital Outlays	126,808
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<b>Change in net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ 139,010</b>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# **Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

### **December 31, 2016**

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#### **1. Definition of Reporting Entity**

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Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District (the District), operates under the statutes governing conservancy districts of the State of Colorado. Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District (the District) was organized in 1981 to acquire and appropriate water of the Animas and La Plata rivers and their tributaries by means of “works” as defined in the “Water Conservancy Act” and to divert, store, transport, conserve and stabilize all of these supplies of water for beneficial uses within and for the District. The District operates under a Board of Directors, which is appointed by the Water Court Judge.

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, the District's ability to impose its will on the organization, a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens and fiscal dependency.

Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District is not financially accountable for any other organization, nor is the District a component unit of any other primary governmental entity.

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#### **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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This summary of the Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District's significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in interpreting the financial statements and other data in this report. The policies are considered essential and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

##### **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Neither fiduciary funds nor component units that are fiduciary in nature are included in the government-wide financial statements. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

# Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### December 31, 2016

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Only current assets and liabilities are included on the balance sheet, and the fund balance includes only spendable resources. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized as soon as they are 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 pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred as under accrual accounting. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

The District has one governmental fund:

**General Fund** - The general fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government.

### **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 appropriation can only be modified upon completion of notification and publication requirements.

On or before October 15, the District staff submits to the Board a proposed budget for the next fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. Public hearings are conducted by the Board of Directors to obtain taxpayer comments. State law requires that the District adopt a budget prior to the certification of its mill levy to the county and file a certified copy of its budget with the Division of Local Government within 30 days of such adoption. Failure to do so can result in the County Treasurer withholding future property tax revenues pending compliance by the District. The District filed the certified copy of its budget timely for 2016.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The District considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
**December 31, 2016**

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include water allocation and land, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

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, as applicable. The District uses the straight line depreciation method over the calculated useful life of applicable assets. Due to the nature of the capital assets currently recorded as non-depreciating assets, the District has not recorded any depreciation expense in the current year.

The District has implemented GASB 51, which changes the way intangible assets are treated and amortized on the financial statements. The District's intangible assets are water allocations (depletions). Based on GASB 51, intangible assets with an indefinite life should not be amortized unless their useful life is subsequently determined to be no longer indefinite due to a change in circumstances. The District has determined that its water allocations (depletions) have an indefinite life and will not be amortized.

**Allowance for Uncollectibles**

No allowance for uncollectibles has been provided because the District's receivables are property taxes, and the County Treasurer is empowered to file liens on properties where delinquencies exist. Accordingly, the District believes any delinquencies will eventually be paid.

**Reserves**

The District records reserves to indicate that a portion of the fund balance is legally segregated for a specific future use. The following is a list of reserves used by the District and a description of each:

Reserved for Emergencies - An account used to reflect equity of the District which is restricted for emergency purposes by the Tabor Amendment of the State of Colorado Constitution. "Emergency" excludes economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or District salary and fringe benefit increases.

# Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### December 31, 2016

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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### Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes

In the governmental fund financial statements property tax revenue is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Property tax receivable is recognized on the levy or lien date. This receivable represents taxes certified by the District to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. Although the succeeding year property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is deferred and will not be recognized as revenue until the year in which the taxes are collected.

The District's property taxes, levied by December 15, on assessed valuation as of the preceding January 1, are due and payable in the subsequent calendar year. Assessed values are established by the county assessor. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of the year in which payable. The taxes are payable under two methods: 1) in full on or before April 30, 2) one-half on or before February 28, and the remaining one-half on or before June 15. All unpaid taxes levied for the preceding year become delinquent June 16.

### 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 at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Fund Equity

Fund balance for governmental funds should be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which spending can occur. Governmental funds report up to five classifications of fund balance: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. Because circumstances differ among governments, not every government or every governmental fund will present all of these components. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints.

- *Nonspendable fund balance* – The portion of fund balance that cannot be spent because it is either not in spendable form (such as prepaid amounts or inventory) or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted fund balance* – The portion of fund balance that is constrained to being used for a specific purpose by external parties (such as bondholders), constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
**December 31, 2016**

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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- *Committed fund balance* – The portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government’s highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Directors. The constraint may be removed or changed only through formal action of the Board of Directors.
- *Assigned fund balance* – The portion of fund balance that is constrained by the government’s intent to be used for specific purposes, but is neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the Board of Directors to be used for a specific purpose. Constraints imposed on the use of assigned amounts are more easily removed or modified than those imposed on amounts that are classified as committed.
- *Unassigned fund balance* – The residual portion of fund balance that does not meet any of the criteria described above.

If more than one classification of fund balance is available for use when an expenditure is incurred, it is the District’s policy to use the most restrictive classification first.

**Subsequent Events**

The District evaluated all events or transactions that occurred after December 31, 2016 through June 21, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**3. Capital Assets**

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	<b>December 31,</b>			<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Retirements</b>	<b>2016</b>
Land	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Equipment	-	10,791	-	10,791
Water allocation	<u>604,319</u>	<u>116,017</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>720,336</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,104,319</u>	<u>\$ 126,808</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,127</u>

There was no depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2016. See note 2 above.

# Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### December 31, 2016

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#### 4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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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. 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 equal to 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.

As of December 31, 2016, the District's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$243,575 and a carrying balance of \$243,057, of which all was FDIC insured.

#### **Investments**

The District has not adopted a formal investment policy; however, the District follows state statutes regarding investments.

The District generally limits its concentration of investments to those noted with an asterisk (\*) below, which are believed to have minimal credit risk, minimal interest rate risk and no foreign currency risk. Additionally, the District is not subject to concentration risk disclosure requirements or subject to investment custodial credit risk for investments that are in the possession of another party.

Colorado revised statutes limit investment maturities 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.

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

- Obligations of the United States, certain U.S. government agency securities and the World Bank
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Bankers acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper

# Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### December 31, 2016

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#### 4. Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

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- Written repurchase agreements and certain reverse repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Guaranteed investment contracts
- \* Local government investment pools

The local government investment pools, which include the Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE) and the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (Colotrust) are both rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

As of December 31, 2016, the District had the following cash equivalents with terms less than 3 months and that are fully liquid:

ColoTrust	\$ <u>10,483</u>
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#### **COLOTRUST**

The District invested in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (the Trust), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. The Trust offers shares in two portfolios, COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+. Both portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. COLOTRUST PLUS+ may also invest in certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper and repurchase agreements collateralized by certain obligations of U.S. government agencies. A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for the Trust's portfolios pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for the Trust's investment portfolios and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. The custodian's internal records segregate investments owned by the Trust. Colotrust is rated AAAM by Standard & Pooors.

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#### 5. Tax, Spending and Debt Limitations

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Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments. The amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District has made certain interpretations of the amendment's language in order to determine its compliance. The District has established an

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**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
**December 31, 2016**

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**5. Tax, Spending and Debt Limitations**

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emergency reserve of 3% of its 2016 fiscal spending in accordance with the provisions of the Amendment. Restricted net assets and fund balances consist of amounts restricted for emergency purposes by the Tabor Amendment in the amount of \$8,144.

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**6. Lease Agreements**

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**Occupancy Lease**

The District has a month to month sublease agreement for office space and utilities with the Southwestern Water Conservation District. The monthly lease amount is based on the percent of use by Animas La-Plata Water Conservancy District. Total rent expense for 2016 paid by Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District was \$14,007 and included the District's proportionate share of the office's monthly janitorial service, electric, water, sewer, trash, and gas charges.

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**7. Payroll Cost Share Agreement**

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The District has an agreement with Southwestern Water Conservation District wherein Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District reimburses Southwestern Water Conservation District for a portion of payroll, payroll related liabilities, retirement obligations and health insurance, which are calculated monthly. The District paid the Southwestern Water Conservation District \$51,082 for the expenses in 2016.

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**8. Risk Management**

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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. Commercial insurance is purchased by the District to cover losses or claims arising from such matters. It is not possible to estimate any losses which would not be covered by the commercial insurance; however, settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years.

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**9. Commitments and Water Allocation (Depletion)**

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The District entered into a cost sharing agreement for the Animas-La Plata Project in 1988. That agreement required the District to pay \$75,000 toward cost sharing of the project with payments of \$5,000 per year, commencing the first year the United States Secretary of the Interior expends funds for the project. As part of the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act Amendment of 2000, the District was allocated 2,600 acre feet of water depletions from the project in exchange for payment of a portion of the construction costs for the project. The amount of payment required to be paid by the District to the United States in 2000 was \$7,256,750.

The District contracted with the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to pay the required amount to the United States, and the District assigned its rights to the 2,600 acre feet of water depletions to the Authority.

In April 2005, the District contracted with the Authority to purchase back 700 acre feet of water depletions for their estimated purchase price of \$1,800,000. The District made a down payment of \$90,453, with the balance to be due at closing, when water was available from the project. In December 2012, the District renegotiated its contract and purchased 105 acre feet of water depletions from the Authority in the amount of \$269,126 of which \$112,935 of that amount was the initial down payment and \$156,191 was an additional cash payment. Including and subsequent to this water allocation purchase contract, the District purchased water depletions as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Acre Feet of depletions</u>	<u>Value</u>
Allocation contract	2012	105	\$ 269,126
Depletion purchase	2013	32	103,662
Depletion purchase	2014	35	114,996
Depletion purchase	2015	36	116,535
Depletion purchase	2016	<u>36</u>	<u>116,017</u>
Totals		<u>244</u>	<u>\$ 720,336</u>

The Animas-La Plata Project began operations in 2013 and the District is responsible for its portion of the costs to operate and maintain the project. The District's portion is based on the amount of acre feet of water depletions which the District has purchased. The amount of these costs is determined on an annual basis and was \$9,726 in 2016.

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**10. Joint Venture**

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The District is a participant in the Colorado Special Districts' Property and Liability Pool. The Pool is a joint venture between the Special Districts' Association of Colorado and various special districts in Colorado. The Pool provides property and general liability, automobile physical damage and liability, public officials' liability, inland marine, money and security and boiler and machinery coverage to its members. The District has not had any significant reductions in coverage or any losses of a material amount in any of the preceding three years. The District does not know its percentage share of the joint venture. The Pool has contracted with other third parties to operate, administer and manage the Pool. The Pool is responsible for its own budgets. In the event aggregated losses incurred by the Pool exceeds amounts recoverable from the reinsurance contracts and capital and surplus accumulated by the Pool, the Pool may require additional contributions from the Pool members.

The Pool issues a publicly available annual financial report that includes financial statements and supplementary information. That report may be obtained by calling the Colorado Special District Association at 303-863-1733 in the Denver metro area and 1-800-886-1733 from outside the metro area.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balance—Actual and Budget**  
**Governmental Fund Type—General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	Original & Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes			
Property taxes	\$ 260,453	\$ 259,904	\$ (549)
Specific ownership taxes	18,000	22,598	4,598
Interest and penalties	500	606	106
Total tax revenue	278,953	283,108	4,155
Other revenue			
Interest earned	400	462	62
Water Sale	158,000	-	(158,000)
Administrative Fee for Water Sale	8,000	-	(8,000)
Miscellaneous	100	100	-
Total other revenue	166,500	562	(165,938)
Total revenue	445,453	283,670	(161,783)
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
General government			
Board expenses	8,100	6,384	1,716
Administration			
Personnel	50,988	51,082	(94)
Other Services	5,900	4,530	1,370
County treasurers' fees	8,400	7,734	666
Rent	13,500	14,007	(507)
Dues and subscriptions	2,000	1,720	280
Professional and technical services	26,400	13,649	12,751
Supplies	600	328	272
Water conservation and assistance activities			
Professional and technical services	5,500	5,000	500
Other Services	40,200	40,226	(26)
Total Operating Expenditures	161,588	144,660	16,928
Other Expenditures			
Capital Outlay	283,000	126,808	156,192
Contingency	20,000	-	20,000
Emergency Reserves	4,848	-	4,848
Total Other Expenditures	307,848	126,808	181,040
Total Expenditures	469,436	271,468	197,968
<b>Excess Revenue Over (Under)</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>	(23,983)	12,202	36,185
<b>Fund Balance—Beginning of year</b>	246,117	247,878	1,761
<b>Fund Balance—End of Year</b>	\$ 222,134	\$ 260,080	\$ 37,946