

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, Colorado**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 2021**



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
South Metro Water Supply Authority
Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, Colorado

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of South Metro Water Supply Authority, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise South Metro Water Supply Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of South Metro Water Supply Authority, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of South Metro Water Supply Authority 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

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 South Metro Water Supply Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. 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 South Metro Water Supply Authority'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 South Metro Water Supply Authority'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

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 operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Board of Directors
South Metro Water Supply Authority

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the South Metro Water Supply Authority's basic financial statements. The schedule of participation contract activity is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the schedule of participation contract activity is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

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Greenwood Village, Colorado
May 11, 2022

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 416,499
Accounts receivable	34,860
Security deposit	7,776
Prepaid items	15,396
Total assets	474,531
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	11,121
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Accrued compensated absences	69,531
Total liabilities	80,652
NET POSITION	
Restricted for participation contracts	44,649
Unrestricted	349,230
Total net position	\$ 393,879

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
					<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Primary government:					
Government activities:					
General government	\$ 1,193,234	\$ 1,114,365	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (78,869)
Participation contracts	2,600	-	5,000	-	2,400
	<u>\$ 1,195,834</u>	<u>\$ 1,114,365</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(76,469)</u>
General revenues:					
Investment income					162
Total general revenues					<u>162</u>
Change in net position					(76,307)
Net position - Beginning					<u>470,186</u>
Net position - Ending					<u>\$ 393,879</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	General
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 416,499
Accounts receivable	34,860
Security deposit	7,776
Prepaid items	15,396
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 474,531
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 11,121
Total liabilities	11,121
 FUND BALANCE	
Nonspendable:	
Security deposit	7,776
Prepaid amounts	15,396
Restricted:	
Participation contracts	44,649
Assigned to:	
Subsequent year's expenditures	252,962
Unassigned	142,627
Total fund balance	463,410
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 474,531
 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Total fund balance	\$ 463,410
Long-term liabilities, including accrued compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(69,531)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 393,879

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	General
REVENUES	
Dues from members	\$ 375,000
Participation contract fees	5,000
Staff support/office reimbursement	739,365
Investment income	162
Total revenues	1,119,527
EXPENDITURES	
General government	1,181,110
Participation contracts	2,600
Total expenditures	1,183,710
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(64,183)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	527,593
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 463,410
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Net change in fund balance	\$ (64,183)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, including compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in government funds.	(12,124)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ (76,307)

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Dues from members	\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000	\$ -
Staff support/office reimbursement	755,497	739,365	(16,132)
Project Reimbursements	210,250	5,000	(205,250)
Investment income	2,500	162	(2,338)
Total revenues	<u>1,343,247</u>	<u>1,119,527</u>	<u>(223,720)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General government			
Accounting	22,000	16,184	5,816
Audit	8,000	6,458	1,542
Conservation	7,750	2,131	5,619
Contingency	10,000	-	10,000
Dues/sponsorships	35,000	34,075	925
Engineering	50,000	-	50,000
Insurance	12,000	8,452	3,548
IT support	10,000	3,790	6,210
Legal	25,000	29,399	(4,399)
Lobbying	48,000	48,000	-
Master plan	50,000	20,458	29,542
Office equipment	10,000	6,833	3,167
Office lease	90,000	55,231	34,769
Office supplies / meeting expense	10,000	11,007	(1,007)
Payroll tax expense	55,856	53,045	2,811
Public relations	19,000	18,900	100
Employee training	10,000	6,322	3,678
Salaries/benefits	853,559	850,684	2,875
Staff expenses	10,000	10,141	(141)
Total general government	<u>1,336,165</u>	<u>1,181,110</u>	<u>155,055</u>
Participation contracts			
Chatfield PS/West Side Alternate PA	200,000	-	200,000
Co/Wy Coalition	17,584	-	17,584
Water Ambassadors	25,650	2,600	23,050
Total participation contracts	<u>243,234</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>240,634</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,579,399</u>	<u>1,183,710</u>	<u>395,689</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(236,152)	(64,183)	171,969
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	450,000	527,593	77,593
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 213,848</u>	<u>\$ 463,410</u>	<u>\$ 249,562</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

NOTE 1 - DEFINITION OF REPORTING ENTITY

The South Metro Water Supply Authority (Authority) was formed in August 2004 and is operating under the First Amended and Restated South Metro Water Supply Authority Intergovernmental Agreement, which became effective January 1, 2006. The Authority is the successor-in-interest to the South Metro Water Supply Study Board (Study Board). The Study Board was formed in January 2000 as a separate legal entity by the Douglas County Water Resource Authority Project Participation Agreement authorized pursuant to Article XIV, Section 18(2) (a) of the Constitution of the State of Colorado and Section 29-1-201 of the 1973 Colorado Revised Statutes.

The Authority is governed by a five-member Board of Directors. Four directors are appointed by the governing bodies of the four largest participants. The fifth director is elected from delegates nominated by the remaining participants' governing bodies. The Authority has six employees.

As of December 31, 2021, the Authority consisted of thirteen members, who pay annual dues to operate the Authority based on the percentages defined in the First Amended and Restated South Metro Water Supply Authority Intergovernmental Agreement effective January 1, 2006. The members and their respective allocation of annual dues at December 31, 2021, were as follows:

Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority	3.71%
Castle Pines North Metropolitan District	3.71%
Centennial Water and Sanitation District	16.67%
Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District	3.70%
Dominion Water & Sanitation District	3.70%
East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District	16.67%
Inverness Water and Sanitation District	3.70%
Meridian Metropolitan District	3.70%
Parker Water and Sanitation District	16.67%
Pinery Water and Wastewater District	3.70%
Rangeview Metropolitan District	3.70%
Stonegate Village Metropolitan District	3.70%
Town of Castle Rock	16.67%
	<u>100.00%</u>

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

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

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The more significant accounting policies of the Authority are described as follows.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These financial statements include all the activities of the Authority. Governmental activities are normally supported by intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of net position reports all financial and capital resources of the Authority. The difference between the sum of assets and deferred outflows and the sum of liabilities and deferred inflows is reported as net position.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for the governmental fund.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

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 available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Authority considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 180 days of the end of the current fiscal period. The major sources of revenue susceptible to accrual are dues and project participation fees from participants. All other revenue items are measurable and available only when cash is received by the Authority. Expenditures, other than interest on long-term obligations are recorded when the liability is incurred, or the long-term obligation is due.

The Authority reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the Authority's only fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Authority.

Budgets

In accordance with the State Budget Law, the Authority's Board of Directors holds public hearings in the fall each year to approve the budget and appropriate the funds for the ensuing year. The appropriation is at the total fund expenditures level and lapses at year-end. The Authority's Board of Directors can modify the budget by line item within the total appropriation without notification. The appropriation can only be modified upon completion of notification and publication requirements. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Net Position

For government-wide presentation purposes when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's practice to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund Balance

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

- *Nonspendable fund balance* – The portion of fund balance that cannot be spent because it is either not in spendable form (such as prepaid amounts or inventory) or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted fund balance* – The portion of fund balance that is constrained to being used for a specific purpose by external parties (such as bondholders), constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.
- *Committed fund balance* – The portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Directors. The constraint may be removed or changed only through formal action of the Board of Directors.
- *Assigned fund balance* – The portion of fund balance that is constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes but is neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the Board of Directors to be used for a specific purpose. Constraints imposed on the use of assigned amounts are more easily removed or modified than those imposed on amounts that are classified as committed.
- *Unassigned fund balance* – The residual portion of fund balance that does not meet any of the criteria described above.

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

Compensated Absences

The Authority allows employees to accumulate unused vacation benefits up to a maximum of 36 days and unused sick leave up to a maximum of 24 days. Sick leave is not paid upon termination. Compensated absences are accrued when earned in the government-wide financial statements. An analysis of the changes in compensated absences for the year ended December 31, 2021, follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2020	Additions	Reductions	Balance at December 31, 2021	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 57,407	\$ 42,623	\$ 30,499	\$ 69,531	\$ 69,531

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments as of December 31, 2021 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of net position and balance sheet:

Cash and Investments	\$	416,499
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Cash and Investments as of December 31, 2021 consist of the following:

Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$	101,461
Investments		315,038
	\$	416,499

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit more than federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool for all the uninsured public deposits as a group is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust. The market value of the collateral must be at least 102% of the aggregate uninsured deposits.

The State Commissioners for banks and financial services are required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

At December 31, 2021, the Authority's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$113,295 and a carrying balance of \$101,461. All deposits held with financial institutions were collateralized by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Investments

The Authority makes investments pursuant to its investment policy and relevant State of Colorado Statutes.

The Authority generally limits its concentration of investments to those noted below, which are believed to have minimal credit risk, minimal interest rate risk and no foreign currency risk. Additionally, the Authority is not subject to concentration risk disclosure requirements for investments that are in the possession of another party.

Colorado revised statutes limit investment maturities to five years or less unless formally approved by the Board of Directors.

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

As of December 31, 2021, the Authority had the following investments:

Investments	Maturity	Net Asset Value
Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (ColoTrust)	Weighted average under 53 days	<u>\$ 315,038</u>

ColoTrust

The Authority invested in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (ColoTrust) (the Trust), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. The Trust offers shares in two portfolios, ColoTrust Prime and ColoTrust Plus+. Both portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. ColoTrust Plus+ may also invest in certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper and any security allowed under CRS 24-75-601. A designed custodial bank serves as custodian for the Trust's portfolios pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for the Trust's investment portfolios and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. The custodian's internal records segregate investments owned by the Trust. ColoTrust is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. The Trust records its investments at fair value and the Authority records its investment in the Trust using the net asset value method. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily and there is no redemption notice period.

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

NOTE 4 - NET POSITION

The Authority has net position consisting of two components - restricted and unrestricted.

The restricted component of net position includes assets that are restricted for the use either externally imposed by creditors, granters, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislations. At December 31, 2021, the District had \$44,649 of restricted net position for participation contracts.

The unrestricted component of net position as of December 31, 2021, totaled \$349,230.

NOTE 5 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

The Authority has entered into various agreements with other governmental entities to study, educate, acquire water, and construct water related infrastructure. Individual members of the Authority have entered into participation agreements to provide funding of Authority agreements and to pursue projects, which do not include all the Authority membership.

Personnel and Cost Sharing Agreement

The Authority entered into an agreement with South Metro WISE Authority (WISE) dated July 10, 2013. The agreement allows the Authority and WISE to share the costs related to the hiring, management and compensation of personnel, and the costs of personnel-related overhead. The percentage allocation will be reviewed from time to time to determine the reasonableness of the allocation and amended upon agreement of the parties.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

The Authority is a member of the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool (Pool) as of December 31, 2021. The Pool is an organization created by intergovernmental agreement to provide property, liability, public officials' liability, boiler and machinery and workers compensation coverage to its members. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

Deferred Compensation Plan

The Authority has established a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. This Plan is administrated by Lincoln Financial Group. Eligible employees may participate in the Plan at their option. At December 31, 2021, six of the Authority's members were participants in the 457 Plan and contributions for the year ended December 31, 2021, totaled \$65,293.

Defined Contribution Plan

The employees of the Authority can participate in a money purchase pension plan and trust (401a Plan), which is a defined contribution plan which was established by the Authority and is administered by Lincoln Financial Group. At December 31, 2021, there were six plan members. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. The Authority will contribute up to 8% of an employee's compensation to match the amount the employee contributes to the 457 Plan. There is no liability for benefits under the plan beyond the Authority's payments. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Authority's Board of Directors. Pension expense for the year ended December 31, 2021, totaled \$48,519.

NOTE 8 - TAX, SPENDING AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

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

Enterprises, defined as government-owned businesses authorized to issue revenue bonds and receiving less than 10% of annual revenue in grants from all state and local governments combined, are excluded from the provisions of TABOR.

The Authority's management believes it is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR.

However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation.

NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS

On March 16, 2021, the Authority entered into a 39-month office space lease agreement, beginning March 1, 2021. Annual rent commitments are as follows:

Years ending December 31,		
2022	\$	74,696
2023		76,874
2024		36,458
2025		6,202
Total	\$	<u>194,230</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF PARTICIPATION CONTRACT ACTIVITY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>Water Ambassadors</u>	<u>Co/WY Coalition</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES			
Arapahoe County Water & Wastewater Authority	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Castle Pines North Metro District	-	-	-
Centennial W&S District	-	-	-
Cottonwood W&S District	-	-	-
Dominion W&S District	-	-	-
East Cherry Creek Valley W&S District	-	-	-
Inverness W&S District	-	-	-
Meridian Metro District	-	-	-
Northern Douglas County W&S	5,000	-	5,000
Parker W&S District	-	-	-
Pinery W&S District	-	-	-
Rangeview Metro District	-	-	-
Stonegate Village Metro District	-	-	-
Town of Castle Rock	-	-	-
Douglas County	-	-	-
State of Colorado	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
CONTRACT COSTS			
Paid contract costs	<u>2,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,600</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) COSTS	2,400	-	2,400
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>45,039</u>	<u>(2,790)</u>	<u>42,249</u>
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 47,439</u>	<u>\$ (2,790)</u>	<u>\$ 44,649</u>



Board of Directors
South Metro Water Supply Authority
Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, Colorado

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the South Metro Water Supply Authority (the Authority) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2022. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit in our Planning Governance Communication dated March 9, 2022. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant audit findings or issues

Qualitative aspects of accounting practices

Accounting policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Authority are described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2021.

We noted no transactions entered into by the entity during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no accounting estimates affecting the financial statements which were particularly sensitive or required substantial judgments by management.

Financial statement disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Significant unusual transactions

We identified no significant unusual transactions.

Difficulties encountered in performing the audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Uncorrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has determined that the effects of uncorrected misstatements is immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. The following summarizes the uncorrected misstatement of the financial statements:

- Office lease rent was expensed when paid on the government-wide financial statements, but should be measured on a straight-line basis over the lease term under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 13, *Accounting for Operating Leases with Scheduled Rent Increases*. The difference between these two methods resulted in an uncorrected misstatement of \$13,913 in the government-wide financial statements.

Corrected misstatements

The following immaterial misstatement detected as a result of audit procedures was corrected by management:

- An adjustment of \$7,550 was made to reverse a year-end entry from accounts payable and prepaid expense.

Disagreements with management

For purposes of this communication, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

Management representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the attached management representation letter dated May 11, 2022.

Management consultations with other independent accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to engagement as the entity's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our engagement.

Supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole

With respect to the schedule of participation contract activity (collectively, the supplementary information) accompanying the financial statements, on which we were engaged to report in relation to the financial statements as a whole, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period or the reasons for such changes, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves. We have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2022.

Our auditors' opinion, the audited financial statements, and the notes to financial statements should only be used in their entirety. Inclusion of the audited financial statements in a document you prepare, such as an annual report, should be done only with our prior approval and review of the document. You are responsible to provide us the opportunity to review such documents before issuance.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of South Metro Water Supply Authority and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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May 11, 2022