

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT,

COLORADO

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2021

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COLORADO**

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

**DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT,
COLORADO**

ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

December 31, 2021

District Officials

Kenneth W. Curtis III –	General Manager
Ben Harclerode	Chief of Engineering & Construction
Robert Walker	Maintenance Supervisor
Lisa Jordan	Office Administrator
Gina Espeland	Accounting Clerk

Appointed Officials

Bruce Smart	President
Simon Martinez	Vice President
Don Schwindt	Secretary/Treasurer
Wes Wilson	Director
Sheldonna Z. Ives	Director
Godwin Oliver	Director
Glen Fish	Director

FINANCIAL SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 3, 2022

President and Members of the District Board
Dolores Water Conservancy District
Cortez, Colorado

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Dolores Water Conservancy District (the "District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on pages 33-34 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.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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 operation, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedules for the enterprise funds on pages 35-37 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison schedules for the enterprise funds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the budgetary comparison schedules for the enterprise funds are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Prior Period Financial Statements

The financial statements of the District as of December 31, 2020, were audited by other auditors whose report dated July 3, 2021, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements. As discussed in Note 18, the District has restated its 2020 financial statements during the current year to restate net position and accounts receivable, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The other auditors reported on the 2020 financial statements before the restatement.

As part of our audit of the 2021 financial statements, we also audited adjustments described in Note 18 that were applied to restate the 2020 financial statements. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the 2020 financial statements of the District other than with respect to the adjustments and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the 2020 financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 3, 2022 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ATLAS CPAs & Advisors PLLC

Brighton, Colorado

June 3, 2022

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2021**

	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 328,259	\$ 1,347,773	\$ 1,676,032
Cash and Investments - Restricted	1,916,478	6,593,779	8,510,257
Receivables:			
Taxes	963,714	-	963,714
Accounts	-	534,156	534,156
Contracts Receivable	8,709,043	6,589,367	15,298,410
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	11,917,494	15,065,075	26,982,569
CAPITAL ASSETS	9,186,400	4,916,275	14,102,675
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(85,597)	(1,889,538)	(1,975,135)
NET CAPITAL ASSETS	9,100,803	3,026,737	12,127,540
TOTAL ASSETS	21,018,297	18,091,812	39,110,109
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	10,868	104,816	115,684
Accrued Expenses	-	236	236
Unearned Revenue	-	205,970	205,970
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	176,647	243,734	420,381
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	187,515	554,756	742,271
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES			
Contracts Payable, Net of Current Portion	8,532,396	6,345,633	14,878,029
Accumulated Unpaid Employee Benefits	-	220,879	220,879
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	8,532,396	6,566,512	15,098,908
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,719,911	7,121,268	15,841,179
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	963,714	-	963,714
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	963,714	-	963,714
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,100,803	3,026,737	12,127,540
Restricted for Emergencies	42,064	-	42,064
Restricted	1,900,904	1,855,267	3,756,171
Unrestricted	290,901	6,088,540	6,379,441
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 11,334,672	\$ 10,970,544	\$ 22,305,216

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

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2021**

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION		TOTAL
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	CONTRACT REVENUE	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS - TYPE ACTIVITIES	
Government Activities						
Current:						
Administrative	\$ 975,264	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (975,264)	\$ -	\$ (975,264)
Power Plant	426,864	-	455,791	28,927	-	28,927
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u>1,402,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>455,791</u>	<u>(946,337)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(946,337)</u>
Business - Type Activities						
Current:						
Operations and Maintenance	3,498,039	2,060,883	831,995	-	(605,161)	(605,161)
Towaoc/Highline Canal Committee	455,750	-	377,500	-	(78,250)	(78,250)
Dove Creek Lawn and Garden	25,590	42,042	-	-	16,452	16,452
TOTAL BUSINESS - TYPE ACTIVITIES	<u>3,979,379</u>	<u>2,102,925</u>	<u>1,209,495</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(666,959)</u>	<u>(666,959)</u>
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	<u>\$ 5,381,507</u>	<u>\$ 2,102,925</u>	<u>\$ 1,665,286</u>	<u>(946,337)</u>	<u>(666,959)</u>	<u>(1,613,296)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES						
Property Taxes				1,099,393	-	1,099,393
Interest Income				2,389	92,358	94,747
Miscellaneous				28	-	28
TRANSFERS				(100,000)	100,000	-
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS				<u>1,001,810</u>	<u>192,358</u>	<u>1,194,168</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				55,473	(474,601)	(419,128)
NET POSITION - Beginning of Year				<u>11,279,199</u>	<u>11,217,759</u>	<u>22,496,958</u>
PRIOR PERIOD RESTATEMENT				-	227,386	227,386
NET POSITION, Beginning, Restated				<u>11,279,199</u>	<u>11,445,145</u>	<u>22,724,344</u>
NET POSITION - End of Year				<u>\$ 11,334,672</u>	<u>\$ 10,970,544</u>	<u>\$ 22,305,216</u>

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DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

December 31, 2021

	GENERAL (ADMINISTRATIVE)	POWER PLANTS	TOTALS
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 104,981	\$ 223,278	\$ 328,259
Cash and Investments - Restricted	1,916,478	-	1,916,478
Receivables:			
Taxes	963,714	-	963,714
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,985,173	\$ 223,278	\$ 3,208,451
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LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,868	\$ -	\$ 10,868
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,868	-	10,868
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	963,714	-	963,714
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FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for:			
Restricted - Emergencies	42,064	-	42,064
Restricted	1,261,158	-	1,261,158
Committed	416,468	223,278	639,746
Unassigned	290,901	-	290,901
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TOTAL FUND BALANCES	2,010,591	223,278	2,233,869
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TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,985,173	\$ 223,278	\$ 3,208,451
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		FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 2,233,869
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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not resources and are not reported in the funds:			
Capital Assets			9,186,400
Accumulated Depreciation			(85,597)
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Contract payments to be provided by system users			8,709,043
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period			(8,709,043)
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TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			\$ 11,334,672
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	<u>GENERAL (ADMINISTRATIVE)</u>	<u>POWER PLANTS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
REVENUES			
Property Tax	\$ 1,099,393	\$ -	\$ 1,099,393
Reimbursement Contracts	-	455,791	455,791
Interest	2,360	29	2,389
Miscellaneous	28	-	28
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,101,781</u>	<u>455,820</u>	<u>1,557,601</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Contracts	776,938	-	776,938
Directors	13,510	-	13,510
Office	30,741	-	30,741
Professional Services	125,564	-	125,564
Project Promotion	2,620	-	2,620
Training	3,066	2,400	5,466
Treasurer's Fees	22,825	-	22,825
Operating Expenses	-	187,979	187,979
Electric Power	-	645	645
Insurance	-	5,750	5,750
Materials, Parts & Supplies	-	230,090	230,090
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>975,264</u>	<u>426,864</u>	<u>1,402,128</u>
REVENUES IN EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF EXPENDITURES	126,517	28,956	155,473
OTHER FINANCING USES			
Transfers (Out)	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES IN EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	26,517	28,956	55,473
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	<u>1,984,074</u>	<u>194,322</u>	<u>2,178,396</u>
FUND BALANCE, Ending	<u>\$ 2,010,591</u>	<u>\$ 223,278</u>	<u>\$ 2,233,869</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds			<u>\$ 55,473</u>
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities			<u>\$ 55,473</u>

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

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION -
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
December 31, 2021**

	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	TOWAOC/ HIGHLINE CANAL COMMITTEE	DOVE CREEK LAWN AND GARDEN SECONDARY SYSTEM	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,116,137	\$ 192,064	\$ 39,572	\$ 1,347,773
Cash and Investments - Restricted	6,313,245	259,512	21,022	6,593,779
Contracts Receivable	6,589,367	-	-	6,589,367
Accounts Receivable	476,202	-	57,954	534,156
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	14,494,951	451,576	118,548	15,065,075
CAPITAL ASSETS				
Water Rights	2,266,000	-	-	2,266,000
Equipment	2,650,275	-	-	2,650,275
Total Capital Assets	4,916,275	-	-	4,916,275
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,889,538)	-	-	(1,889,538)
NET CAPITAL ASSETS	3,026,737	-	-	3,026,737
TOTAL ASSETS	17,521,688	451,576	118,548	18,091,812
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	103,484	1,332	-	104,816
Accrued Expenses	236	-	-	236
Unearned Revenue	-	205,970	-	205,970
Current Portion of Contracts Payable	243,734	-	-	243,734
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	347,454	207,302	-	554,756
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES				
Contracts Payable	6,345,633	-	-	6,345,633
Accumulated Unpaid Employee Benefits	220,879	-	-	220,879
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	6,566,512	-	-	6,566,512
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,913,966	207,302	-	7,121,268
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,026,737	-	-	3,026,737
Restricted for Projects	1,574,733	259,512	21,022	1,855,267
Unrestricted	6,006,252	(15,238)	97,526	6,088,540
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 10,607,722	\$ 244,274	\$ 118,548	\$ 10,970,544

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

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION -
PROPRIETARY FUNDS**

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	TOWAOC/ HIGHLINE CANAL COMMITTEE	DOVE CREEK LAWN AND GARDEN SECONDARY SYSTEM	TOTAL
OPERATING REVENUES				
Users' Fees	\$ 2,060,883	\$ -	\$ 42,042	\$ 2,102,925
Reimbursement Contracts	831,995	377,500	-	1,209,495
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	2,892,878	377,500	42,042	3,312,420
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Contracts	1,128,069	-	6,341	1,134,410
Electric Power	138,496	17,857	1,918	158,271
Employee	1,448,405	-	16,176	1,464,581
Insurance	60,774	-	-	60,774
Materials, Parts & Supplies	474,766	-	1,155	475,921
Office Expense	61,256	86	-	61,342
Professional Expense	1,687	-	-	1,687
Training	5,586	-	-	5,586
Operating Expenses	-	163,479	-	163,479
Administration	-	13,226	-	13,226
Maintenance	-	261,102	-	261,102
Capital Outlay	37,429	-	-	37,429
Depreciation	141,571	-	-	141,571
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,498,039	455,750	25,590	3,979,379
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(605,161)	(78,250)	16,452	(666,959)
NONOPERATING INCOME				
Interest Income	65,847	26,317	194	92,358
NONOPERATING INCOME	65,847	26,317	194	92,358
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	(539,314)	(51,933)	16,646	(574,601)
TRANSFERS				
Transfers In (Out)	100,000	-	-	100,000
NET TRANSFERS	100,000	-	-	100,000
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(439,314)	(51,933)	16,646	(474,601)
NET POSITION, Beginning of Year	10,825,090	296,207	96,462	11,217,759
PRIOR PERIOD RESTATEMENT	221,946	-	5,440	227,386
NET POSITION, Beginning, Restated	11,047,036	296,207	101,902	11,445,145
NET POSITION, Ending	\$ 10,607,722	\$ 244,274	\$ 118,548	\$ 10,970,544

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

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS -
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	TOWAOC/ HIGHLINE CANAL COMMITTEE	DOVE CREEK LAWN AND GARDEN SECONDARY SYSTEM	TOTAL
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Cash Received from Users and Contracts	\$ 3,237,265	\$ 538,470	\$ 42,053	\$ 3,817,788
Cash Paid to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(2,016,208)	(457,274)	(19,284)	(2,492,766)
Cash Paid to Employees for Services and Administration	(1,449,102)	-	(6,341)	(1,455,443)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>(228,045)</u>	<u>81,196</u>	<u>16,428</u>	<u>(130,421)</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:				
Transfers In	100,000	-	-	100,000
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:				
Interest Received from Investments	65,765	26,317	194	92,276
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>65,765</u>	<u>26,317</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>92,276</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(62,280)	107,513	16,622	61,855
CASH AND INVESTMENTS, Beginning	7,491,662	344,063	43,972	7,879,697
CASH AND INVESTMENTS, Ending	<u>\$ 7,429,382</u>	<u>\$ 451,576</u>	<u>\$ 60,594</u>	<u>\$ 7,941,552</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (605,161)	\$ (78,250)	\$ 16,452	\$ (666,959)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:				
Depreciation Expense	141,571	-	-	141,571
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:				
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	105,530	-	11	105,541
(Increase) Decrease in Contracts Receivable	238,857	-	-	238,857
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	69,779	(1,524)	(35)	68,220
Increase (Decrease) in Current Debt	(238,857)	-	-	(238,857)
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	-	160,970	-	160,970
Increase (Decrease) in Accumulated Unpaid Benefits	60,077	-	-	60,077
Total Adjustments	<u>377,116</u>	<u>159,446</u>	<u>(24)</u>	<u>536,538</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (228,045)</u>	<u>\$ 81,196</u>	<u>\$ 16,428</u>	<u>\$ (130,421)</u>

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

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2021

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Dolores Water Conservancy District, Colorado (the District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Definition of the Reporting Entity

The Dolores Water Conservancy District (District) is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado and is included in parts of Montezuma and Dolores Counties. The District is governed by a seven member board of directors appointed by the 22nd Judicial District Court in Cortez, Colorado.

The District was formed in 1961 for the purpose of acquiring and appropriating waters of the Dolores River, its tributaries and other sources of supply, to divert, impound and store such water and conduct such water in and to the District and use such water for domestic, irrigation, power, manufacturing and other purposes. In 1977, the District entered into a contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) to manage the water and maintain the facilities of the Dolores Project and make repayment to the Bureau for the construction costs. The Dolores Project includes: the McPhee Dam; tunnel; and canals for distribution of water to various areas in Montezuma and Dolores Counties of Colorado.

The President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer are elected at the first regular meeting in even numbered years and serve a two-year term of office. This Board serves as the legislative and policymaking body of the District. The District Manager, chief administrative officer for the District, is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the general administration of all District business.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the Dolores Water Conservancy District, Colorado. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require that these financial statements include the primary government and its component units. Component units are separate organizations that are included in the District's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the District. All significant activities and organizations with which the District exercises oversight responsibility have been considered for inclusion in the financial statements. The District has no component units and is not included in any other governmental reporting entity.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

B. Fund Accounting

The government-wide financial statement (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) reports information on all of the activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities (which normally are supported by taxes, charges for services and intergovernmental revenues) are reported separately from business-type activities (which rely to a significant extent on user charges for support).

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (1) charges to those 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.

Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

C. Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to, and accounted for, in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

All governmental funds are accounted for on a flow of current financial resources basis. Balance sheets for these funds generally include only current assets and current liabilities. Reported fund balances are considered a measure of available, spendable resources. Operating statements for these funds present a summary of available, spendable resources and expenditures for the period.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The General Fund is called the Administrative fund and is used to account for all revenues and expenditures not accounted for in another fund. The Administrative fund accounts for the general administrative activities of the District. The Fund's revenues consist primarily of property taxes and interest.

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C. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

- The Power Plants Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the project's power plants. The power plants have not been transferred to the District as part of the project but are maintained by the District under contract with the Bureau. The Fund's revenues consist primarily of reimbursement contract amounts.

The District reports the following major business-type activity funds:

- The Operations and Maintenance Fund accounts for the operations and maintenance of project facilities for which responsibility for operations and maintenance has been transferred to the District from the Bureau.
- The Towaoc/Highline Canal Committee Fund accounts for operations and maintenance of the Towaoc/Highline Canal portion of the Dolores Project. This fund is required according to an agreement among: the District; Bureau; Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company; and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.
- The Dove Creek Lawn and Garden Secondary System Fund was established in 2003. It is used to account for the revenues and costs associated with the construction of a secondary watering system to be used for lawns and gardens in the Dove Creek area. This fund also accounts for the operation and maintenance of the system.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the enterprise fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, which is typically 60 days. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) principal and interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due and (2) compensated absences, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available resources.

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D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are reimbursement contracts and charges for services. Entitlement revenues are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received. Grant revenues are recognized as they are earned. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by enterprise funds. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with ongoing operations.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows of the enterprise funds, cash and cash equivalents consist of operating and restricted cash and highly liquid securities with an initial maturity of three months or less.

F. Investments

Investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market values, with the exception of money market funds and external investment pools. These are stated at cost, which is equal to fair value. The change in value of investments is recognized as an increase or decrease to investment assets and investment income.

G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America required management to make: (1) estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and (2) disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. Property Taxes

Property taxes for the current year are levied and attached as a lien on property the following January 1. They are payable in full by April 30 or in two equal installments due February 28 and June 15. Property taxes levied in the current year and collected in the following year are reported as a receivable at December 31.

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I. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capitalized assets are defined by the District as assets that have a useful life of one or more years and for which the initial, individual value equals or exceeds the following dollar amounts:

<u>Assets Class</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>
Water Rights	No Minimum
Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 5,000

All purchased assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that does not add to the value of an asset or materially extend asset life is not capitalized.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Vehicles and Equipment	5- 30 years

J. Long-Term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements, and enterprise fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable government activities, business-type activities, or enterprise fund type statement of net position.

The long-term compensated absences are serviced from revenues of the Operations and Maintenance Fund from future appropriations.

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K. Accrued Liabilities for Compensated Absences

Compensated absences arise from policies concerning vacation and sick leave. Vacation leave accumulates at a rate of 6.667 hours per month of employment. Any unused sick leave will be paid to employees upon termination at 25 percent of their regular rate, and 50 percent upon retirement.

Vacation time accrues at a rate of 6.667 hours per month for the first four years of employment. After that it accrues at a rate of 10 hours per month. Employees may accrue up to 240 hours, which will be paid upon termination if not used. The following amounts were vested as of December 31, 2021:

Vacation and Compensatory Leave: \$220,879

L. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net 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 future period, so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District does not have any items that qualify.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net 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 future periods, so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has items that qualify for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable revenue - property taxes*, is reported in the government-wide statement of net position and in the governmental funds balance sheet.

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M. Net Position/ Fund Balances

Net Position: Net position in the government-wide financial statements are classified as: (1) net invested in capital assets; (2) restricted; and (3) unrestricted. Restricted net position represent constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, granters, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through state statute.

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Fund Balances: In the governmental fund financial statements, the following fund balance classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders or other debt holders, contributors, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority through an ordinance or resolution. Committed fund balance can also include contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District takes the same highest level action (ordinance or resolution) to remove or change the constraint
- Assigned fund balance - amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority.
- Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in more than one classification, it is the District's policy to use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

N. Interfund Transactions

All interfund transfers are reported as transfers in or transfers out.

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NOTE 2: BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS

The District Board follows the procedures listed below in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- 1) On or before October 15, the District Manager shall submit to the Board a proposed budget for the next ensuing budget year with an explanatory message. The proposed budget provides a complete financial plan for the District.
- 2) The budget is in sufficient detail to show each fund's estimated revenues by source and estimated expenditures. The budget is arranged to show comparative figures for receipts and expenditures for the last completed fiscal year, estimates for the current year, and the District Manager's recommendations for the ensuing year.
- 3) A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 4) The Board shall adopt an annual budget no later than the regular December meeting of the District for the ensuing year, pursuant to the "Local Government Budget Law of Colorado." The District Manager is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the District Board.
- 5) The level on which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations is the legally adopted annual operating budget for each fund in total.
- 6) The District Board may legally amend the budget by ordinance once it has been approved. Budgeted amounts are shown as adopted by the District Board, including all amendments.

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NOTE 3: RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The governmental funds balance sheet includes a reconciliation between fund balances (total governmental funds and net position) and governmental activities, as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. Additionally, the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between net change in fund balances and changes in net position of governmental activities, as reported in the government-wide statement of activities.

These reconciliations detail items that require adjustment to convert from the current resources measurement and modified accrual basis for government fund statements to the economic resources measurement and full accrual basis used for government-wide statements. However, certain items having no effect on measurement and basis of accounting were eliminated from the government fund statements during the consolidation of governmental activities.

NOTE 4: CASH, DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The District cash, deposits and investments at December 31, 2021 are:

Deposits:	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Less Than One Year</u>	<u>One to Five Years</u>
Checking	N/A	\$ 1,676,032	\$ 1,676,032	\$
Investments:				
CD	N/A	4,051,390	1,189,355	2,862,035
COLOTRUST	AAByS&P	_ 4,458,868	4,458,868	
Total Investments		<u>8,510,257</u>		
Total deposits and investments		<u>\$ 10,186,289</u>		
Reconciliation to Statement of Net Position				
Current:		\$ 1,676,032		
Cash and Investments				
Restricted:		<u>8,510,257</u>		
Investments		<u>\$ 10,186,289</u>		

Cash Invested - Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local government entities may invest. The allowed investments include local government investment pools and obligations of the United States Government. The District maintains a cash pool for checking transactions that is available for use by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Cash".

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NOTE 4: CASH, DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The District's deposits are entirely covered by federal depository insurance ("FDIC") or by collateral held under Colorado's Public Depository Protection Act ("POPA"). The FDIC insures the first \$250,000 of the District's deposits at each financial institution. Deposit balances over \$250,000 are collateralized as required by POPA. The carrying amount of the District's demand deposits was \$1,676,032 at year end.

Interest Rate Risk - The District's reserve investment policy does not limit investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk - State law limits investments in commercial paper, corporate bonds, and mutual bond funds to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The District's reserve investment policy does not further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

The District invests excess funds under the prudent investor rule. The criteria for selection of investments and their order of priority are: 1) safety; 2) liquidity; and 3) yield.

The District invests in an investment pool: the Colorado Liquid Assets Trust (COLOTRUST), which is a 2a7-like pool. The fair value of the pool is determined by the pool's net asset value. The District has no regulatory oversight for the pool. At December 31, 2021, the District had an investment of \$4,458,868 in COLOTRUST.

Fair Value of Investments - The District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1:* Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;
- Level 2:* Observable inputs other than quoted marked prices; and,
- Level 3:* Unobservable inputs.

<u>Investments Measured at Fair Value</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level2</u>	<u>Level3</u>
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 4,051,390	\$ 4,051,390	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Investments Measured at Net Asset Value</u>				
Colotrust	<u>4,458,868</u>			
Total Investments	<u>\$ 8,510,257</u>			

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NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2021 was:

	<u>Balances January 1, 2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balances December 31, 2021</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets, Not Being				
Depreciated: Water Rights	\$ 9,100,803	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,100,803
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Equipment/ Plant	85,597	-	-	85,597
Less Accumulated Depreciation For Equipment/Plant	<u>(85,597)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(85,597)</u>
 Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	 <u>\$ 9,100,803</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 9,100,803</u>
 Business-Type Activities:				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Water Rights	\$ 2,266,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,266,000
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Equipment	<u>2,650,275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,650,275</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	2,650,275	-	-	2,650,275
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Equipment	(1,747,967)	(141,571)	-	(1,889,538)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,747,967)</u>	<u>(141,571)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,889,538)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>902,308</u>	<u>(141,571)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>760,737</u>
 Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	 <u>\$ 3,168,308</u>	 <u>\$ (141,571)</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 3,026,737</u>

All business-type depreciation is related to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

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NOTE 6: CONTRACTS AND COMMITMENTS

On September 23, 1977, the District entered into a contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (the Bureau) for the repayment of the cost of the Dolores Project.

The contract stipulates that the District is to begin payments as water becomes available for the various end users. The payment for municipal and industrial water (domestic water) will include interest at 6.063 percent per annum over 50 annual payments. The domestic water payments can be deferred (all or part) without interest for up to ten years from which the water is first available. Payments for irrigation water are to begin five (5) years after the facilities are in full operation. No interest is charged for the payments of irrigation water.

On June 4, 1985, the District entered into a contract with the Bureau to provide service as needed for the completion and maintenance of the Dolores Project until the facilities are transferred to the District for maintenance. The agreement states that the Bureau will advance the District monies to perform the services and the District will do whatever is required by the Bureau to complete the project and maintain the facilities. The agreement was substantially completed in 1998.

NOTE 7: CONTRACTS RECEIVABLE

In accordance with the repayment contract with the Bureau, the District is to provide water to various entities and individuals throughout the District. These entities and individuals are required to pay for their share of the project costs under a 50 year repayment contract with the District. The District uses the proceeds to partially repay its obligation to the Bureau.

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NOTE 7: CONTRACTS RECEIVABLE (Continued)

Contracts receivable consist of the following:

	<u>Balance</u>
City of Cortez had water available and began using it in 1987, and began payoff of the obligation. Interest accrues at 6.063 percent per annum on the unpaid principal balance. Annual payments, including interest, are \$246,125 and are due February 1 st of each year.	\$ 2,799,627
Town of Dove Creek had water available and began using it in 1991. They also began to pay their obligation at that time. Interest accrues at 6.063 percent per annum on the unpaid principal balance. Annual payments, including interest, Are \$29,948 and are due February 1 st of each year.	346,492
Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company began repayment in 1990. The Contract calls for annual payments of \$63,220 with no interest.	1,840,868
Full-service users are farmers whose land has been allocated a portion of irrigation water from the project. The contract calls for payments with no interest to begin five years after the irrigation system is in full operation. The FairView and Cahone canals became operational in 1992, the South canal in 1994 and the Dove Creek canal in 1995. The total annual payments to be assessed the users of these canals is \$73,300 annually.	228,800
Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company is also obligated to pay \$10 for each account (users to whom water is delivered) each year, for the 50 year period. The number of accounts is to be determined every five years. Currently, Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company pays for 1,465 accounts or \$14,650 each year.	1,137,600
Full-service users are also obligated to pay \$50 each, each year for 50 years beginning five years after service became available. There are currently 194 full-service users with total annual payments of \$9,700.	<u>235,980</u>
Total Contracts Receivable - Business-Type Activities	<u><u>\$ 6,589,367</u></u>

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NOTE 8: CONTRACTS PAYABLE

In 1977, the District entered into a contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to repay the construction costs of the Dolores Project. The contract calls for the repayment to begin when various portions of the project are completed and placed in service. In 1996, the taxpayers of the District voted to raise the mill levy and assume a portion of the obligation which the City of Cortez and the Town of Dove Creek had agreed to pay in the original contract, but were seeking relief because of the lack of need. The portion of the obligation, which is being paid from fee collections and from contracts receivable, are accounted for in the enterprise fund.

Business-Type Activities

Contracts payable at December 31, 2021 are as follows:

Business-Type Activities

Municipal and industrial water for domestic use in the City of Cortez and in the Town of Dove Creek was first available in 1987. Partial payments began at that time. Interest accrues on the unpaid balance at 6.063 percent. Annual payments, including interest, are \$246,125 and \$29,948 for the City of Cortez and Town of Dove Creek, respectively, due February 1st of each year.

\$ 3,146,119

Irrigation water was available beginning in 1990. Payments began in 1995. Annual payments are \$158,410. No interest is charged for this portion of the obligation.

3,443,248

Total Contracts Payable - Business-Type Activities

\$ 6,589,367

The annual requirements to amortize this portion of the contract as of December 31, 2021 are as follows:

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES											
Year	City of Cortez		Town of Dove Creek		Fairview & Cahone	Dove Creek Block	South Canal Block	Full Service Users	Montezuma Valley Irrigation	Montezuma Valley Irrigation	Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Principal	Principal	Principal	Principal	Principal	Principal
2022	\$ 76,384	\$ 169,741	\$ 8,940	\$ 21,008	\$ 36,654	\$ 8,376	\$ 28,270	\$ 8,800	\$ 63,200	\$ 13,110	\$ 243,734
2023	81,016	165,109	9,483	20,465	36,654	8,376	28,270	8,800	63,200	13,110	248,909
2024	85,926	160,199	10,056	19,892	36,654	8,376	28,270	8,800	63,200	13,110	254,392
2025	91,137	154,988	10,667	19,281	36,654	8,376	28,270	8,800	63,200	13,110	260,214
2026	96,663	149,462	11,313	18,635	36,654	8,376	28,270	8,800	63,200	13,110	266,386
2027-31	578,657	651,968	67,726	82,014	183,270	41,880	141,350	44,000	316,000	65,550	1,438,433
2032-36	776,714	453,946	90,906	58,834	183,270	41,880	141,350	44,000	316,000	65,550	1,659,670
2037-41	654,352	232,451	114,544	27,723	183,270	41,880	141,350	44,000	189,600	39,330	1,408,326
2042-46	358,778	67,804	22,857	2,162	146,616	41,880	141,350	44,000	-	-	755,481
2047-48	-	-	-	-	-	16,752	28,270	8,800	-	-	53,822
	<u>\$2,799,627</u>	<u>\$ 2,205,668</u>	<u>\$ 346,492</u>	<u>\$270,014</u>	<u>\$ 879,696</u>	<u>\$ 226,152</u>	<u>\$ 735,020</u>	<u>\$ 228,800</u>	<u>\$1,137,600</u>	<u>\$235,9800</u>	<u>\$ 6,589,367</u>

Total interest paid for business-type activities in 2021 was \$195,626.

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NOTE 8: CONTRACTS PAYABLE (Continued)

Governmental Activities

Municipal and industrial water for domestic use in the Montezuma and Dolores County rural area was first available in 1987. Partial payments began at that time. Interest accrues at 6.063 percent interest. Annual payments, including interest, are \$546,175 and due February 1st of each year. \$ 6,932,144

Ad valorem tax of 1/2 mills of the assessed value of all taxable property within the District is to be paid as it is collected for 50 years after water becomes available to the District. The total obligation will depend on the assessed value of property each year. 1,776,899

Total Contracts Payable - Governmental Activities \$ 8,709,043

The annual requirements to amortize this portion of the contract are:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Year	Blocks 2-4, 2-5		Block 3-6		Ad valorem	Total	Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Tax Principal	Principal	Interest
2022	\$ 118,041	\$ 393,999	\$ 7,837	\$ 26,298	\$ 50,769	\$ 176,647	\$ 420,297
2023	125,199	386,841	8,312	25,823	50,769	184,280	412,664
2024	132,789	379,251	8,816	25,319	50,769	192,374	404,570
2025	140,840	371,200	9,351	24,784	50,769	200,960	395,984
2026	149,379	362,661	9,918	24,217	50,769	210,066	386,878
2027-31	894,243	1,665,957	59,372	111,303	253,845	1,207,460	1,777,260
2032-36	1,200,254	1,359,939	79,690	90,985	253,845	1,533,789	1,450,924
2037-41	1,595,830	950,935	106,962	63,713	253,845	1,956,637	1,014,648
2042-46	2,141,828	404,829	143,483	27,114	253,845	2,539,156	431,943
2047-51					253,845	253,845	
2052-56					253,829	253,829	
	<u>\$ 6,498,403</u>	<u>\$ 6,275,612</u>	<u>\$ 433,741</u>	<u>\$ 419,556</u>	<u>\$ 1,776,899</u>	<u>\$ 8,709,043</u>	<u>\$ 6,695,168</u>

Total interest paid for governmental activities in 2021 was \$427,492.

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NOTE 9: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following table summarizes the changes in the District's long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2021:

Governmental Activities	Balance			Balance	
	January 1, 2021	Borrowings	Repayments	December 31, 2021	Due within One Year
Contracts Payable	\$ 8,878,495	\$ -	\$ 169,452	\$ 8,709,043	\$ 176,647
Totals	<u>\$ 8,878,495</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 169,452</u>	<u>\$ 8,709,043</u>	<u>\$ 176,647</u>

Business Type Activities	Balance			Balance	
	January 1, 2021	Borrowings	Repayments	December 31, 2021	Due within One Year
Contracts Payable	\$ 6,828,224	\$ -	\$ 238,857	\$ 6,589,367	\$ 243,734
Compensated Absences	<u>160,802</u>	<u>95,190</u>	<u>35,113</u>	<u>220,879</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 6,989,026</u>	<u>\$ 95,190</u>	<u>\$ 273,970</u>	<u>\$ 6,810,246</u>	<u>\$ 243,734</u>

NOTE 10: INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Following is a summary of transfers from and to other funds during December 31, 2021:

	Transfers	
	In	Out
Administrative Fund	\$	\$ 100,000
Operations and Maintenance Fund	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

Planned transfers may be adjusted during the year as cash flow needs change. The transfers reported above were budgeted cash flow transfers.

Other transfers between funds are classified as fees and expenditures as they represent user fees per agreements.

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NOTE 11: RESTRICTED EQUITY

The following Investments have been restricted and committed per District agreements or actions:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Committed</u>
Towaoc Highline	\$ 259,512	\$ -
Operating Reserve	-	409,545
TABOR Reserve	37,651	-
Water Supply Management	-	1,616,148
WETPack Reserve	-	192,288
Discretionary Reserve	-	416,469
Dove Creek Project Reserve	21,021	-
Capital Reserve	226,110	-
Future Projects Reserve	-	2,004,052
Repayment/Holding Reserve	11,853	-
Election Water Repayment	1,236,250	-
Replacement Reserve	-	817,608
Deficiency Reserve	-	201,359
McPheeGateRepair	1,060,391	-
	<u>\$ 2,852,788</u>	<u>\$ 5,657,469</u>

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NOTE 12: RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

The District provides a deferred compensation plan that is a defined contribution plan under IRS Code Section 457, and is completely voluntary, administered by Nationwide Insurance ("Dolores Water Conservancy District Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan"). Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, are established & amended by related IRS rules and are approved and adopted by the District Board. Employees are allowed to contribute to the plan up to 25 percent of their annual salaries. The District will match their employee's contribution, on a 50 percent basis, up to six (6) percent of the employee's salary. Therefore, the District's maximum contribution to the plan would be three (3) percent of the employee's salary. Employees are immediately vested in all contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2021, employee contributions totaled \$105,887, and the District recognized pension expense of \$26,007.

The District also has a single-employer defined contribution plan under IRS Code Section 401(a), administered by Nationwide Insurance ("Dolores Water Conservancy District Money Purchase Plan and Trust"). This Plan is a defined contribution money purchase plan. The District has no future liability to this Plan. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, are established and amended by related IRS rules and are approved and adopted by the District Board. The District contributes five (5) percent of eligible employees' salaries to the plan. These contributions are vested at 20 percent each year of service and become fully vested after 5 years. Nonvested District contributions are forfeited upon termination; such forfeitures are used first used to pay any administrative plan expenses and then allocated to the total compensation of all participants. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$62,139 which includes \$0 of credited forfeitures.

NOTE 13: 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 general liability.

Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool

The District is insured for such risks as a member of the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool ("Pool"). Additionally, the District is afforded certain protection under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act which limits the District's liability in certain situations to \$387,000 per person and \$1,093,000 per occurrence. The Pool is an organization created by intergovernmental agreement to provide property and general liability, automobile physical damage and liability, public officials liability and boiler and machinery coverage to its members. The Pool provides coverage for property claims up to the values declared and liability coverage for claims up to \$1,000,000. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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NOTE 13: RISK MANAGEMENT

Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool (Continued)

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

A summary of audited statutory basis financial information for the Pool as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 (the last audited information available) is as follows:

Assets	<u>\$ 59,612,386</u>
Liabilities	\$ 37,710,994
Capital and Surplus	<u>21,901,392</u>
Total	<u>\$ 59,612,386</u>
Revenue	\$ 22,950,296
Underwriting expenses	<u>23,825,575</u>
Underwriting gain (loss)	(875,279)
Other income	<u>903,033</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 27,754</u>

NOTE 14: CONTINGENCIES

Claims and Judgments The District participates in a number of federal, state and county programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the District may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of December 31, 2021 grant expenditures have not been audited, but the District believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the District.

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NOTE 15: TAX, SPENDING, REVENUE AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

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 revenue, spending, tax and debt limitations that apply to the State of Colorado and local governments. 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. Any revenues earned in excess of the fiscal year spending limit must be refunded in the next fiscal year, unless voters approve retention of such excess revenue.

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 also requires local governments to establish an emergency reserve to be used to declare emergencies only. Emergencies, as defined by TABOR, exclude economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or fringe benefit increases. The reserve is calculated at 3% of fiscal year spending. Fiscal year spending excludes bonded debt service and enterprise spending. The District has reserved \$44,864, which is the approximate required reserve at December 31, 2021.

The District's voters approved the following ballot issue on November 3, 2015:

Shall Dolores Water Conservancy District be authorized to collect, retain, and spend all revenues and other funds received from all sources, including without limitation grants, fees, and the District's existing general operating property tax, which property tax shall not be increased without voter approval, commencing January 1, 2015 and in each year thereafter, as a voter approved revenue change and exception to the limits which would otherwise apply under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or any other law, and as a permanent waiver of the 5.5% limitation under Section 29-1-301C.R.S.

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, including the interpretation of how to calculate fiscal year spending limits, will require judicial interpretation.

NOTE 16: COMPLIANCE WITH STATE STATUTES

Expenditures in the General (Administrative) Fund exceeded appropriations by \$3,650. This may be a violation of State statutes.

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NOTE 17: NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has approved the following:

- Statement No. 87, *Leases*
- Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*
- Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*
- Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*
- Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*
- Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*
- Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32.*

The statements listed above through Statement No. 93 had their required effective dates postponed by one year with the issuance of Statement No. 95, Postponement of Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance, with the exception of Statement No. 87, which was postponed by one and a half years.

When they become effective, application of these standards may restate portions of these financial statements.

NOTE 18: PRIOR PERIOD RESTATEMENT

During the 2021 audit, it was noted that the 2020 accounts receivable for both the Operations & Maintenance Fund and also Dove Creek Lawn & Garden Fund were understated. Both funds were restated in order to be included in the 2020 ending net position amounts for both funds. The beginning net position is shown below:

	<u>Operations & Maintenance</u>	<u>Dove Creek Lawn & Garden</u>	<u>Business Type Activities</u>
Beginning Net Position	\$ 10,825,090	\$ 96,842	\$ 11,217,759
Understatement of Prior Period Accounts Receivable	<u>221,946</u>	<u>5,440</u>	<u>227,386</u>
Beginning Net Position (As Restated)	<u>\$ 11,047,036</u>	<u>\$ 101,902</u>	<u>\$ 11,445,145</u>

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NOTE 19: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing the financial statements, the District has evaluated events and transactions for potential disclosure through June 3, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No events have occurred subsequent to December 31, 2021 that would require disclosure, except those noted below.

On January 3, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 11, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was enacted to amongst other provisions, provide emergency assistance for individuals, families and businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The District may be adversely affected through governmental and business closures resulting in a reduction of labor demand or supplies shortages. The District will continue to monitor the situation surrounding COVID-19 and evaluate the impact it will have on future operations.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL (ADMINISTRATIVE) FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES			
Property Tax	\$ 1,071,513	\$ 1,099,393	\$ 27,880
Interest	815	2,360	1,545
Other	15	28	13
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,072,343</u>	<u>1,101,781</u>	<u>29,438</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Contracts	776,215	776,938	(723)
Directors	17,400	13,510	3,890
Office	29,150	30,741	(1,591)
Professional Services	108,500	125,564	(17,064)
Project Promotion	8,000	2,620	5,380
Training	6,400	3,066	3,334
Treasurer's Fees	25,949	22,825	3,124
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>971,614</u>	<u>975,264</u>	<u>(3,650)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	100,729	126,517	25,788
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers (Out)	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	729	26,517	25,788
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	<u>1,659,103</u>	<u>1,984,074</u>	<u>324,971</u>
FUND BALANCE, Ending	<u>\$ 1,659,832</u>	<u>\$ 2,010,591</u>	<u>\$ 350,759</u>

See the accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

POWER PLANTS FUND

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES			
Reimbursement Contracts	\$ 400,000	\$ 455,791	\$ 55,791
Interest	200	29	(171)
	<u>400,200</u>	<u>455,820</u>	<u>55,620</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Operating Expenses	246,300	187,979	58,321
Electric Power	1,500	645	855
Insurance	20,000	5,750	14,250
Materials, Parts & Supplies	197,800	230,090	(32,290)
Training	15,500	2,400	13,100
	<u>481,100</u>	<u>426,864</u>	<u>54,236</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(80,900)	28,956	109,856
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	<u>52,208</u>	<u>194,322</u>	<u>142,114</u>
FUND BALANCE, Ending	<u>\$ (28,692)</u>	<u>\$ 223,278</u>	<u>\$ 251,970</u>

See the accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	<u>ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES			
User Fees	\$ 3,232,096	\$ 2,199,043	\$ (1,033,053)
Reimbursed Contracts	893,540	831,995	(61,545)
Interest	<u>33,365</u>	<u>65,847</u>	<u>32,482</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>4,159,001</u>	<u>3,096,885</u>	<u>(1,062,116)</u>
EXPENSES			
Operating Expenses			
Contracts	1,323,727	1,128,069	195,658
Electric Power	513,100	138,496	374,604
Employee	1,412,433	1,448,405	(35,972)
Insurance	77,214	60,774	16,440
Materials, Parts & Supplies	733,200	474,766	258,434
Office Expense	68,400	61,256	7,144
Professional Expense	8,500	1,687	6,813
Training	27,000	5,586	21,414
Capital Outlay	<u>185,000</u>	<u>37,429</u>	<u>147,571</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>4,348,574</u>	<u>3,356,468</u>	<u>992,106</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	(189,573)	(259,583)	(70,010)
TRANSFERS IN	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ (89,573)</u>	<u>(159,583)</u>	<u>\$ (70,010)</u>
ADJUSTMENTS TO GAAP BASIS OF NET INCOME			
Depreciation		(141,571)	
Accounts Receivable		(138,160)	
Contracts Receivable		238,857	
Debt Service		<u>(238,857)</u>	
NET INCOME - GAAP BASIS		<u>\$ (439,314)</u>	

See the accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
TOWAOC/HIGHLINE CANAL COMMITTEE FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	<u>ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES			
Reimbursement Contracts	\$ 750,000	\$ 377,500	\$ (372,500)
Interest	<u>2,356</u>	<u>26,317</u>	<u>23,961</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>752,356</u>	<u>403,817</u>	<u>(348,539)</u>
EXPENSES			
Operating Expenses	174,830	163,479	11,351
Electric Power	18,562	17,857	705
Office Expense	-	86	(86)
Administration	22,300	13,226	9,074
Maintenance	<u>420,550</u>	<u>261,102</u>	<u>159,448</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>636,242</u>	<u>455,750</u>	<u>180,492</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ 116,114</u>	<u>\$ (51,933)</u>	<u>\$ (168,047)</u>

See the accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
DOVE CREEK LAWN AND GARDEN SECONDARY SYSTEM FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2021

	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES			
Users' Fees	\$ 39,778	\$ 42,042	\$ 2,264
Interest	-	194	194
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>39,778</u>	<u>42,236</u>	<u>2,458</u>
EXPENSES			
Operating Expenses			
Contracts	8,600	6,341	2,259
Electric Power	3,650	1,918	1,732
Employee	21,800	16,176	5,624
Materials, Parts and Supplies	41,100	1,155	39,945
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>75,150</u>	<u>25,590</u>	<u>49,560</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ (35,372)</u>	<u>\$ 16,646</u>	<u>\$ 52,018</u>

See the accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.



REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

President and Members of the District Board
Dolores Water Conservancy District
Cortez, Colorado

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Dolores Water Conservancy District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2022.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

ATLAS CPAs & Auditors PLLC

Brighton, Colorado

June 3, 2022