

**LOWER FOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN  
SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
El Paso County, Colorado**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

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**BiggsKofford**

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Board of Directors

**Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District**

El Paso County, Colorado

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District ("District") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the District as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, 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 Opinion

We conducted our audits 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 the 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 audits. 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 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 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Management has omitted 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 which 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.

### *Supplementary Information*

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information, as identified in the table of contents, 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. 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 supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*BiggsKofford, P.C.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
June 9, 2025

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**LOWER FOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,992,852	\$ 1,603,828
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	55,300	53,500
Accounts Receivable	27,981	25,036
Intergovernmental Receivable	121,648	119,849
Inventory	49,133	53,452
Total Current Assets	2,246,914	1,855,665
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>		
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	291,375	291,375
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	32,145,912	33,136,199
Total Capital Assets	32,437,287	33,427,574
Total Assets	\$ 34,684,201	\$ 35,283,239
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts and Contracts Payable	\$ 55,137	\$ 61,210
Accrued Liabilities	18,095	18,094
Intergovernmental Payable	66,423	59,370
Total Current Liabilities	139,655	138,674
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	32,437,287	33,427,574
Restricted	55,300	53,500
Unrestricted	2,051,959	1,663,491
Total Net Position	34,544,546	35,144,565
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 34,684,201	\$ 35,283,239

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**LOWER FOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Charges for Services	\$ 1,755,042	\$ 1,709,398
Miscellaneous	-	257
Total Operating Revenues	1,755,042	1,709,655
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel Services	3,864	3,864
Depreciation and Amortization	1,040,344	1,040,686
Supplies	166,930	188,150
Repairs and Maintenance	91,305	135,018
Purchased Services	815,788	840,596
Utilities	193,042	204,836
Management Fees	135,899	134,814
Fixed Charges	62,295	51,445
Total Operating Expenses	2,509,467	2,599,409
<b>LOSS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	(754,425)	(889,754)
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>		
Interest Income	86,344	70,352
Total Nonoperating Revenues	86,344	70,352
<b>CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Intergovernmental Contributions	68,062	119,984
Total Capital Contributions	68,062	119,984
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	(600,019)	(699,418)
Total Net Position - Beginning of Year	35,144,565	35,843,983
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 34,544,546	\$ 35,144,565

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**LOWER FOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from Customers	\$ 1,752,097	\$ 1,706,825
Payments to Directors	(3,600)	(3,600)
Payments to Vendors for Goods and Services	(1,462,022)	(1,559,404)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	286,475	143,821
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Acquisitions and Construction of Capital Assets	(50,057)	(24,412)
Intergovernmental Contributions	68,062	119,984
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	18,005	95,572
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Interest Received	86,344	70,352
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	86,344	70,352
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	390,824	309,745
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	1,657,328	1,347,583
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 2,048,152	\$ 1,657,328
<b>RECONCILIATION OF LOSS FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Loss from Operations	\$ (754,425)	\$ (889,754)
Adjustments to Reconcile Loss from Operations to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation/Amortization	1,040,344	1,040,686
Net Change in Operating Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts Receivable	(2,945)	(2,573)
Inventory	4,319	7,596
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(6,072)	(584)
Due from Fountain Sanitation District	5,254	(11,550)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 286,475	\$ 143,821

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**LOWER FOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 DEFINITION OF REPORTING ENTITY**

Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District (District), a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of state of Colorado, was established in 1985 for the purpose of providing regional wastewater treatment service for areas located within the Jimmy Camp Creek Drainage Basin and the Sand Creek Drainage Basin, which is a specified portion of the City of Fountain, Colorado, and certain surrounding areas. The nature of the District's organization limits it to serving governmental entities only. Currently, the only members of the District are Fountain Sanitation District (FSD), Colorado Centre Metropolitan District (CCMD), and the City of Colorado Springs on behalf of its enterprise, Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU).

The District operates a sewage treatment facility and interceptor sewer that serves the needs of the District and its members. On August 3, 2013, construction on the new sewage treatment facility and interceptor sewer line was completed and the District started operations.

The governing body consists of a five-member board of directors appointed by FSD, CCMD, and CSU.

The District 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.

Component units are legally separate entities for which the District (primary government) is financially accountable, or for which the exclusion of the component unit would render the financial statements of the primary government misleading. The criteria used to determine if the primary government is financially accountable for a component unit includes whether or not the primary government appoints the voting majority of the potential component unit's governing body, is able to impose its will on the potential component unit, is in relationship of financial benefit or burden with the potential component unit, or is fiscally depended upon by the potential component unit.

FSD has been financially accountable for the District since 2003. The District is a component unit of FSD because FSD appoints a voting majority of its board of directors, and therefore can control the District.

The District has no employees, and all operations and administrative functions are contracted.

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**NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The more significant accounting policies of the District are described as follows:

The accounting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units accounted for as a proprietary enterprise fund. The enterprise fund is used since the District's powers are related to those operated in a manner similar to a private utility system where net income and capital maintenance are appropriate determinations of accountability.

**Basis of Accounting**

The District's records are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred. Depreciation is computed and recorded as an operating expense. Expenditures for capital assets are shown as increases in assets.

**Operating Revenues and Expenses**

The District distinguishes between operating revenues and expenses and nonoperating items in the statements of revenues, expenses, and change in net position. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the District's purpose of providing sanitation services to its customers. Operating revenues consist of charges to customers for service provided. Operating expenses include the cost of service, administrative expenses, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses or capital contributions.

**Budgets**

In accordance with the State Budget Law, the District'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 and other financing uses level and lapses at year end. The District'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 includes each fund on its basis of accounting unless otherwise indicated.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the District considers cash deposits and highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents.

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable consist of sewage collection services receivable. Accounts receivable are shown net of allowance for uncollectibles. Accounts receivable are expensed as bad debts at the time they are determined to be uncollectible.

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**NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Inventory**

Inventory is composed of various spare parts, replacement equipment and expendable supplies and materials used in the operations of the District. Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market value under the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include land, plant and buildings, distribution and collection systems, and machinery and equipment, are reported by the District. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the life of the asset are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable. Depreciation expense has been computed using the straight-line method over the estimated economic useful lives:

Sewer Lines and Lagoons	20 to 50 Years
Treatment Plant and Sewage Control	10 to 40 Years
Equipment	5 to 20 Years

At the time of retirement or disposition of depreciable property, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in nonoperating revenues (expenses).

Costs of certain engineering, feasibility, environmental and other studies are capitalized until the projects become operational. When projects become operational, the costs are included in capital assets and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the related asset.

**NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash and investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are classified in the accompanying financial statements of the District as follows:

	2024	2023
Statement of Net Position:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,992,852	\$ 1,603,828
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	55,300	53,500
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,048,152	\$ 1,657,328

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**NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Cash and Investments for the District as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 consist of the following:

	2024	2023
Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$ 390,519	\$ 85,849
Investments	1,657,633	1,571,479
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 2,048,152	\$ 1,657,328

**Deposits with Financial Institutions**

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 in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The 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.

As of December 31, 2024, the District's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$416,053 and a carrying balance of \$390,519. As of December 31, 2023, the District's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$134,117 and a carrying balance of \$85,849.

**Investments**

The District has not adopted a formal investment policy; however, the District follows state statutes regarding investments.

The District generally limits its concentration of investments to those noted with an asterisk (\*) below, which are believed to have minimal credit risk; minimal interest rate risk and no foreign currency risk. Additionally, the District 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, such actions are generally associated with a debt service reserve or sinking fund requirements.

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**NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**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, 2024 and 2023, the District had the following investments:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE)	Weighted-Average Under 60 Days	<u>\$ 1,657,633</u>	<u>\$ 1,571,479</u>

**CSAFE**

The District invested in the Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE) (the Trust), which is an investment vehicle established by state statute for local government entities to pool surplus assets. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust currently offers two portfolios – CSAFE CASH FUND and CSAFE CORE.

CSAFE CASH FUND operations similar to a money market fund, with each share valued at \$1.00. CSAFE may invest in U.S. Treasury securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, certain money market funds and highest rated commercial paper, any security allowed under Section 24-75-601.1, C.R.S.

CSAFE CORE, a variable Net Asset Value (NAV) Local Government Investment Pool, offers weekly liquidity and is managed to approximate a \$2.00 transactional share price. CSAFE CORE may invest in securities authorized by Section 24-75-601.1, C.R.S., including U.S. Treasury securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, and highest rated commercial paper.

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**NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**CSAFE (Continued)**

A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for CSAFE’s portfolio pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for CSAFE’s investment portfolio and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. The custodian’s internal records segregate investments owned by CSAFE. CSAFE CASH FUND is rated AAmmf and CSAFE CORE is rated AAf/S1 by Fitch Ratings. CSAFE records its investments at amortized cost and the District records its investments in CSAFE using the amortized cost method. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily and there is no redemption notice period.

**NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity of the District for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance - December 31, 2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance - December 31, 2024
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 291,375	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 291,375
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	291,375	-	-	291,375
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Sewer Lines and Lagoons Treatment Plant and Sewage Control	8,461,114	-	-	8,461,114
Equipment	34,107,350	-	-	34,107,350
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	136,594	50,057	-	186,651
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	42,705,058	50,057	-	42,755,115
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Sewer Lines and Lagoons Treatment Plant and Sewage Control	(1,618,076)	(169,222)	-	(1,787,298)
Equipment	(7,857,819)	(852,338)	-	(8,710,157)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(92,964)	(18,784)	-	(111,748)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(9,568,859)	(1,040,344)	-	(10,609,203)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	33,136,199	(990,287)	-	32,145,912
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 33,427,574	\$ (990,287)	\$ -	\$ 32,437,287

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**NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

Capital asset activity of the District for the year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

	Balance - December 31, 2022	Increases	Decreases	Balance - December 31, 2023
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 291,375	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 291,375
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	291,375	-	-	291,375
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Sewer Lines	8,461,114	-	-	8,461,114
Treatment Plant and Sewage Control	34,093,540	13,810	-	34,107,350
Equipment	125,992	10,602	-	136,594
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	42,680,646	24,412	-	42,705,058
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Sewer Lines and Lagoons	(1,451,644)	(166,432)	-	(1,618,076)
Treatment Plant and Sewage Control	(7,005,480)	(852,339)	-	(7,857,819)
Equipment	(71,049)	(21,915)	-	(92,964)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(8,528,173)	(1,040,686)	-	(9,568,859)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	34,152,473	(1,016,274)	-	33,136,199
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 34,443,848</u>	<u>\$ (1,016,274)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 33,427,574</u>

Depreciation expense of the District for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 was charged to the following operations:

	2024	2023
Sewer Lines and Lagoons	\$ 169,222	\$ 166,432
Treatment Plant and Sewage Control	852,338	852,339
Equipment	18,784	21,915
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 1,040,344</u>	<u>\$ 1,040,686</u>

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**NOTE 5 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS**

**Intergovernmental Agreement**

On February 10, 2016 and as amended December 14, 2022, the District became party to an intergovernmental agreement with FSD, CCMD, CSU, and Vintage Development Company. The agreement obligates FSD, CCMD, CSU, and Vintage Development Company to fund its proportionate share of the cost of constructing and operating a regional treatment facility and interceptor sewer, which will increase the treatment capacity to meet anticipated future needs. FSD contributed \$27,851 and \$79,660 and the other parties to the agreement contributed \$40,211 and \$40,324 to the District for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**Operating Services Agreement**

On May 11, 2010, the District entered into an operating services agreement with FSD. FSD agrees to provide management and operational services for the District as set forth in the agreement. The initial term of this agreement shall end on December 31, 2010. Contingent upon the appropriation of funds necessary to meet the responsibilities of each party to this agreement, the agreement shall be automatically extended for successive one year terms, commencing January 1 of each year, unless notice of nonrenewal is given by either party not less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the end of the existing term. The District paid FSD a total of \$755,969 and \$752,811 for operating and administrative services during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**NOTE 6 NET POSITION**

The District has net position consisting of three components – net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

The net investment in capital assets component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the District had the following net investment in capital assets, calculated as follows:

	2024	2023
Net Investment in Capital Assets:		
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 43,046,490	\$ 42,996,433
Less Depreciation	(10,609,203)	(9,568,859)
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 32,437,287	\$ 33,427,574

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**NOTE 6 NET POSITION (CONTINUED)**

Restricted assets include net position that are restricted for use either externally by creditors, granters, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District had restricted net position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 as follows:

	2024	2023
Restricted Net Position:		
Emergency Reserves	\$ 55,300	\$ 53,500

Unrestricted net position consist of net assets that do not meet the definition of invested in capital assets or restricted.

**NOTE 7 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District 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 District is a member of the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool (the Pool) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. 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 District pays annual premiums to the Pool for liability, property, public officials' liability, and workers' compensation 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 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.

**NOTE 8 TAX, SPENDING, AND DEBT LIMITATIONS**

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, commonly known as the Taxpayer's 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 District's management believes a significant portion of its operations qualifies for this exclusion.

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**NOTE 8 TAX, SPENDING, AND DEBT LIMITATIONS (CONTINUED)**

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

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of Fiscal Year Spending (excluding bonded debt service). Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases.

The District's management believes it is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of the provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate Fiscal Year Spending limits and qualifications as an Enterprise will require judicial interpretation.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**LOWER FOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
BUDGET TO ACTUAL  
CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Sewage Charges	\$ 1,941,417	\$ 1,750,295	\$ (191,122)
Intergovernmental Revenue - Operations	34,000	34,000	-
Intergovernmental Revenue - Capital	75,000	34,062	(40,938)
Interest Income	850	86,279	85,429
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>2,051,267</u>	<u>1,904,636</u>	<u>(146,631)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Sewage Collection and Transmission:			
Contract Services	113,206	92,478	20,728
Supplies	1,750	17,550	(15,800)
Repairs and Maintenance	2,000	802	1,198
Purchased Services	4,515	-	4,515
Utilities	-	532	(532)
Capital Outlay and Contributions	5,500	-	5,500
Total Sewage Collection and Transmission	<u>126,971</u>	<u>111,362</u>	<u>15,609</u>
Sewer Treatment Plant:			
Contract Services	602,575	477,611	124,964
Supplies	258,922	148,584	110,338
Repairs and Maintenance	62,500	38,991	23,509
Purchased Services	283,334	194,736	88,598
Utilities	275,100	194,054	81,046
Capital Outlay	157,664	62,091	95,573
Total Sewer Treatment Plant	<u>1,640,095</u>	<u>1,116,067</u>	<u>524,028</u>
Sewage Administration:			
Management Fees	135,899	135,809	90
Supplies	3,000	-	3,000
General Administration	34,350	24,782	9,568
Purchased Services	48,397	29,502	18,895
Fixed Charges	62,500	62,295	205
Reserve Transfer	55	-	55
Total Sewage Administration	<u>284,201</u>	<u>252,388</u>	<u>31,813</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,051,267</u>	<u>1,479,817</u>	<u>571,450</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	-	424,819	424,819
Funds Available - Beginning of Year	-	-	-
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 424,819</u>	<u>\$ 424,819</u>

**LOWER FOUNTAIN METROPOLITAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF RECONCILIATION OF BUDGETARY BASIS TO  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

The accompanying Supplementary Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures – Budget Compared to Actual on page 15 presents comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data on a budgetary basis. Because accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ significantly from those used to present financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, a reconciliation of differences in revenues and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2024 is presented below.

Total Revenue per Financial Statements (Operating and Nonoperating Revenue)	\$ 1,909,448
Add:	
Revenue Accruals and Noncash Adjustments at December 31, 2023	145,755
Less:	
Revenue Accruals and Noncash Adjustments at December 31, 2024	<u>(150,567)</u>
Total Actual Revenue and Receipts per the Budget	<u><u>\$ 1,904,636</u></u>
Total Expenses and Capital Expenditures per Financial Statements	\$ 2,509,467
Add:	
Expenses and Capital Expenditures Accruals and Noncash Adjustments at December 31, 2023	469,013
Capital Expenditures	50,057
Less:	
Expenses and Capital Expenditures Accruals and Noncash Adjustments at December 31, 2024	(508,376)
Depreciation and Amortization Expenses	<u>(1,040,344)</u>
Total Actual Expenses and Capital Expenditures per the Budget	<u><u>\$ 1,479,817</u></u>