

**ANIMAS-LA PLATA  
WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

**DECEMBER 31, 2024**





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## Independent Auditors' Report

Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District  
Board of Directors

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 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 governmental activities and the major fund of Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District, as of December 31, 2024 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 the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit 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 Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our 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.

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 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 Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy 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 Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy 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 management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison for the general fund, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Haynie & Company*

Littleton, Colorado  
September 5, 2025

## **Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) December 31, 2024**

As management of the Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2024.

This discussion and analysis is intended to be an easily readable analysis of the Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions and conditions. This analysis focuses on current year activities and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements that follow.

### **Report Layout**

Besides this Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the report consists of financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, and other supplementary information. Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District is a proprietary fund entity whose primary function for several years was to plan for and oversee the development of the Animas La Plata Project. This project has been completed. It is now coordinating the sale of project water allocations and providing financial assistance to various water projects in its District. The financial statements of Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District consist of two primary statements: the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

The Statement of Net Position reflects the cumulative financial condition of the District on December 31, 2024. Net position reflects the sum total of earnings and contributions to the District over its lifetime, net of any losses incurred.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position shows the change in financial condition from operations and other activities during the calendar year ending December 31, 2024.

This MD&A is intended to explain the significant changes in financial position and differences in operations between the current and prior year. Significant changes from the prior year are explained following the reports.

### **Budgetary Highlights**

The budgetary comparison schedule for the District is included in other Supplementary information.

**Statement of Net Position:**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 796,271	\$ 610,204	\$ 186,067
Investments	507,129	385,571	121,558
Other Assets	17,252	48,218	(30,966)
Accounts Receivable	2,782	3,118	(336)
Property Taxes Receivable	384,789	361,675	23,114
Capital Assets	<u>1,711,749</u>	<u>1,711,749</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>3,419,972</u></u>	<u><u>3,120,535</u></u>	<u><u>299,437</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	<u>17,497</u>	<u>13,444</u>	<u>4,053</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>17,497</u>	<u>13,444</u>	<u>4,053</u>
<b>Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>			
Property Tax Revenue	<u>384,789</u>	<u>361,675</u>	<u>23,114</u>
Total Deferred Inflow of Resources	<u>384,789</u>	<u>361,675</u>	<u>23,114</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,711,749	1,711,749	-
Restricted for Emergency Reserves	5,998	5,155	843
Unrestricted	<u>1,299,939</u>	<u>1,028,512</u>	<u>271,427</u>
Total Net Position	<u>3,017,686</u>	<u>2,745,416</u>	<u>272,270</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources &amp; Net Position</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,419,972</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,120,535</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 299,437</u></u>

During the year ended December 31, 2024, total assets increased by \$299,437. This increase resulted primarily from positive operating results for the year.

The District invests in a certificate of deposit ladder to diversity risk and enhance interest income. The certificates of deposit with maturities in excess of 30 days are classified as investments in the Statement of Net Position. All certificates of deposit are FDIC insured.

**Statement of Activities:**

<b>Revenues</b>	<u><b>2024</b></u>	<u><b>2023</b></u>	<u><b>Change</b></u>
Taxes			
Property Taxes	\$ 381,405	\$ 332,534	\$ 48,871
Specific Ownership Taxes	33,187	34,304	(1,117)
Interest & Penalties	851	707	144
Interest Income	55,008	34,102	20,906
Administrative Fees from Sale of Water Allocations	-	2,524	(2,524)
Gain on Sale of Water Allocations	-	9,119	(9,119)
Unrealized Gain on Investments	1,602	1,290	312
Other Local Sources	<u>147</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>47</u>
Total Revenues	<u>472,200</u>	<u>414,680</u>	<u>57,520</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
General Government			
Board Expenses	9,500	9,575	(75)
Administration			
Other Services	19,262	18,625	637
County Treasurer Fees	11,340	9,857	1,483
Rent	5,938	5,770	168
Dues & Memberships	6,450	4,656	1,794
Professional & Technical Services	104,767	93,114	11,653
Supplies	542	339	203
Share of Animas-La Plata Project Operating Costs	19,138	18,965	173
Water Conservation and Assistance Activities	<u>22,993</u>	<u>10,940</u>	<u>12,053</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>199,930</u>	<u>171,841</u>	<u>28,089</u>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<u><u>\$ 272,270</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 242,839</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 29,431</u></u>

For the year ended December 31, 2024, revenue increased because of the increase in the District's valuation for property tax and non-recurring back-fill income of \$19,436 from the State resulting from legislation that reduced property taxes in 2023. In addition, interest income increased due to more excess cash available for investment.

Operating expenses increased approximately 16% for 2024 due primarily to an increase in professional services and water conservation activities. These expenses vary from year to year depending on the activities of the District and water projects approved and undertaken by the District each year.

**Financial Contact**

The District's financial statements are designed to present citizens with a general overview of the District's finances and demonstrate the District's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact Secretary-Treasurer, Gene Bradley, 954 E. 2nd Avenue, Suite 102, Durango, Colorado 81301 or 970-247-2659.

## **Basic Financial Statements**

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2024**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 796,271
Investments	507,129
Accounts receivable	2,782
Other assets	17,252
Property taxes receivable	384,789
Capital assets, net	1,711,749
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,419,972</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 17,497</u>
<b>Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>	
Property tax revenue	<u>384,789</u>
Total deferred inflow of resources	<u>384,789</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	1,711,749
Restricted - emergency reserves	5,998
Unrestricted	<u>1,299,939</u>
Total Net Position	<u>3,017,686</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources and Net Position	<u>\$ 3,419,972</u>

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

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

<u>Functions/Program Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental activities:		
General government	\$ 9,500	\$ (9,500)
Administration	148,299	(148,299)
Animas-La Plata Project	19,138	(19,138)
Water conservation and assistance activities	22,993	(22,993)
Total governmental activities	199,930	(199,930)
 <b>General revenues:</b>		
Taxes:		
Property taxes		381,405
Specific ownership taxes		33,187
Interest and penalties		851
Interest income		55,008
Unrealized gain on investments		1,602
Other local sources		147
<b>Total general revenues</b>		472,200
<b>Change in net position</b>		272,270
<b>Net position - beginning of year</b>		2,745,416
<b>Net position - end of year</b>		\$ 3,017,686

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

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Governmental Fund Balance Sheet**  
**and Reconciliation of Fund Balances to Net Position**  
**December 31, 2024**

	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 796,271
Investments	507,129
Accounts receivable	2,782
Prepaid expense	16,792
Property taxes receivable	384,789
Other assets	460
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,708,223</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 17,497
Total liabilities	<u>17,497</u>
<b>Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>	
Property tax revenue	<u>384,789</u>
Total deferred inflow of resources	<u>384,789</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
Restricted for emergency reserves	5,998
Assigned - subsequent year's expenditures	1,299,939
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,305,937</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources and Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 1,708,223</u>
 <b>Reconciliation of Fund Balance to Net Position</b>	
<b>Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,305,937</b>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position excluded from the governmental fund balance because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are excluded from the funds.	
Governmental capital assets	<u>1,711,749</u>
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>	<u><b>\$ 3,017,686</b></u>

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

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures,**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Taxes:	
Property taxes	\$ 381,405
Specific ownership taxes	33,187
Interest and penalties	851
Interest income	55,008
Unrealized gain on investments	1,602
Other local sources	147
Total Revenues	472,200
<b>Expenses</b>	
General government	
Board expenses	9,500
Administration:	
Other services	19,262
County treasurer's fees	11,340
Rent	5,938
Dues and subscriptions	6,450
Professional and technical services	104,767
Supplies	542
District's share of Animas - La Plata Project operating costs	19,138
Water conservation and assistance activities	22,993
Total Expenditures	199,930
<b>Excess of Revenues over Expenditures</b>	272,270
<b>Fund balances:</b>	
<b>Beginning of the year</b>	1,033,667
<b>End of the year</b>	\$ 1,305,937

There were no reconciling items between government wide and the fund financial balances.

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

# **Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

### **December 31, 2024**

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#### **1. Definition of Reporting Entity**

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Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District (the District), operates under the statutes governing conservancy districts of the State of Colorado. The District was organized in 1981 to acquire and appropriate water of the Animas and La Plata rivers and their tributaries by means of “works” as defined in the “Water Conservancy Act” and to divert, store, transport, conserve and stabilize all of these supplies of water for beneficial uses within and for the District. The District operates under a Board of Directors, which is appointed by the Water Court Judge.

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. Financial accountability includes, but is not limited to, appointment of a voting majority of the organization's governing body, the District's ability to impose its will on the organization, a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens and fiscal dependency.

Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District is not financially accountable for any other organization, nor is the District a component unit of any other primary governmental entity.

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#### **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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This summary of the Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District's significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in interpreting the financial statements and other data in this report. The policies are considered essential and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

##### **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. Neither fiduciary funds nor component units that are fiduciary in nature are included in the government-wide financial statements. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

# Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### December 31, 2024

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Only current assets and liabilities are included on the balance sheet, and the fund balance includes only spendable resources. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized as soon as they are both "measurable and available." Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred as under accrual accounting. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

The District has one governmental fund:

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

### **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 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.

On or before October 15, the District staff submits to the Board a proposed budget for the next fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. Public hearings are conducted by the Board of Directors to obtain taxpayer comments. State law requires that the District adopt a budget prior to the certification of its mill levy to the county and file a certified copy of its budget with the Division of Local Government within 30 days of such adoption. Failure to do so can result in the County Treasurer withholding future property tax revenues pending compliance by the District. The District filed the certified copy of its budget timely for 2024.

# **Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**

## **Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

### **December 31, 2024**

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## **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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### **Cash, Cash Equivalents and investments**

The District considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The District's investment in COLOTRUST PLUS + is recorded at net asset value based on fair value as determined by COLOTRUST. The investments in certificates of deposit are recorded at market value which approximates cost.

### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include water allocation, equipment, and land, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the life of the asset are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives, as applicable. The District uses the straight line depreciation method over the calculated useful life of applicable assets. Due to the nature of the capital assets currently recorded as non-depreciating assets, the District has not recorded any depreciation expense in the current year.

The District has implemented GASB 51, which changes the way intangible assets are treated and amortized on the financial statements. The District's intangible assets are water allocations (depletions). Based on GASB 51, intangible assets with an indefinite life should not be amortized unless their useful life is subsequently determined to be no longer indefinite due to a change in circumstances. The District has determined that its water allocations (depletions) have an indefinite life and will not be amortized.

### **Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts**

No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided because the District's receivables are property taxes, and the County Treasurer is empowered to file liens on properties where delinquencies exist. Accordingly, the District believes any delinquencies will eventually be paid.

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
**December 31, 2024**

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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**Reserves**

The District records reserves to indicate that a portion of the fund balance is legally segregated for a specific future use. The following is a list of reserves used by the District and a description of each:

Reserved for Emergencies - An account used to reflect equity of the District which is restricted for emergency purposes by the Tabor Amendment of the State of Colorado Constitution. "Emergency" excludes economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or District salary and fringe benefit increases.

**Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes**

In the governmental fund financial statements property tax revenue is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Property tax receivable is recognized on the levy or lien date. This receivable represents taxes certified by the District to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. Although the succeeding year property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is deferred and will not be recognized as revenue until the year in which the taxes are collected.

The District's property taxes, levied by December 15, on assessed valuation as of the preceding January 1, are due and payable in the subsequent calendar year. Assessed values are established by the county assessor. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of the year in which payable. The taxes are payable under two methods: 1) in full on or before April 30, 2) one-half on or before February 28, and the remaining one-half on or before June 15. All unpaid taxes levied for the preceding year become delinquent June 16.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### December 31, 2024

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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### Fund Equity

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 of 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 District’s policy to use the most restrictive classification first.

# Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### December 31, 2024

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### 3. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

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As of December 31, 2024, the District's cash and cash equivalents consisted of the following:

TBK Bank	\$	48,793
COLOTRUST account		652,951
Edward Jones account:		
Certificate of Deposit -		
Zion Bank, 5.35%,		
Maturing 2/8/25		30,044
Money market account		64,483
Total		\$ 796,271

At December 31, 2024, the District's TBK bank account carried a balance of \$48,793. The TBK account and the certificate of deposit, which is carried at market value and held in the District's Edward Jones account, is fully FDIC insured.

The District utilizes the Colorado Local government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST or the Trust), a local government investment pool, to invest excess funds to enhance interest income. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust offers shares in three portfolios, and the District invests in the COLOTRUST PLUS +. This portfolio invests in U.S. Treasury securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury obligations, certain U.S. government agency obligations, highest rated commercial paper and repurchase agreements collateralized by certain U.S. Government agencies. The COLOTRUST PLUS+ portfolio is rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's.

As of December 31, 2024, the District's investments consisted of bank certificates of deposit maturing in more than three months which are FDIC insured and are held in its Edward Jones account as follows:

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
**December 31, 2024**

**3. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (continued)**

	Rate	Maturity Date	Fair Market Value at December 31, 2024
Wells Fargo, Sioux Falls	5.50%	4/2/2025	\$ 60,174
Bank America	5.30%	5/30/2025	30,117
Goldman Sachs	4.35%	7/9/2025	65,029
Bank America	5.05%	7/10/2025	60,244
Bank New York Mellon	5.00%	10/20/2025	40,276
Wells Fargo, Sioux Falls	5.35%	10/24/2025	55,531
Goldman Sachs, New York	4.15%	12/17/2025	35,008
Morgan Stanely, Salt Lake	4.90%	4/17/2025	100,984
Essa Bank & Trust	3.80%	7/15/2025	59,766
Total			<u>\$ 507,129</u>

**Concentration of Credit Risk** - It is the intent of the District to diversify the investments within the portfolio to avoid incurring unreasonable risks inherent in over-investing in specific instruments, individual financial institutions or maturities. Investments in time certificates of deposit are allowed with maturities not exceeding five years from the trade date. The District's total portfolio was within these limits for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the District adopted a formal investment policy which established guidelines for management of the District's cash assets. Primary objectives in order of priority are (1) safety of principal, (2) maintenance of sufficient liquidity to meet current operating requirements, and (3) attainment of a market rate of return using allowable market products. The District is required to comply with state and Federal laws governing investment of public funds.

The District generally limits its concentration of investments to those noted, 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 or subject to investment custodial credit risk for investments that are in the possession of another party.

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### December 31, 2024

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### 3. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (continued)

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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.

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 the World Bank
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Written repurchase agreements and certain reverse repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Guaranteed investment contracts
- Local government investment pool

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### 4. Capital Assets

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	December 31, 2023	Additions	Sales	December 31, 2024
Land	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Equipment (not in use)	15,351	-	-	15,351
Water allocations	1,196,398	-	-	1,196,398
Capital assets, net	\$ 1,711,749	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,711,749

There was no depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2024. See note 2 above.

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## **Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

### **December 31, 2024**

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#### **5. Related Party Transactions**

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In 2008, the District and La Plata Water Conservancy District were sponsors in establishing La Plata West Water Authority (LPWWA) which is a governmental entity formed to develop a domestic water system in Southwest La Plata County. In accordance with the establishment document, three members of the LPWWA board are appointed by the District for three-year terms.

From time to time, the District has provided financial assistance to LPWWA for development of the water system. In November 2021, the District's Board approved a \$60,000 financing package to LPWWA to assist with cash flow requirements that was funded in February 2022. The package included a cash grant of \$30,000 and cash of \$30,000 in exchange for a two- year, non-interest-bearing promissory note. The note was paid off in March 2024.

On October 16, 2018, the District and LPWWA entered into an agreement whereby LPWWA would purchase from the District 200 acre-feet of its water depletions from the Animas-La Plata Project at a cost of \$3,000 per acre-foot plus reimbursement of operation, maintenance and repair costs paid by the District to the Animas-La Plata Operations, Maintenance and Replacement Association and a 3% administration fee. The first purchase of 50 acre-feet of depletion was completed in April of 2019 with the remaining additional purchases to be made in 50 acre-feet increments every four years ending in 2031.

On May 25, 2023, the District and LPWWA altered the terms of the original agreement by amendment whereby LPWWA would purchase its second acquisition of 50 acre-feet of depletion by April 30, 2025. At the request of LPWWA, a second amendment to the agreement was entered into by the parties on May 21, 2025, whereby LPWWA would purchase an additional 100 acre-feet of the remaining 150 acre-feet of depletion, with purchases of 13 acre-feet increments by May 31, 2025, April 30, 2026, April 30, 2027, April 30, 2028, April 30, 2029, April 30, 2030 and a purchase of 22 acre- feet of depletion by April 30 2031, or sooner if needed to supply additional domestic water for the LPWWA distribution system. The May 31, 2025 purchase was completed on May 21, 2025.

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## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### December 31, 2024

#### 6. Tax, Spending and Debt Limitations

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments. The amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District has made certain interpretations of the amendment's language in order to determine its compliance.

The District has established an emergency reserve of 3% of its 2024 fiscal spending in accordance with the provisions of the Amendment. Restricted net assets and fund balances consist of amounts restricted for emergency purposes by the Tabor Amendment in the amount of \$5,998.

#### 7. Lease Agreement

Effective August 1, 2022, the District entered into a lease agreement for office space for 12 months that expired July 31, 2023. The District has the option to extend the lease for additional terms. This lease was extended on August 1, 2024, for an additional 12 months. Monthly rent under the lease for the 12-month period is \$503, or \$6,036 annually. Total rent expense under this agreement in 2024 was \$5,938. This lease is considered short term and does not qualify under GASB statement No. 87.

Future commitments are as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	
2025	\$ 4,024
Thereafter	-
	<u>\$ 4,024</u>

#### 8. 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. Commercial insurance is purchased by the District to cover losses or claims arising from such matters. It is not possible to estimate any losses which would not be covered by the commercial insurance; however, settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years.

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**9. Commitments and Water Allocation (Depletion)**

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The District entered into a cost sharing agreement for the Animas-La Plata Project in 1988. That agreement required the District to pay \$75,000 toward cost sharing of the project with payments of \$5,000 per year, commencing the first year the United States Secretary of the Interior expends funds for the project. As part of the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act Amendment of 2000, the District was allocated 2,600 acre feet of water depletions from the project in exchange for payment of a portion of the construction costs for the project. The amount of payment required to be paid by the District to the United States in 2000 was \$7,256,750.

The District contracted with the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to pay the required amount to the United States, and the District assigned its rights to the 2,600 acre feet of water depletions to the Authority.

In April 2005, the District contracted with the Authority to purchase back 700 acre feet of water depletions for their estimated purchase price of \$1,800,000. The District made a down payment of \$90,453, with the balance to be due at closing, when water was available from the project.

In December 2012, the District renegotiated its contract and purchased 105 acre feet of water depletions from the Authority in the amount of \$269,126 of which \$112,935 of that amount was the initial down payment and \$156,191 was an additional cash payment. In September 2020, the District purchased an additional 151-acre feet of water depletions which completed its contractual obligation to purchase 700-acre feet of water from the Authority.

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**9. Commitments and Water Allocation (Depletion) (continued)**

Including and subsequent to this water allocation purchase contract, the District purchased and sold water depletions as follows:

Description	Year	Acre feet of depletions	Value
Allocation contract	2012	105	\$ 269,126
Purchase of water depletions	2013	32	103,662
Purchase of water depletions	2014	35	114,996
Purchase of water depletions	2015	36	111,976
Purchase of water depletions	2016	36	116,017
Water depletions sold	2017	(50)	(150,000)
Purchase of water depletions	2017	101	280,832
Water depletions sold	2018	(25)	(75,000)
Purchase of water depletions	2018	71	198,903
Water depletions sold	2019	(25)	(75,000)
Purchase of water depletions	2019	72	197,930
Water depletions sold	2019	(50)	(150,000)
Purchase of water depletions	2019	61	166,147
Water depletions sold	2020	(25)	(75,000)
Purchase of water depletions	2020	151	386,809
Water depletions sold	2021	(25)	(75,000)
Water depletions sold	2022	(25)	(75,000)
Water depletions sold	2023	(25)	(75,000)
		<u>450</u>	<u>\$ 1,196,398</u>

The Animas-La Plata Project began operations in 2013, and the District is responsible for its portion of the costs to operate and maintain the project. The District's portion is based on the amount of acre feet of water depletions that the District has purchased, net of sales. The amount of these costs is determined on an annual basis and was \$19,138 in 2024.

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**December 31, 2024**

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**10. Risk Management**

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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). 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 and public officials' liability 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.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

**Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balance—Actual and Budget**  
**Governmental Fund Type—General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	Original & Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes			
Property taxes	\$ 361,675	\$ 381,405	\$ 19,730
Specific ownership taxes	33,000	33,187	187
Interest and penalties	700	851	151
Total tax revenue	<u>395,375</u>	<u>415,443</u>	<u>20,068</u>
Other revenue			
Interest earned	40,000	55,008	15,008
Unrealized gain on investments	-	1,602	1,602
Miscellaneous	100	147	47
Total other revenue	<u>40,100</u>	<u>56,757</u>	<u>16,657</u>
Total revenue	<u>435,475</u>	<u>472,200</u>	<u>36,725</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
General government			
Board expenses	10,000	9,500	500
Administration			
Other services and expenses	27,800	19,262	8,538
County treasurers' fees	10,850	11,340	(490)
Rent	6,000	5,938	62
Dues and subscriptions	6,000	6,450	(450)
Professional and technical services	99,200	104,767	(5,567)
Supplies	500	542	(42)
District's share of Animas-La Plata Project operating expenses	19,500	19,138	362
Water conservation and assistance activities	<u>146,000</u>	<u>22,993</u>	<u>123,007</u>
Total operating expenditures	<u>325,850</u>	<u>199,930</u>	<u>125,920</u>
Other Expenditures			
Water infrastructure	50,000	-	50,000
Contingency	30,000	-	30,000
Emergency reserves	11,276	-	11,276
Total other expenditures	<u>91,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,276</u>
Total expenditures	<u>417,126</u>	<u>199,930</u>	<u>217,196</u>
<b>Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<u>18,349</u>	<u>272,270</u>	<u>253,921</u>
Net change	18,349	272,270	253,921
<b>Fund Balance—Beginning of year</b>	<u>1,017,876</u>	<u>1,033,667</u>	<u>15,791</u>
<b>Fund Balance—End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 1,036,225</u>	<u>\$ 1,305,937</u>	<u>\$ 269,712</u>