

**WHEAT RIDGE SANITATION DISTRICT**  
**Financial Statements**  
**With**  
**Independent Auditor's Report**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors  
Wheat Ridge Sanitation District

### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wheat Ridge Sanitation District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Wheat Ridge Sanitation District'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 Wheat Ridge Sanitation District as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, 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. 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 Wheat Ridge Sanitation 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 opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 Wheat Ridge Sanitation District'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.

### 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 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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, including omissions, 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.

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In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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 of 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 Wheat Ridge Sanitation 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 Wheat Ridge Sanitation 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 management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

#### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Wheat Ridge Sanitation District's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedule – Non-GAAP basis and the Schedule of Expenses by Function, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Non-GAAP Basis and the Schedule of Expenses by Function are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Fort Collins, Colorado  
July 23, 2024

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

**WHEAT RIDGE SANITATION DISTRICT**  
**7100 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Ave., #104**  
**Wheat Ridge, CO 80033**

**Management's Discussion and Analysis**

**Introduction**

The Wheat Ridge Sanitation District's management discussion and analysis is intended to provide the reader and user of our financial statements, with (a) an understanding of the financial issues of the District; (b) an overview of the District's financial activities; (c) an explanation of the changes in the District's financial position; (d) an explanatory analysis of the variations of the annual, approved budget; and, (e) an assessment of any future financial or operating issues of the District.

Because this discussion and analysis is intended to focus on the 2023 activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts and conditions, it should be read in conjunction with, and with reference to, the accompanying audited financial statements and related notes to the financial statements beginning on page 7.

**Overview of the Financial Statements of the District**

The audited financial statements of the District are:

Statement of Net Position  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Notes to Financial Statements

These statements start on page 7. These and the Other Supplementary Information, *Budgetary Comparison Schedule* and *Schedule of Expenses by Function*, as listed in the table of contents, provide information about the District's financial position as of each December 31, its results of operations and the resulting cash flows for each year ended December 31, and information comparing actual revenues and expenditures with budgeted revenues and expenditures for the year. Except for the budgetary comparison schedule, these are presented with current year and prior year comparison.

The **Statement of Net position** provides information about what is owned (assets) by the District, what is owed (liabilities) by the District, and what is the District's equity in its assets (net position). Over time, the comparison of changes in net position may provide a useful method of evaluating whether the financial position of the District is improving, deteriorating, or maintaining a status quo.

The **Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net position** provides information about the components – Operating Revenue, Operating Expenses, Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses, and Capital Contributions – of the District's annual operating activities and how those activities affected Net position.

The **Statement of Cash Flows** provides an analysis about the sources and uses of District cash during the year and how the operating, financing, and investment activities affected the District's cash balances.

The **Notes to Financial Statements** provide additional, required disclosures about the District, its accounting policies and practices, its financial position and operating activities, and other required information. The information included in these notes is essential to a full understanding of the information contained in the financial statements.

The **Budgetary Comparison Schedule** provides information comparing the budgeted revenue and expenditure activities with the actual revenue and expenditure activities. When applicable, there will be a comparison of the originally approved budget with the final amended budget.

**Condensed Comparative Financial Information:**

**Statement of Net Position**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,714,540	\$ 4,941,698	\$ 5,370,868
Other current assets	522,306	465,876	569,597
Total Current Assets	<u>6,236,846</u>	<u>5,407,574</u>	<u>5,940,465</u>
Non Current Assets			
Capital assets – net	5,210,786	5,341,070	4,150,169
Total Assets	<u>11,447,632</u>	<u>10,748,644</u>	<u>10,090,634</u>
Current Liabilities	238,578	324,492	320,523
Long-term liabilities	16,140	26,559	36,714
Total Liabilities	<u>254,718</u>	<u>351,051</u>	<u>357,237</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>111,854</u>	<u>106,547</u>	<u>108,931</u>
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	5,210,786	5,341,070	4,150,169
Restricted	3,294	3,373	3,290
Unrestricted	5,866,980	4,946,603	5,471,007
Total Net Position	<u>\$11,081,060</u>	<u>\$10,291,046</u>	<u>\$ 9,624,466</u>

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,715,532	\$ 2,568,840	\$ 2,942,484
Operating Expenses	<u>2,358,549</u>	<u>2,200,249</u>	<u>2,664,595</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	356,983	368,591	277,889
Non Operating Revenues (Expenses)	433,031	297,989	787,010
Change in Net Position	790,014	666,580	1,064,899
Net Position, Beginning of Year	10,291,046	9,624,466	8,559,567
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 11,081,060</u>	<u>\$ 10,291,046</u>	<u>\$ 9,624,466</u>

## Statement of Cash Flows

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash from (for) Operating Activities	\$ 378,192	\$ 532,494	\$ 472,124
Cash from Non Capital Financing Activities	137,174	208,635	781,906
Cash from (for) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(38,381)	(1,360,195)	(43,081)
Cash from (for) Investing Activities	<u>295,857</u>	<u>189,896</u>	<u>1,218,742</u>
Increase (Decrease)	772,842	(429,170)	2,429,691
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	4,941,698	5,370,868	2,941,177
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 5,714,540</u>	<u>\$ 4,941,698</u>	<u>\$ 5,370,868</u>

This foregoing information is a summary of the financial information contained in the District's financial statements. For more about the information contained in this condensed, comparative financial information, we recommend a close review of the accompanying audited financial statements beginning on page 7.

### Analysis of Financial Position and Operating Results

Net position increased from \$10,291,046 in 2022 to \$11,081,060 in 2023, a difference of \$790,014 due to revenues exceeding expenses by that amount.

For 2023 the District has a net asset reserve for emergencies established under the provisions of TABOR in the amount of \$3,294.

Net capital assets decreased \$130,284 in 2023 due to depreciation expense exceeding additions.

The District's Liabilities at December 31, 2023 decreased \$85,914 from those at December 31, 2022 relating primarily to the timing of payments.

The District's 2023 operating revenues increased \$146,692 from 2022. The change in revenue is mainly a result of a sewer charge rate increase during the year.

The District's operating expenses increased by \$158,300 in 2023. This increase was caused by increased sewer treatment charges.

Net 2023 non-operating revenues had a \$135,042 increase due primarily to increased interest income.

### Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents for 2023 increased \$772,842. Cash and cash equivalents represent approximately 50% of the District's total assets at December 31, 2023.

For more information about these changes in net position, the operating activities, and cash flows see the accompanying audited financial statements beginning on page 7.

**Budgetary Discussion**

Actual revenues were \$315,876 less than the 2023 budget, primarily due to less than expected connection fees.

Actual expenditures were \$2,579,977 less than budgeted due to the District not requiring the use of all of the contingency expenditures, lower capital expenditures, and fewer connection fees.

**Capital Asset and Long Term Debt Discussion**

The District depreciates its infrastructure assets. See Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements – *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Capital Assets* on page 1 and Note 4 of Notes to Financial Statements – *Capital Assets* on page 16.

The District has no capital asset activities programs in process.

The District has no long-term debt.

**Other**

There are no currently known facts, decisions, or conditions, which are expected to, or may likely, have a significant effect on the financial condition and results of operation in subsequent reporting periods.

**Requests for Information**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional financial information should be address to the District at 7100 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Ave., #104, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.

## **Basic Financial Statements**

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District**  
**Statements of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,714,540	\$ 4,941,698
Prepaid expenses	14,256	12,570
Accounts receivable	396,196	296,067
Due from Metro Wastewater	-	50,692
Property taxes receivable	111,854	106,547
Total Current Assets	6,236,846	5,407,574
<b>Noncurrent Assets</b>		
Capital Assets		
Nondepreciable		
Construction in progress	1,552,354	1,513,973
Depreciable		
Sewer lines, extensions and inclusions	7,703,117	7,703,117
Office equipment	79,396	79,396
Leasehold improvements	2,824	2,824
Right to use lease asset, net of amortization	25,952	36,332
Total Capital Assets	9,363,643	9,335,642
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(4,152,857)	(3,994,572)
Net Capital Assets	5,210,786	5,341,070
Total Noncurrent Assets	5,210,786	5,341,070
Total Assets	11,447,632	10,748,644
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	44,333	146,610
Accrued expenses	7,610	7,689
Due to Metro Wastewater	51,187	-
Developer deposits	125,029	160,038
Lease liability - current portion	10,419	10,155
Total Current Liabilities	238,578	324,492
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>		
Lease liability - long-term portion	16,140	26,559
Total Long-Term Liabilities	16,140	26,559
Total Liabilities	254,718	351,051
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Deferred property taxes	111,854	106,547
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	111,854	106,547
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in capital assets	5,210,786	5,341,070
Restricted for emergencies	3,294	3,373
Unrestricted	5,866,980	4,946,603
Total Net Position	\$ 11,081,060	\$ 10,291,046

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District**  
**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Sewage treatment revenue	\$ 2,642,181	\$ 2,468,240
Grease trap fees	17,635	12,500
Metro connection fees	15,360	70,650
Inspection fees	7,625	8,350
Miscellaneous income	32,731	9,100
Total Operating Revenues	2,715,532	2,568,840
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Sewage treatment	1,607,709	1,424,327
Collection and transmission	223,499	305,122
General and administration	353,696	241,236
Metro connection fees	15,360	70,650
Depreciation	158,285	158,914
Total Operating Expenses	2,358,549	2,200,249
Operating Income (Loss)	356,983	368,591
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>		
Property taxes	102,139	104,944
Specific ownership taxes	7,650	7,503
Investment income	295,857	89,354
Office sharing revenue	9,693	9,705
Connection fees	19,500	88,425
County treasurer fees	(1,808)	(1,942)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	433,031	297,989
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	790,014	666,580
Net Position, beginning of year	10,291,046	9,624,466
Net Position, end of year	\$ 11,081,060	\$ 10,291,046

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>		
Cash received from customers	\$ 2,615,403	\$ 2,551,693
Cash paid to suppliers	(2,237,211)	(2,019,199)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	378,192	532,494
<b>Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities</b>		
Property and ownership taxes received	109,789	112,447
Office sharing revenue	9,693	9,705
Fee paid to county treasurer	(1,808)	(1,942)
Cash received for connection charges and upsizing	19,500	88,425
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	137,174	208,635
<b>Cash Flows From Capital And Related Financing Activities</b>		
Acquisitions and construction of capital assets	(38,381)	(1,360,195)
Net cash provided (used) in capital and related financing activities	(38,381)	(1,360,195)
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>		
Investment income received	295,857	90,063
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	99,833
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	295,857	189,896
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	772,842	(429,170)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	4,941,698	5,370,868
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 5,714,540	\$ 4,941,698
 <b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</b>		
Operating Income / (Loss)	\$ 356,983	\$ 368,591
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to cash provided / (used) by operating activities		
Depreciation	158,285	158,914
Amortization of right to use lease	10,380	10,380
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Prepaid expenses	(1,686)	1,823
Accounts receivable	(100,129)	(17,147)
Due to / from Metro Wastewater	101,879	16,119
Accounts payable	(102,277)	(33,185)
Other accrued liabilities	(35,088)	36,997
Payments on lease liability	(10,155)	(9,998)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 378,192	\$ 532,494

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

**Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Wheat Ridge Sanitation District (the District) is a quasi-municipal corporation, pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Special District Act. The District was established to provide sanitation services to its service area located in Jefferson County, Colorado. The District operates under a Board of Directors form of government. The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. The significant accounting policies utilized are provided below:

**Financial Reporting Entity**

The District follows all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting pronouncements, which is the authoritative body and provides guidance for determining which governmental activities, organization 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, a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens, and fiscal dependency. The District is not financially accountable for any other organization, nor is the District a component unit of any other entity.

**Basis of Presentation**

Enterprise fund accounting is utilized by the District in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Enterprise funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recorded when incurred. Depreciation is computed and recorded as an operating expense. Expenditures for capital outlay are recognized as increases in capital assets. Retirement of bonds is recorded as a reduction of liabilities.

The District distinguishes *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing sanitation services in connection with the District's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are charges to customers for sanitation services. Operating expenses include the cost of providing sanitation services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The District follows the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* as amended by Statement No. 61 *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34* and Statement No. 63 *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. These statements establishes

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

**Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Basis of Accounting (continued)**

standards for external financial reporting for all state and local governmental entities which includes a management's discussion and analysis section; a statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; and a statement of cash flows. It requires the classification of net position into three components: net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted.

**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The District adheres to the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Prior to October 15, the District manager submits the proposed budget to the District Board of Directors.
- Prior to its adoption, the budget is open for inspection by the public.
- After public inspection and consideration of any objections filed, the Board reviews the proposed budget and formally adopts it by resolution.
- At the time of the adoption of the budget, the Board passes an appropriating ordinance giving the District legal authority to spend.
- Prior to December 15, the Board adopts the mill levy.

Budgets are not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America because they include capital asset expenditures, but do not include depreciation. Budgets may be amended during the year by approval of the Board of Directors. Any amendments to the budget are incorporated into the budget in these financial statements. Appropriations lapse at the end of the budget year. The budget was not amended in 2023.

**Property Taxes**

Property taxes attach an enforceable lien on property as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Taxes are levied on January 1<sup>st</sup> and are payable either in one installment on or before April 30<sup>th</sup>, or in two installments due on or before February 28<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The collections and assessments are done by Jefferson County and are remitted to the District monthly. District property taxes which are due to be paid in the next period, and representing an enforceable lien at January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year, have been recorded as a receivable and as deferred revenue.

**Connection Fees**

The District charges a connection fee for new customers connecting to the District's system. Connection fees retained by the District are reported as non-operating revenues. Connection fees collected on behalf of another district are reported as operating revenues and expenses.

**Assets and Liabilities**

Investments – investments are recorded at fair market value. Level two inputs have been used to determine fair market value.

Receivables – all receivables are reported at their book value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

**Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Capital assets - are recorded at cost except for those assets which have been contributed, which are stated at estimated fair market value at the date of contribution or at developer's cost. The capitalization threshold for fixed assets is \$5,000. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the asset's estimated economic useful life. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Sewer lines	33 years
Machinery and equipment	10 years
Office furniture and equipment	3-20 years
Leasehold improvements	33 years

**Deferred Outflows / Inflows of Resources**

The District implemented the provisions of GASB No. 63 Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position (GASB 63) and the provisions of GASB No. 65 Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities (GASB 65). As a result in addition to assets, liabilities and net position, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period (deferred outflow) or the acquisition of net position that applies to future periods (deferred inflows).

**Lease Accounting**

The District implemented the provisions of GASB No. 87 Leases. The District determines whether to account for its leases as operating or financing leases depending on the underlying terms of the lease agreement. This determination of classification is complex and requires significant judgment relating to certain information including the estimated fair value and remaining economic life of the leased asset, the District's cost of funds, minimum lease payments and other lease terms. The District records the value of the right-of-use asset at the present value of future lease payments, discounted at the District's estimated incremental borrowing rate, and any direct costs related to the lease. Total lease payments are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The related lease liability is recorded at the present value of any unpaid lease payments.

**Net position**

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets – consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District utilizes restricted net position before utilizing unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for both purposes.

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

**Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

c. Unrestricted net position – all other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.” These net position are available for future operations or distributions.

**Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the statement net position, and the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents are defined as investments (including restricted assets) with maturity of three months or less at date of acquisition. The District considers certificates of deposit with maturities of more than three months at date of purchase as investments.

**Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements**

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

**Note 2 Cash and Investments**

**Cash Deposits**

As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, the District’s cash deposits had a carrying balance of \$141,428 and \$305,911 and a corresponding bank balance of \$184,724 and \$513,506, of which \$184,724 and \$250,000 was insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, respectively. The District had \$0 and \$263,506 collateralized under PDPA at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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

The Colorado Divisions of Banking 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.

**Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, none of the District’s bank deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk.

The District’s investments were measured at fair value using level two inputs, which are inputs—other than quoted prices—included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. The US Bank money market account is AAA rated by Standard and Poor’s. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District’s holdings of U.S. agency obligations were rated AA+ by Standard & Poor’s.

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**Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

**Note 2 Cash and Investments (Continued)**

**Investments**

Colorado statutes specify in which investment instruments the units of local government may invest. The District's investment policy conforms to state statute. Below are a list of authorized by Colorado statute:

- Obligations of the United States and certain United States government agency securities.
- Certain international agency securities.
- General obligation and revenue bonds of United States local government entities.
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks.
- Commercial paper.
- Local government investment pools.
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities.
- Certain money market funds.
- Guaranteed investment contracts.

At December 31, 2023, the District had \$5,572,237 and \$4,634,898 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 offers shares in three portfolios, COLOTRUST PRIME, COLOTRUST PLUS+, and COLOTRUST EDGE.

COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+ - The Trust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. 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 section 24-75-601, C.R.S., as amended.

COLOTRUST EDGE - The Trust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$10.00. The portfolio may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper and any security allowed under CRS 24-75-601.

A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for the Trust's portfolios pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for the Trust's investment portfolios and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. The custodian's internal records segregate investments owned by the Trust. COLOTRUST is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's and is measured at net asset value (NAV). There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily, and there is no redemption notice period.

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**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

**Note 2 Cash and Investments (Continued)**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Cash on hand (cash and cash equivalent)	\$ 400	\$ 400
Cash at County Treasurer (cash and cash equivalent)	475	489
Cash in bank (cash and cash equivalent)	141,428	305,911
COLOTRUST (cash and cash equivalent)	5,572,237	4,634,898
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 5,714,540</u>	<u>\$ 4,941,698</u>

**Note 3 Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable at December 31, 2023 and 2022, were comprised of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Fees for sewer services	\$ 395,557	\$ 295,382
Other receivables	639	685
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 396,196</u>	<u>\$ 296,067</u>

**Note 4 Capital Assets**

A summary of changes to capital assets for 2023 is as follows:

	<u>Balance at 12/31/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance at 12/31/2023</u>
<b>Nondepreciable</b>				
Construction in progress	\$ 1,513,973	\$ 38,381	\$ -	\$ 1,552,354
Total Nondepreciable	<u>1,513,973</u>	<u>38,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,552,354</u>
<b>Depreciable</b>				
Sewer lines, extensions and inclusions	7,703,117	-	-	7,703,117
Office equipment	79,396	-	-	79,396
Leasehold improvements	2,824	-	-	2,824
Right to Use lease asset	46,712	-	-	46,712
Total Depreciable	<u>7,832,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,832,049</u>
TOTAL	<u>9,346,022</u>	<u>38,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,384,403</u>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
Sewer lines, extensions and inclusions	(3,924,363)	(155,112)	-	(4,079,475)
Office equipment	(67,385)	(3,173)	-	(70,558)
Leasehold improvements	(2,824)	-	-	(2,824)
Amortization of right to use lease asset	(10,380)	(10,380)	-	(20,760)
Total Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<u>(4,004,952)</u>	<u>(168,665)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,173,617)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 5,341,070</u>	<u>\$ (130,284)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,210,786</u>

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

**Note 4 Capital Assets (Continued)**

A summary of changes to capital assets for 2022 is as follows:

	Balance at 12/31/2021	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 12/31/2022
<b>Nondepreciable</b>				
Construction in progress	\$ 153,778	\$ 1,360,195	\$ -	\$ 1,513,973
Total Nondepreciable	<u>153,778</u>	<u>1,360,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,513,973</u>
<b>Depreciable</b>				
Sewer lines, extensions and inclusions	7,703,117	-	-	7,703,117
Office equipment	79,396	-	-	79,396
Leasehold improvements	2,824	-	-	2,824
Right to Use lease asset	46,712	-	-	46,712
Total Depreciable	<u>7,832,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,832,049</u>
TOTAL	<u>7,985,827</u>	<u>1,360,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,346,022</u>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
Sewer lines, extensions and inclusions	(3,769,191)	(155,172)	-	(3,924,363)
Office equipment	(63,643)	(3,742)	-	(67,385)
Leasehold improvements	(2,824)	-	-	(2,824)
Amortization of right to use lease asset	-	(10,380)	-	(10,380)
Total Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<u>(3,835,658)</u>	<u>(169,294)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,004,952)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 4,150,169</u>	<u>\$ 1,190,901</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,341,070</u>

Depreciation charged to expense by function was:

	2023	2022
Administrative and general	\$ 3,173	\$ 3,742
Collection and transmission	155,112	155,172
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 158,285</u>	<u>\$ 158,914</u>

**Note 5 Leases**

The District entered into a five-year lease for office space beginning on July 1, 2022. The lease amounts vary during the term of the lease will be \$915 per month. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year	Amount
2024	\$ 10,380
2025	10,380
2026	5,490
Total	<u>\$ 26,250</u>

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

**Note 6 Tax, Spending, and Debt Limitation**

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), contains several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments. TABOR is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of TABOR.

The District has created a Water and Wastewater statutory enterprise operation in compliance with Colorado law, which exempts certain business-like operations from Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.

The District has established an emergency reserve of \$3,294 and \$3,373 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, to comply with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.

**Note 7 Risk Management**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disaster. The District is a participant in the Colorado Special District Association Property and Liability Pool. The Pool was formed by an agreement by member special districts of the Special District Association as a separate and independent governmental and legal entity pursuant to the provisions of Article XIV, Section 18(2) of the Colorado Constitution and Sections 29-1-201 et. seq., 8-44-101(1)(c) and (3), 8-44-204, 24-10-115.5, and 29-13-102, C.R.S, as amended. Membership is restricted to Colorado special districts which are members of the Special District Association.

The purpose of the Pool is to provide defined property, liability, workers' compensation and associated coverage's, and claims and risk management services related thereto, for member special districts through a self-insurance pool. The Pool has contracted with other third parties to operate, administer and manage the Pool. In the event aggregated losses incurred by the Pool exceed amounts recoverable from the reinsurance contracts and capital and surplus accumulated by the Pool, additional contributions may be required from the Pool members. Settled claims exceeded the Districts commercial coverage by \$0, \$0 and \$0 for the year ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

**Note 8 Reclassifications**

Certain items have been reclassified from the previous year to conform with the presentation of the current years financial statements.

## **Other Supplementary Information**

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District**  
**Budgetary vs. Actual Comparison - Non GAAP Basis**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	Original & Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Connection fees - Wheat Ridge	281,600	19,500	(262,100)
Connection fees -Metro	357,500	15,360	(342,140)
Inspection fees	8,500	7,625	(875)
Sewage treatment revenue	2,607,600	2,642,181	34,581
Grease trap fees	12,000	17,635	5,635
Property tax	106,547	102,139	(4,408)
Ownership tax	7,500	7,650	150
Investment income	65,000	295,857	230,857
Office sharing revenue	10,000	9,693	(307)
Miscellaneous	10,000	32,731	22,731
Total Revenues	<u>3,466,247</u>	<u>3,150,371</u>	<u>(315,876)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Sewage Collection and Transmission			
Contract maintenance of lines	205,000	91,646	113,354
Inspections	25,000	15,360	9,640
Locates	110,000	85,131	24,869
Repairs and maintenance	100,000	31,362	68,638
Backup and restoration	10,000	-	10,000
Sewage Treatment			
Metro Wastewater service charge	1,530,832	1,607,709	(76,877)
Sanitary Administration			
Administrative, auditing and accounting	102,200	102,298	(98)
Engineering	85,000	145,889	(60,889)
Bank charges	1,200	1,885	(685)
Directors' fees	6,000	5,100	900
Election	1,000	-	1,000
Insurance	12,000	9,934	2,066
Legal	45,000	40,157	4,843
Membership dues and meetings	1,500	7,323	(5,823)
Miscellaneous expense	1,500	83	1,417
Office expenses	22,000	20,362	1,638
Occupancy	15,500	15,257	243
Taxes - payroll	500	388	112
Telephone	5,500	5,020	480
County treasurer fees	1,598	1,808	(210)
Connection Fees - Metro	281,600	15,360	266,240
Contingency Expense	150,000	-	150,000
Capital Expenditures	2,107,500	38,381	2,069,119
Total Expenditures	<u>4,820,430</u>	<u>2,240,453</u>	<u>2,579,977</u>
<b>Reconciliation to GAAP Basis</b>			
Net income - Budgetary Basis		909,918	
Add Capital Outlay		38,381	
Less Depreciation		(158,285)	
Net Income - GAAP Basis		<u>\$ 790,014</u>	

**Wheat Ridge Sanitation District**  
**Schedule of Expenses by Function**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

<b>Collection and Transmission Expense</b>	<u><b>2023</b></u>	<u><b>2022</b></u>
Contract operations and maintenance	\$ 91,646	\$ 146,202
Inspections	15,360	18,010
Backup restoration	-	1,709
Locates	85,131	105,258
Repairs and maintenance	<u>31,362</u>	<u>33,943</u>
Subtotal	223,499	305,122
Depreciation	<u>155,112</u>	<u>155,172</u>
Total Collection and Transmission	<u><u>\$ 378,611</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 460,294</u></u>

<b>General and Administrative Expense</b>		
Administrative, accounting and auditing services	\$ 102,298	\$ 98,846
Engineering and capacity study	145,889	47,638
Financial management fees	-	343
Bank charges	1,885	1,133
Directors' fees	5,100	5,700
Insurance	9,934	9,474
Legal	40,157	35,671
Membership dues and meetings	7,323	6,278
Miscellaneous expense	83	84
Office supplies and equipment maintenance	20,362	15,868
Occupancy	15,257	14,852
Taxes - payroll	388	428
Telephone	<u>5,020</u>	<u>4,921</u>
Subtotal	353,696	241,236
Depreciation	<u>3,173</u>	<u>3,742</u>
Total General and Administrative	<u><u>\$ 356,869</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 244,978</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements