

**MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN  
WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**

Financial Statements

December 31, 2016



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## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District  
Routt County, Colorado

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District (the 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 an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 opinion.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Report on Summarized Comparative Financial Information

We have previously audited the District's December 31, 2015 financial statements and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated March 22, 2016. In our opinion, the summarized comparative financial information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

### Other Matters

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3-6 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 the 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.

#### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information consisting of the Enterprise Fund schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – budget and actual on page 16 is presented for purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 the basic financial statement themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Steamboat Springs, Colorado  
April 20, 2017

**MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2016**

The discussion and analysis of the Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's (the "District") financial performance provides readers with an overall review of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2016. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial position as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The District's assets exceeded liabilities by \$4,243,491 an increase of \$104,404 from 2015.
- Total District's cash and investments increased by \$44,288. The new balance is \$1,470,777
- The Districts reserve cash increased by \$15,769. The new balance is \$1,128,324.

**USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are prepared and organized so the reader can understand the District as a financial whole. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at our specific financial conditions.

**OVERVIEW OF THE DISTRICTS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Fund Financial Statements**

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all District 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 is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position* presents information showing how net position changed during the current 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 related cash flows. Thus revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected service fees and earned but unused vacation leave).

The *Statement of Cash Flows* presents information about the cash receipts and cash payments of the District during the current year. When used with related disclosures and information in the other financial statements, the information provided in this statement should help financial report users assess the District's ability to generate future net cash flows, its ability to meet its obligations as they come due and its need for external financing. It also provides insight into the reasons for differences between operating income and associated cash receipts and payments; and the effects on the District's financial position of its cash and its non-cash investing, capital and related financing transactions during the year.

**Notes to Financial Statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 10 to 15 of this report.

**Budgetary Comparisons.** The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for the Enterprise Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the Enterprise Fund on Page 16 of this report.

**REPORTING THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE**

**Net Position.** As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government’s financial position. The following table presents a summary of the district’s net position for 2015 and 2016.

	<b>Business Type Activities</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and other assets	\$1,825,178	\$1,905,659
Capital assets	2,667,120	2,733,683
Total assets	4,492,298	4,639,342
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current and other liabilities	58,106	88,706
Deferred Inflow of resources	295,105	307,145
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	353,211	395,851
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,667,120	2,733,683
Restricted Tabor	19,759	22,355
Unrestricted	1,452,208	1,487,453
Total Net Position	\$ 4,139,087	4,243,491

A significant portion of the District’s net position are liquid & designated for capital project funds totaling \$1,470,777 which can be used to meet the ongoing obligations to patrons and creditors. Another significant portion of the District’s net position reflects its investment in capital assets. These assets include land, buildings plant, equipment and construction in progress. These capital assets are used to provide services to patrons; consequently they are not available for future spending. The following table indicates the changes in net position for 2015 and 2016.

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
<b>Program revenues:</b>		
Charge for Services	\$340,889	379,367
Tap Fees	16,000	48,000
<b>General Revenues:</b>		
General property taxes	275,211	285,783
Specific ownership tax	20,266	20,929
Interest	6,275	11,100
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$658,641</b>	<b>\$745,179</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Payroll and employee benefits	\$ 249,981	255,506
Repairs & Maintenance	40,199	79,687
Professional Services	26,096	30,906
Engineering	29,416	43,283
Electric	28,937	29,903
Supplies & Operation	25,851	24,293
Outside Services	4,141	5,806
Insurance	18,642	20,242
Water Storage	22,089	22,134
Office	19,658	16,303
Directors Fees	5,800	4,800
Other	9,748	9,748
Depreciation	98,381	98,419
Total	578,939	640,775
Increase or decrease in net position	<b>79,702</b>	<b>104,404</b>

The District’s net position increased by \$104,404 in 2016 as compared with an increase of \$79,702 in 2015.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUND**

Information about the District's operations begins on page 7. This fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting.

As of December 31, 2016 the total net position of the District's proprietary fund was \$4,243,491. Total cash & cash equivalents equals \$1,470,777. Approximately 20% of this or \$342,453 consists of unreserved fund equity, which is available as working capital and for current spending in accordance with the purposes of the District. The remainder of the fund equity is reserved to indicate it is not available for new spending because it is committed for the following purpose: 1) a state-constitution mandated emergency reserve of \$22,355 and 2) capital project and replacement fund of \$1,128,324. The District had total revenue of \$745,179 and total expenditures of \$707,338 not including \$98,419 for depreciation.

**BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The District's budget is prepared according to Colorado Statutes.

	<b>2016 Water &amp; Sanitation Fund Budget</b>	
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$4,139,087	\$4,139,087
Revenue & Other Sources	721,152	745,179
<u>Expenditures &amp; Depreciation</u>	<u>(1,307,219)</u>	<u>(640,775)</u>
Ending Fund balance		\$4,243,491

Actual revenue was \$24,027 more than budgeted. This was primarily due to more tap fees than budgeted. There were 3 tap fees were collected in 2016. Expenditures were \$501,462 less than budgeted.

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets.** The District's investment in capital assets for its business-type activities as of December 31, 2016 totaled \$2,733,683 after accumulated depreciation. This investment includes all land, buildings, plant, equipment and construction in progress. The total increase in investment in capital assets for the current year was \$164,982.

The District uses the straight line depreciation method under GASB for its capital assets, except for land which is not depreciated.

**Long Term Debt.** During the year ended December 31, 2016 the District had no long term debt.

## **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND OTHER MATTERS**

**Other Matters.** The following factors are expected to have a significant effect on the District's financial position and results of operation and will have a significant effect on the District's future financial position and budget:

- A permanent reduction in property tax revenue due to the severe drop in the total assessed valuation in the District and the rejection by the electorate to allow an increase in the mill-levy.
- The rapidly accelerating need for capital replacement of the District's infrastructure -the majority of which is now 46 years old.
- Interest in development in Stagecoach appears to be on the rise which may result in an increase in tap and vault impact fee revenue. This can be limited by the many pre-paid tap fees which exist however.

## **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided or for additional financial information should be addressed to the District, 24490 Uncompahgre Road, Oak Creek, CO 80467.

**MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2016**  
(with summarized financial information as of December 31, 2015)

	2016	2015
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 342,453	\$ 313,934
Accounts receivable	80,191	72,274
Due from other government	1,854	1,869
Accrued interest receivable	1,813	1,813
Property taxes receivable	307,145	295,105
Prepaid expenses	28,197	10,594
Inventory	15,682	17,034
Total current assets	777,335	712,623
Noncurrent assets:		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,733,683	2,667,120
Reserve cash	1,128,324	1,112,555
Total assets	4,639,342	4,492,298
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	23,782	8,712
Retainage payable	7,405	-
Prebilled charges for services	53,496	45,604
Other liabilities	4,023	3,790
Total current liabilities	88,706	58,106
Total liabilities	88,706	58,106
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>		
Deferred property tax revenues	307,145	295,105
Total deferred inflows of resources	307,145	295,105
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	2,733,683	2,667,120
Restricted for:		
Emergencies	22,355	19,759
Unrestricted	1,487,453	1,452,208
Total net position	\$ 4,243,491	\$ 4,139,087

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

**MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**  
(with summarized financial information for the year ended December 31, 2015)

	2016	2015
<b>Operating revenues:</b>		
Charges for services	\$ 373,932	\$ 319,898
Other	5,435	20,991
Total operating revenues	379,367	340,889
<b>Operating expenses:</b>		
Wages and benefits	255,506	249,981
Repairs and maintenance	79,687	40,199
Professional fees	30,906	26,096
Engineering	43,283	29,416
Electric	29,903	28,937
Supplies and operations	24,293	25,851
Outside services	5,806	4,141
Insurance	20,242	18,642
Water storage	22,134	22,089
Office	16,303	19,658
Directors fees	4,800	5,800
Other	9,493	9,748
Depreciation	98,419	98,381
Total operating expenses	640,775	578,939
Operating income (loss)	(261,408)	(238,050)
<b>Non-operating revenues:</b>		
Property taxes, net of treasurer fees	285,783	275,211
Specific ownership taxes	20,929	20,266
Interest income	11,100	6,275
Total non-operating revenues	317,812	301,752
Income before other revenues, expenses, gains and losses	56,404	63,702
<b>Other revenues, expenses, gains and losses:</b>		
Tap fees	48,000	16,000
Other revenues, expenses, gains and losses	48,000	16,000
Change in net position	104,404	79,702
Net position, beginning of year	4,139,087	4,059,385
Net position, end of year	\$ 4,243,491	\$ 4,139,087

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**MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**  
(with summarized financial information for the year ended December 31, 2015)

	2016	2015
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Cash received from customers	\$ 379,575	\$ 335,006
Cash payments to employees for services	(196,404)	(193,054)
Cash payments to other suppliers of goods or services	(360,300)	(292,141)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(177,129)	(150,189)
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>		
Taxes collected, net of treasurer fees	306,727	295,427
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	306,727	295,427
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>		
Payments to acquire, construct, or improve capital assets	(144,410)	(298,935)
Tap fees collected	48,000	16,000
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(96,410)	(282,935)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Interest received	11,100	6,275
Net cash provided by investing activities	11,100	6,275
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	44,288	(131,422)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,426,489	1,557,911
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,470,777	\$ 1,426,489
Composition of cash and cash equivalents at year end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 342,453	\$ 313,934
Reserve cash	1,128,324	1,112,555
	\$ 1,470,777	\$ 1,426,489
<b>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by activities:</b>		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (261,408)	\$ (238,050)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	98,419	98,381
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	(7,917)	(13,027)
Prepaid expenses	(17,603)	(255)
Inventory	1,352	(1,720)
(Decrease) increase in:		
Accounts payable, net of capital items	1,903	(2,662)
Prebilled charges for services	7,892	6,950
Other liabilities	233	194
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ (177,129)	\$ (150,189)

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

**MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2016**  
(with summarized financial information as of December 31, 2015 and for the year then ended)

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District (the District) was formed in 1972 to provide water and sanitation services for the Stagecoach Development located in Routt County, Colorado. Stagecoach is a rural community of approximately 500 residents located between the Town of Oak Creek and the City of Steamboat Springs. The District was formed as a special district pursuant to Title 32 of Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS).

The District's financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for the establishment of US GAAP in governmental entities. The following summary of the more significant accounting policies of the District is presented to assist the reader in interpreting these financial statements and should be viewed as an integral part of this report.

*Reporting Entity*

The reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, i.e., the District, and (b) organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District does not have any component units for which it is financially accountable.

*Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting*

The District operates as an enterprise and the accompanying proprietary fund financial statements use a flow of economic resources measurement focus to determine net income and financial position. The accounting principles used are similar to those applicable to businesses in the private sector and, thus, this fund is maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

*Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position*

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments, including reserve balance, with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Fair Value Measurements

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by US GAAP. 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; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

Investments in the Colorado Government Liquid Trust (COLOTRUST), an external investment pool, are stated at share price which is substantially the same as fair value and are categorized as Level 1.

Accounts Receivable

Amounts due to the District from charges for services provided are reported as accounts receivable. The District's management reviews accounts receivable periodically to consider the collectability of the balances. District management believes all accounts receivable to be fully collectible at December 31, 2016 and 2015. Therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts has been established.

Prepaid Expenses

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses.

Inventories

Inventories consist of meters, chemicals, liquids and supplies used in District operations and are valued at cost.

**MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2016**  
(with summarized financial information as of December 31, 2015 and for the year then ended)

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

*Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position (continued)*

Capital Assets

Capital assets include sewage treatment plant and distribution systems, water systems, and furniture, fixtures and equipment. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial cost of \$500 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or fair value if contributed to the District. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's useful life are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Years
Sewage treatment plant and distribution systems	30-40
Water tank	30
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5-7

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position includes a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District's deferred inflows of resources consist solely of unavailable revenues from property taxes.

*Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses*

The proprietary fund financial statements distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses are those that result from providing services associated with the principal activities of the District. Operating expenses include the cost of ongoing operations, related administrative expenses, and depreciation expense. Non-operating revenues and expenses are all those that do not meet the criteria described previously.

*Property Taxes*

Property taxes are levied on December 15 of each year and attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. Taxes are payable in full on April 30 or in two installments on February 28 and June 15. The Routt County Treasurer's office collects property taxes and remits collections to the District on a monthly basis.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the financial statement date and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Comparative Financial Statements*

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative financial information in total. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with US GAAP. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 from which the summarized financial information was derived.

**MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2016**  
(with summarized financial information as of December 31, 2015 and for the year then ended)

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

*New Accounting Pronouncements*

Effective January 1, 2016, the District adopted the provisions of the following GASB Statements:

- GASB Statement No. 72, “*Fair Value Measurement and Application*.” The effect of this adoption is to improve financial reporting by clarifying the definition of fair value for financial reporting purposes, establishing general principles for measuring fair value, and enhancing disclosures about fair value measurements.
- GASB Statement No. 77, “*Tax Abatement Disclosures*.” The effect of this adoption is to improve disclosure of tax abatement information about (1) the District’s own tax abatement agreements and (2) those that are entered into by other governments and that reduce the District’s tax revenues. This Statement defines a tax abatement as resulting from an agreement between a government and an individual or entity in which the government promises to forgo tax revenues and the individual or entity promises to subsequently take a specific action that contributes to the economic development or otherwise benefits the government or its citizens.

The District has not entered into any tax abatement agreements nor has any other government that reduces the District’s tax revenues.

**Note 2: Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability**

*Budgetary Information*

Budgets are adopted on a non-US GAAP basis wherein depreciation is not budgeted; capital expenditures are budgeted and recorded as expenditures.

The District conforms to the following procedures, in compliance with CRS, Title 29, Article 1, in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Prior to October 15, the Director submits to the Board of Directors a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- Public notice is offered by the Board of Directors to obtain taxpayer comments.
- Prior to December 31, the budget is adopted by formal resolution.
- Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Revisions that alter the total expenditures must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- All appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

The District did not adopt any supplemental appropriations during 2016.

*Compliance*

The District did not have expenditures in excess of appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2016.

*TABOR Amendment*

In November 1992, Colorado voters amended Article X of the Colorado Constitution by adding Section 20, commonly known as the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR). TABOR contains tax spending, revenue and debt limitations which apply to the State of Colorado and all local governments, excluding enterprises. TABOR requires, with certain exceptions, advance voter approval for any new tax, tax rate increase, mill levy above that for the prior year, extension of any expiring tax, or tax policy change directly causing a net tax revenue gain to any local government.

Future spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year’s fiscal year spending adjusted for allowable increases based upon inflation and local growth. Fiscal year spending is generally defined as expenditures plus reserve increases with certain exceptions. Revenue in excess of the fiscal year spending limit must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

**MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2016**  
(with summarized financial information as of December 31, 2015 and for the year then ended)

**Note 2: Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability (continued)**

*TABOR Amendment (continued)*

Except for refinancing bonded debt at a lower interest rate or adding new employees to existing pension plans, TABOR requires advance voter approval for the creation of any multiple-fiscal year debt or other financial obligation unless adequate present cash reserves are pledged irrevocably and held for payments in all future fiscal years.

TABOR requires local governments to establish emergency reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of current 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 has reserved \$22,355 of the December 31, 2016 fund balance for this purpose.

The District's voters passed a ballot question on November 4, 2003, authorizing the District to collect, retain and spend for any lawful purpose the full revenues generated from all sources in fiscal year 2003 and in each fiscal year thereafter.

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

**Note 3: Detailed Notes on the Fund**

*Deposits*

The carrying amount of the District's deposits at December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$572,609 and \$584,439, respectively, and bank balances were \$592,912 and \$599,306, respectively. Of the bank balances, \$273,703 and \$290,109 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, was covered by federal deposit insurance and \$319,209 and \$309,197, respectively, was uninsured but collateralized in accordance with provisions of the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA).

The 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 collateral pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must equal or exceed 102% of the aggregate uninsured deposits.

*Investments*

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the District had \$898,068 and \$839,320, respectively, invested in the COLOTRUST PLUS+ fund. COLOTRUST PLUS+ is a short-term money market fund organized in conformity with Part 7 of Article 75 of Title 24, CRS. The portfolio offers Colorado governmental entities a convenient and efficient means to pool their funds to take advantage of short-term investments and maximize net interest earnings. COLOTRUST PLUS+'s investment objective is to obtain as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity. The investment advisor for COLOTRUST PLUS+ is Public Trust Advisors LLC, a Colorado-based investment adviser, registered with the SEC. The portfolio manager is responsible for making all of the investment decisions for the portfolio. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is custodian of the portfolio's securities and cash. COLOTRUST PLUS+ portfolio invests in U.S. Treasury securities, federal instrumentality securities, agency securities, repurchase agreements, tri-party repurchase agreements, collateralized bank deposits, the highest rated commercial paper, and highly-rated corporate bonds. The COLOSTRUS PLUS+ fund holds a 'AAAm' rating by Standard and Poor's.

The District's investments are subject to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the District currently invests only in investment pools which may be redeemed at any time.

*Reserve Cash*

The District's board of directors has designated a reserve cash balance for future capital improvements. The reserve cash balance at December 31, 2016 is \$1,128,324.

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**Note 3: Detailed Notes on the Fund (continued)**

*Capital Assets*

Capital asset activity for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 is summarized below:

	December 31, 2015 Balance	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2016 Balance
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land easement	\$ 5,538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,538
Engineering plans	190,000	-	-	190,000
<b>Total non-depreciable capital assets</b>	<b>195,538</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>195,538</b>
Depreciable capital assets:				
Sew age treatment plant and distribution systems; water systems	6,438,409	164,982	-	6,603,391
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	492,512	-	(5,429)	487,083
<b>Total depreciable capital assets</b>	<b>6,930,921</b>	<b>164,982</b>	<b>(5,429)</b>	<b>7,090,474</b>
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,459,339)	(98,419)	5,429	(4,552,329)
<b>Net depreciable capital assets</b>	<b>2,471,582</b>	<b>66,563</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,538,145</b>
<b>Total capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 2,667,120</b>	<b>\$ 66,563</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,733,683</b>
	December 31, 2014 Balance	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2015 Balance
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land easement	\$ 5,538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,538
Engineering plans	190,000	-	-	190,000
<b>Total non-depreciable capital assets</b>	<b>195,538</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>195,538</b>
Depreciable capital assets:				
Sew age treatment plant and distribution systems; water systems	6,175,284	263,125	-	6,438,409
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	482,533	9,979	-	492,512
<b>Total depreciable capital assets</b>	<b>6,657,817</b>	<b>273,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,930,921</b>
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,360,958)	(98,381)	-	(4,459,339)
<b>Net depreciable capital assets</b>	<b>2,296,859</b>	<b>174,723</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,471,582</b>
<b>Total capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 2,492,397</b>	<b>\$ 174,723</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,667,120</b>

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**Note 4: Other Information**

*Intergovernmental Agreements*

Stagecoach Reservoir Storage Agreement

The District entered into an agreement with the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) on December 5, 1986 to purchase annually on a "take or pay basis" 500 acre feet of storage water in Stagecoach Reservoir at a price of \$35.00 per acre foot for a term of thirty years. At the end of the thirty year period the District has five successive 10-year options to renew the right of purchase at the same price.

Yamcolo Reservoir Storage Agreement

The District entered into an extension and amendment agreement with the UYWCD effective July 15, 2011 for 60 acre feet of storage water in the Yamcolo Reservoir for thirty years terminating July 15, 2041. The initial purchase price for the storage water was \$68.38 per acre foot and is subject to an annual CPI increase thereafter. The District paid \$77.24 per acre foot of storage water for the year ended December 31, 2016.

*Risk Management*

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance for these risks by participation in an insurance pool.

The District is a member in the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool (the Pool). The Pool creates an opportunity for members to control their own insurance costs through the joint pooling of resources, making it possible to self-insure property, liability and workers' compensation insurance. The Pool is member-owned, and all surplus revenues support the stabilization of rates, coverage enhancements, innovation, and technology to bring the most value to its members. The Pool provides property, liability, workers' compensation and associated coverage, and claims and risk management services to its members. The District has not had losses of a material amount in any of the preceding three years.

The Pool has contracted with a third party to operate, administer and manage the Pool. 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 its members.

*Defined Compensation Plan*

District employees may voluntarily contribute to a deferred compensation plan, an Internal Revenue Code Section 457 defined contribution plan administered by Lincoln Financial Group. The plan, available to all full-time employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Plan assets are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participating employees and are not accessible by the District or its creditors.

The District's contribution for each employee and investment earnings allocated to the employee's account are fully vested. The District contributes up to 6% of full-time employees' wages. The District's contributions to the plan were \$10,169 and \$9,704 during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

*Subsequent Events*

The District evaluated subsequent events through April 20, 2017, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

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**Enterprise Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Taxes:			
General property	\$ 295,105	\$ 294,646	\$ (459)
Specific ownership	18,000	20,929	2,929
Treasury collection fees	(8,871)	(8,863)	8
Charges for services:			
Water	162,600	161,973	(627)
Sewer	187,700	189,243	1,543
Dumping fees	22,000	22,716	716
Tap fees	16,000	48,000	32,000
Interest	7,000	11,100	4,100
Other	21,618	5,435	(16,183)
Total revenues	<u>721,152</u>	<u>745,179</u>	<u>24,027</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Wages and benefits	271,500	255,506	15,994
Professional fees	107,000	30,906	76,094
Repairs and maintenance	75,000	79,687	(4,687)
Engineering	50,000	43,283	6,717
Electric	40,000	29,903	10,097
Supplies and operations	39,000	24,293	14,707
Outside services	20,000	5,806	14,194
Insurance	25,000	20,242	4,758
Water storage	22,300	22,134	166
Office	17,000	16,303	697
Directors fees	7,000	4,800	2,200
Other	35,000	9,493	25,507
Capital outlay	500,000	164,982	335,018
Total expenditures	<u>1,208,800</u>	<u>707,338</u>	<u>501,462</u>
Net income (loss) - budgetary basis	<u>\$ (487,648)</u>	37,841	<u>\$ 525,489</u>
<b>Adjustments to US GAAP basis:</b>			
Capitalized expenditures		164,982	
Depreciation		(98,419)	
Change in net position - US GAAP basis		104,404	
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>4,139,087</u>	
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$ 4,243,491</u>	