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CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
With Independent Auditors' Report

Year Ended December 31, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, 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.

Auditors' 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 those 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District, as of December 31, 2017, 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 the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District's financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the 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 financial statements as a whole.

Hoelting & Company Inc.

Colorado Springs, Colorado
June 29, 2018

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

As management of Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District (the District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Financial Highlights

- The District's *net position* has increased in 2017 by 5.48%, increasing \$360,688 from \$6,577,932 to \$6,938,620.
- Unrestricted net position increased \$297,054 or 31.58% from \$940,618 to \$1,237,672 at the end of 2017. The unrestricted component is used to finance subsequent year's operations.
- Total Assets increased 5.47% from \$6,970,101 to \$7,351,172 at year end 2017.
- Total Liabilities decreased -9.79% from \$12,980 to \$11,709 at year end 2017.
- Total revenue increased in 2017 by \$133,705.
- General government total revenues increased \$133,705 compared to 2016; Property taxes, specific ownership taxes and interest increased in 2017 in the cumulative amount of \$18,159 or 4.25%. However, other income increased by \$115,546 as a result of a favorable litigation settlement received in 2017.
- Program expenses decreased \$54,198; Administration expenses decreased by \$75,979, interest expense decreased by \$703, and water conservation expenses increased by \$22,484.
- Change in *Net Position* (our profitability) was \$360,688, an increase from 2016.
- Our governmental fund balance reported an increase in fund balance in the amount of \$297,090.

While differing in their focus and measurement methods, these financial presentations reflect our commitment to conserving and defending the water resources of Park County.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components; 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide 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, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference 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. However, you should consider other "nonfinancial" factors in assessing the impact of the changes in net position on the District's financial health, i.e., changes in the assessed valuations for the District and the condition of its water rights, related storage facilities and equipment.

The statement of activities 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 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.

Both of the government-wide financial statements identify functions of the District that are principally to be supported by taxes (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the District include providing administrative services from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 1-2 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental fund. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District has only one type of fund—a governmental fund which is titled "General Fund" and which accounts for all of the District's activities. The District's governmental fund-general fund financial information is presented separately on pages 3-6 of this report as the governmental fund balance sheet-General Fund and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance-General Fund.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for this fund in the basic financial statements to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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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 financial statements can be found on pages 7-15 of this report.

Supplemental information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplemental information. The supplemental information is located after the basic financial statements on page 17 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The District's assets exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$6,938,620 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

	Net Position			
	2017	2016	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Assets:				
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,664,498	\$ 1,347,025	\$ 317,473	23.57%
Capital Assets	5,686,674	5,623,076	63,598	1.13%
Total Assets	7,351,172	6,970,101	381,071	5.47%
Liabilities:				
Current and Other Liabilities	11,709	12,980	(1,271)	-9.79%
Total Liabilities	11,709	12,980	(1,271)	-9.79%
Deferred Inflows of Resources	400,843	379,189	21,654	5.71%
Net Position:				
Investment in Capital Assets	5,686,674	5,623,076	63,598	1.13%
Restricted for -				
Emergency Reserves (TABOR)	14,274	14,238	36	0.25%
Unrestricted	1,237,672	940,618	297,054	31.58%
Total Net Position	\$ 6,938,620	\$ 6,577,932	\$ 360,688	5.48%

The increase in current and other assets is primarily due to the increase in net position during 2017.

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	Changes in Net Position			
	2017	2016	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Program Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 10,000	\$ 35,006	\$ (25,006)	-71.43%
General Government:				
Property Taxes	377,760	373,790	3,970	1.06%
Specific Ownership Taxes	53,834	45,668	8,166	17.88%
Interest Earnings	13,633	7,610	6,023	79.15%
Other Income	140,552	-	140,552	100.00%
Sub-Total	585,779	427,068	158,711	37.16%
Total Revenues	595,779	462,074	133,705	28.94%
Expenses:				
General Government	143,267	219,246	(75,979)	-34.65%
Water Conservation	91,824	69,340	22,484	32.43%
Interest	-	703	(703)	-100.00%
Total Expenses	235,091	289,289	(54,198)	-18.73%
Increase (Decrease) in				
Net Position	360,688	172,785	187,903	108.75%
Net Position- Beginning	6,577,932	6,405,147	172,785	2.70%
Net Position- Ending	\$ 6,938,620	\$ 6,577,932	\$ 360,688	5.48%

The District's total revenue in 2017 increased \$133,705 from the prior year. The increase in revenue from the prior year was due to litigation settlement revenues.

Financial Analysis of the Governmental Fund

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The focus of the District's General Fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

The General Fund is the sole operating fund of the District. As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District's General Fund reported ending fund balances of \$1,251,946; \$1,237,672 constitutes unassigned fund balances, which are available for spending at the government's discretion within the parameters established and restricted balances constitute the remainder. Restricted balance is composed of \$14,274 restricted for TABOR.

Budgetary Highlights

The District's total General Fund expenditures for 2017 did not exceed appropriations. Actual expenditures were less than the final budget by \$11,487 which is primarily attributable to less general government expenditures than planned.

Capital Assets

The District had \$5,686,674 in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) as of December 31, 2017. These capital assets include storage facilities, water shares/rights, site improvements and equipment, as summarized below:

	Balance 12/31/2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2017
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Water Rights under development	\$3,075,490	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,075,490
Jointly Owned Water Shares/Rights	247,865	-	-	247,865
James R. Tingle Reservoir	613,375	-	-	613,375
Smelter Pipeline Reservoir	430,130	-	-	430,130
Guffey property	-	63,039	-	63,039
Storage Facilities under development	1,000,629	-	-	1,000,629
Total capital assets not being depreciated	5,367,489	63,039	-	5,430,528
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Site Improvements	279,215	7,777	-	286,992
Administrative Equipment	523	-	-	523
Leasehold Improvements	4,888	-	-	4,888
Total capital assets being depreciated	284,626	7,777	-	292,403
Less accumulated depreciation	(29,039)	(7,218)	-	(36,257)
Capital assets being depreciated, net	255,587	559	-	256,146
Capital assets, net	\$5,623,076	\$ 63,598	\$ -	\$5,686,674

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Debt

For the current year ended, the District's outstanding long-term debt is in the amount of \$0.

Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Park County Assessor has reported 2018 budget year assessed values have increased to \$400,843,076. Property tax revenues are expected to be \$400,843. There is no increase in the District's mill levy for 2018, nor do we have any intentions of seeking approval for a mill levy increase.

We considered the small increase in assessed valuation, together with the anticipated costs of continuing to develop storage facilities and the reduction in debt when we adopted our original 2018 budget;

- General Fund revenues are expected to increase to a projected \$493,185.
- General Fund expenses excluding expenditure for capital outlays and debt are projected at \$253,450, which is a \$226 decrease from the current 2017 year expenditures (excluding expenditures for capital outlays and debt). We expect to incur slightly higher general government expenses in 2017.

As a result of projected 2018 revenues exceeding expenditures, we expect that our General Fund Balance will increase by \$189,735 for 2018.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
P.O. Box 1747
Fairplay, CO 80440
719-836-2120

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,259,674
Cash with County Treasurer	3,981
Property taxes receivable	400,843
Capital assets not being depreciated	5,422,751
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>263,923</u>
Total assets	<u>7,351,172</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	<u>11,709</u>
Total liabilities	<u>11,709</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred property tax revenue	<u>400,843</u>
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NET POSITION

Investment in capital assets	5,686,674
Restricted for emergency reserves (TABOR)	14,274
Unrestricted	<u>1,237,672</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 6,938,620</u></u>

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

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 143,267	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (143,267)
Water conservation	91,824	10,000	-	-	(81,824)
Total governmental activities	\$ 235,091	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	(225,091)
General revenues:					
Property taxes					377,760
Specific ownership taxes					53,834
Investment earnings					13,633
Legal settlement					140,000
Other income					552
Total general revenues					585,779
Change in net position					360,688
Net position - beginning					6,577,932
Net position - ending					\$ 6,938,620

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

**CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,259,674
Cash with County Treasurer	3,981
Property taxes receivable	<u>400,843</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 1,664,498</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	<u>\$ 11,709</u>
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred property tax revenue	<u>400,843</u>
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FUND BALANCE

Restricted for emergency reserves (TABOR)	14,274
Unassigned	<u>1,237,672</u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,251,946</u>

Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 1,664,498</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Total fund balance - governmental funds \$ 1,251,946

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore are not reported in governmental funds. However in the statement of net position, the cost of these assets are capitalized and the costs of those tangible assets with determinable lives are recovered through annual depreciation charges to program expenses.

Capital assets	5,722,931
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(36,257)</u>

Net position of governmental activities \$ 6,938,620

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

**CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

REVENUES	
Property taxes	\$ 377,760
Specific ownership taxes	53,834
Net water lease revenues	10,000
Interest	13,633
Miscellaneous	<u>552</u>
Total revenues	<u>455,779</u>
 EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
General government	142,854
Water conservation	85,019
Capital outlay	<u>70,816</u>
Total expenditures	<u>298,689</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	157,090
 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Legal settlement	<u>140,000</u>
Net change in fund balance	297,090
Fund balance - beginning	<u>954,856</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u><u>\$ 1,251,946</u></u>

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

**CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Total change in fund balance - governmental funds	\$	297,090
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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 and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital outlays		70,816
Depreciation		(7,218)

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	360,688
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District (the “District”) is a municipal Corporation formed under Colorado Statutes on November 20, 1997 for the purpose of conserving and defending the water resources of Park County and to exercise any and all powers allowed by the Colorado Water Conservancy Act. The District does not provide treated water or process sewage.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applied to local governments and promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), as applicable. A summary of the significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these financial statements follows.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The District is considered a “special-purpose” government that is engaged in providing single program services, i.e. water conservation activities. The District operates under the control of an elected five-member board. The accompanying financial statements present the government and its component units, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government’s operations. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the government.

The District has no component units for which either discrete or blended presentation is required.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION—GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the government. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

C. BASIS OF PRESENTATION—FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounts of the District are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds maintained is consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The District reports the following governmental fund:

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

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flow. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis* of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current fiscal period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, specific ownership taxes, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditure-driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period of this revenue source (within 60 days of year end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in the bank and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include water rights, storage facilities, equipment, and improvements, are reported in the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an economic useful life equal to or greater than one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical 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.

Water rights and water storage facilities are not depreciated. Equipment and improvements are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives.

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Equipment	7
Improvements	5 - 50

Long-term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE (CONTINUED)

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources (continued)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow or resources (revenue) until that time.

Net position flow assumption

The District may fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted—net position and unrestricted—net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted—net position to have been depleted before unrestricted—net position is applied.

Fund balance classification

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications available to be used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was used when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE (CONTINUED)

Assigned – This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the District’s intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Directors or through the Board of Directors delegating this responsibility to management through the budgetary process. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for any governmental funds except for the General Fund.

Unassigned – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts.

The District would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

F. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

Program revenues

Program revenues include 1) fees and charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are reported as *general revenues*.

Property taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on real property and are levied as of January 1. The tax levy is payable in two installments due February 28 and June 15, or in one installment due April 30. The county treasurer bills and collects the District’s property tax. District property tax revenues are recognized when levied. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2017 was 1.000 mills. The District’s assessed valuation for 2017 was \$379,188,801.

G. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2—STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In the fall, the District submits to the Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted by the District to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to December 15, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
4. Any revisions that alter the budget must be approved by the Board by passage of a resolution.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
6. The budget for the general fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or amended by the Board.

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash deposits with financial institutions

Custodial credit risk—deposits. 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 regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The 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 be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

At December 31, 2017, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$61,849 and the bank balances were \$66,328. All of the bank balances were covered by FDIC insurance.

Investments

The District is authorized by Colorado State Statutes to invest in the following:

- Bonds and other interest-bearing obligations of the United States government.
- Bonds and other interest-bearing obligations which are guaranteed by the United States government.
- Bonds which are a direct obligation of the State of Colorado or of any city, county, or school district therein.
- Notes or bonds issued pursuant to the "National Housing Act".
- Repurchase agreements.
- Local government investment pools.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments (continued)

Credit Risk. State law limits investments to those described above. The District does not have an investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of December 31, 2017 all of the District’s investments were rated AAAM by Standard & Poor’s.

Interest Rate Risk. State law limits investments with a maximum maturity date of no more than five years from the date of purchase. The District does not have an investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

At December 31, 2017 the District’s investment balances were as follows:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
COLOTRUST	Less than 60 days	\$ <u>1,197,825</u>

COLOTRUST is an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado pursuant to Part 7 of Article 75 of Title 24 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, to pool surplus funds for investment purposes. This investment vehicle operates similarly to money market funds and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. The fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

The designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services to COLOTRUST in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal function of COLOTRUST. Substantially all securities owned by COLOTRUST are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian’s internal records identify the investments owned by COLOTRUST. Investments of COLOTRUST consist of U.S. Treasury bills, notes and note strips, and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury Notes. However, the District does not categorize investments and COLOTRUST because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

Reconciliation of total deposits and investments to the government-wide financial statements at December 31, 2017:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>
Governmental Activities	
Deposits	\$ 61,849
Investments	<u>1,197,825</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,259,674</u>

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NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Water rights under development	\$ 3,075,490	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,075,490
Jointly owned water shares/rights	247,865	-	-	247,865
James R. Tingle reservoir	613,375	-	-	613,375
Smelter pipeline reservoir	430,130	-	-	430,130
Guffey property	-	63,039	-	63,039
Storage facilities under development	<u>1,000,629</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000,629</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>5,367,489</u>	<u>63,039</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,430,528</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Site improvements	279,215	7,777	-	286,992
Administrative equipment	523	-	-	523
Leasehold improvements	<u>4,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,888</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	284,626	7,777	-	292,403
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(29,039)</u>	<u>(7,218)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(36,257)</u>
Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>255,587</u>	<u>559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>256,146</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,623,076</u>	<u>\$ 63,598</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,686,674</u>

Water Rights Developed and Leased:

Under terms of the lease with Centennial Water & Sanitation District (CW&SD), the District has granted a 50 year water lease with an option for an additional 50 years, for leasing 500 a/f of water per annum. The annual water lease revenue is \$10,000 plus any adjustment every five years resulting from changes in the consumer price index (CPI).

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

General government	\$ 413
Water conservation	<u>6,805</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,218</u>

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NOTE 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The District carries commercial insurance for these risks of loss, including worker's compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage during any of the last three fiscal years.

NOTE 6 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Chatfield Storage Reallocation Project

CCWCD's estimated share of the Chatfield project is \$1,087,000. A loan in the amount of \$600,000 at 2.5% for 15 years has been approved for the project. The water provider agreement is between CCWCD and the State. All eleven participants will be signing this agreement. Escrow will be between CCWCD and US Bank. Each participant will have a separate agreement with US Bank. Chatfield Reservoir Mitigation Company (CRMC) will govern the Articles of Incorporation and by-laws. As of December 31, 2017, CCWCD has not initiated the approved loan. The Board has decided to make payments to CRMC with current assets rather than to incur debt. The amount due to CRMC in 2018 is \$257,213.

NOTE 7 - AMENDMENT TO COLORADO CONSTITUTION

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.

Fiscal year spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's spending adjusted for inflation and local growth. Revenue in excess of the limit must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

On January 1, 1998 District voters elected to exempt the District from the revenue limits of the Amendment.

The Amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The entity believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the amendment. However, the entity has made certain interpretations of the amendment's language in order to determine its compliance.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 379,189	\$ 379,189	\$ 377,760	\$ (1,429)
Specific ownership taxes	44,790	44,790	53,834	9,044
Water sales and lease	35,000	35,000	10,000	(25,000)
Interest	4,328	4,328	13,633	9,305
Miscellaneous	-	-	552	552
Total revenues	463,307	463,307	455,779	(7,528)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	250,176	250,176	142,854	107,322
Water conservation	5,500	5,500	85,019	(79,519)
Capital outlay	54,500	194,500	70,816	123,684
Total expenditures	310,176	450,176	298,689	151,487
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	153,131	13,131	157,090	143,959
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Legal Settlement	-	140,000	140,000	-
Total other financing sources	-	140,000	140,000	-
Net change in fund balance	153,131	153,131	297,090	143,959
Fund balance - beginning	884,568	884,568	954,856	70,288
Fund balance - ending	\$ 1,037,699	\$ 1,037,699	\$ 1,251,946	\$ 214,247

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**CENTER OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Accounting and auditing fees	\$ 31,208
Advertising and printing	50
Director's fees	11,400
Education and training	369
Legal	69,481
Liability insurance	5,516
Mileage reimbursement - directors	1,437
Office rent and secretarial services	4,671
Other	475
Subscriptions and dues	2,780
Supplies and postage	1,155
Telephone	2,917
Treasurer's fees	11,217
Website and publications	178
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See accompanying independent auditors' report