

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

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DISTRICT OFFICIALS

Kenneth W. Curtis III	General Manager
Eric Sprague	Water Resources Manager
Lisa Jordan	Office Administrator
Gina Espeland	Accounting Clerk

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Godwin Oliver	President
Glen Fish	Vice President
Don Schwindt	Secretary/Treasurer
Wesley Wilson	Director
Jeremy Redshaw	Director
Landan Wilson	Director
Ryan Gray	Director



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Dolores Water Conservancy District (the "District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 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 accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued, 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 opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management discussion and analysis on pages 4-6 and budgetary comparison information on pages 33-34 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

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

The budgetary comparison schedules for the proprietary funds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of revenue and expenditures compared with the budget are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 29, 2025 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ATLAS CPAs & Advisors PLLC

Longmont, Colorado
May 29, 2025

**DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

This is an analysis and overview of the financial activities of the Dolores Water Conservancy District (the District) for the year ended December 31, 2024. This information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes which follow:

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As of December 31, 2024, there had been a slight increase in governmental activities of \$297,734 due to overall increases in revenues for taxes and contracts of around \$250,000.
- For fiscal year 2024, the Business Type Activities net position increased \$427,050 due to contract increases.
- We did see our investment market value increase due to higher yielding CD's in the current year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's financial statements which follow. The statements include:

1. Statement of Net Position
2. Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
3. Statement of Cash Flows
4. Notes to Financial Statements

Statements of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position present the District revenue and expenses for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Statements of cash flows show the net cash flows from activities for the year ended December 31, 2024.

These statements are in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements. These pronouncements address the requirements for financial statement presentation and certain disclosures for state and local governmental entities. The District's financial statements comply with all material requirements of these pronouncements.

These statements provide a snapshot of the District's assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2024 and the activities which occurred during the year. All statements were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting as required by GASB.

Notes to financial statements provide additional information which is essential to a full understanding of the basic financial statements.

**DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As of December 31, the District's net position was:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash and Investments	\$ 376,451	\$ 273,741	\$ 1,735,654	\$ 2,036,099
Cash and Investments - Restricted	2,112,721	1,931,281	7,627,902	7,009,805
Receivables, net	1,001,982	1,047,116	437,131	433,128
Contracts Receivable	8,155,742	8,348,116	3,286,031	3,454,497
Capital Assets, net	<u>9,100,803</u>	<u>9,100,803</u>	<u>3,041,598</u>	<u>2,934,125</u>
Total Assets	<u>20,747,699</u>	<u>20,701,057</u>	<u>16,128,316</u>	<u>15,867,654</u>
Less: Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	<u>9,166,596</u>	<u>9,417,688</u>	<u>3,547,333</u>	<u>3,713,721</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 11,581,103</u>	<u>\$ 11,283,369</u>	<u>\$ 12,580,983</u>	<u>\$ 12,153,933</u>

The following is a comparison of the District's results of operations:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,470,334	\$ 3,118,795
Contract revenue	824,732	330,000	1,868,855	2,048,987
General Revenues	<u>1,159,250</u>	<u>1,038,492</u>	<u>536,601</u>	<u>444,464</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,938,982</u>	<u>1,368,492</u>	<u>5,875,790</u>	<u>5,612,246</u>
Expenses:				
Administrative	962,744	1,073,521	-	-
Power plant	723,504	414,589	-	-
Operations & maintenance	-	-	4,401,134	3,697,031
TOWAOC/Highline Canal Committee	-	-	1,012,827	670,366
Dove Creek Lawn and Garden	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,779</u>	<u>42,178</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,686,248</u>	<u>1,488,110</u>	<u>5,448,740</u>	<u>4,409,575</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 297,734</u>	<u>\$ (119,618)</u>	<u>\$ 427,050</u>	<u>\$ 1,202,671</u>

**DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Net position has changed due to the following:

- This significant improvement for Business-Type Activities from 2023 comes from increased water sales and continued cost control and higher yielding investments in the current year.

Capital Assets. The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental type activities as of December 31, 2024, total \$9,100,803 (net of accumulated depreciation). The investment in capital assets for its business-type activities totaled \$3,041,598. This investment includes all water rights, vehicles, and equipment.

The District implemented the straight-line depreciation method under GASB 34 for its capital assets, except for land and water rights which are not depreciated. Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 5 of this report.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This discussion and analysis is designed to provide a general overview of the District's activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to: General Manager, Dolores Water Conservancy District, 60 Cactus St, Cortez, CO 81321.

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2024**

	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 376,451	\$ 1,735,654	\$ 2,112,105
Cash and Investments - Restricted	2,112,721	7,627,902	9,740,623
Receivables:			
Taxes	1,001,982	-	1,001,982
Accounts	-	419,947	419,947
Leases	-	17,184	17,184
Contracts Receivable	8,155,742	3,286,031	11,441,773
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	11,646,896	13,086,718	24,733,614
CAPITAL ASSETS	9,100,803	5,115,361	14,216,164
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-	(2,073,763)	(2,073,763)
NET CAPITAL ASSETS	9,100,803	3,041,598	12,142,401
TOTAL ASSETS	20,747,699	16,128,316	36,876,015
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	8,872	53,389	62,261
Accrued Expenses	-	29,291	29,291
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	200,960	169,077	370,037
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	209,832	251,757	461,589
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES			
Contracts Payable, Net of Current Portion	7,954,782	3,116,954	11,071,736
Accumulated Unpaid Employee Benefits	-	163,262	163,262
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	7,954,782	3,280,216	11,234,998
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,164,614	3,531,973	11,696,587
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Leases	-	15,360	15,360
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	1,001,982	-	1,001,982
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,001,982	15,360	1,017,342
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,100,803	3,041,598	12,142,401
Restricted for Emergencies	50,587	-	50,587
Restricted for Projects	1,797,529	2,586,503	4,384,032
Unrestricted	632,184	6,952,882	7,585,066
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 11,581,103	\$ 12,580,983	\$ 24,162,086

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

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION		TOTAL
	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	CONTRACT REVENUE	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS - TYPE ACTIVITIES	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS						
Government Activities						
Current:						
Administrative	\$ 962,744	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (962,744)	\$ -	\$ (962,744)
Power Plant	723,504	-	824,732	101,228	-	101,228
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	1,686,248	-	824,732	(861,516)	-	(861,516)
Business - Type Activities						
Current:						
Operations and Maintenance	4,401,134	3,414,238	1,141,336	-	154,440	154,440
Towaoc/Highline Canal Committee	1,012,827	-	727,519	-	(285,308)	(285,308)
Dove Creek Lawn and Garden	34,779	56,096	-	-	21,317	21,317
TOTAL BUSINESS - TYPE ACTIVITIES	5,448,740	3,470,334	1,868,855	-	(109,551)	(109,551)
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	\$ 7,134,988	\$ 3,470,334	\$ 2,693,587	(861,516)	(109,551)	(971,067)
GENERAL REVENUES						
Property Taxes				1,126,472	-	1,126,472
Investment earnings				89,744	479,601	569,345
Miscellaneous				34	-	34
TRANSFERS				(57,000)	57,000	-
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS				1,159,250	536,601	1,695,851
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				297,734	427,050	724,784
NET POSITION - Beginning of Year				11,283,369	12,153,933	23,437,302
NET POSITION - End of Year				\$ 11,581,103	\$ 12,580,983	\$ 24,162,086

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DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2024**

	GENERAL (ADMINISTRATIVE)	POWER PLANTS	TOTALS
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 21,782	\$ 354,669	\$ 376,451
Cash and Investments - Restricted	2,112,721	-	2,112,721
Receivables:			
Taxes	1,001,982	-	1,001,982
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,136,485	\$ 354,669	\$ 3,491,154
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,449	\$ 423	\$ 8,872
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,449	423	8,872
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	1,001,982	-	1,001,982
FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for:			
Restricted - Emergencies	50,587	-	50,587
Restricted	1,202,010	-	1,202,010
Committed	241,273	354,246	595,519
Unassigned	632,184	-	632,184
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	2,126,054	354,246	2,480,300
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,136,485	\$ 354,669	\$ 3,491,154
FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS			\$ 2,480,300
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not resources and are not reported in the funds:			
Capital Assets			9,100,803
Accumulated Depreciation			-
Contract payments to be provided by system users			8,155,742
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period			(8,155,742)
TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			\$ 11,581,103

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

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	GENERAL (ADMINISTRATIVE)	POWER PLANTS	TOTALS
REVENUES			
Property Tax	\$ 1,126,472	\$ -	\$ 1,126,472
Reimbursement Contracts	-	824,732	824,732
Interest	1,182	946	2,128
Investment income, net of investment expenses	87,616	-	87,616
Miscellaneous	34	-	34
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,215,304</u>	<u>825,678</u>	<u>2,040,982</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Contracts	755,846	-	755,846
Directors	29,444	-	29,444
Office	33,577	-	33,577
Professional Services	118,227	-	118,227
Project Promotion	1,513	-	1,513
Training	850	10,550	11,400
Treasurer's Fees	23,287	-	23,287
Operating Expenses	-	326,988	326,988
Electric Power	-	631	631
Insurance	-	6,060	6,060
Materials, Parts & Supplies	-	379,275	379,275
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>962,744</u>	<u>723,504</u>	<u>1,686,248</u>
REVENUES IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES	252,560	102,174	354,734
OTHER FINANCING USES			
Transfers (Out)	(57,000)	-	(57,000)
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	195,560	102,174	297,734
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	<u>1,930,494</u>	<u>252,072</u>	<u>2,182,566</u>
FUND BALANCE, Ending	<u>\$ 2,126,054</u>	<u>\$ 354,246</u>	<u>\$ 2,480,300</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds			<u>\$ 297,734</u>
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities			<u>\$ 297,734</u>

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

DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION -
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
December 31, 2024**

	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	TOWAOC/ HIGHLINE CANAL COMMITTEE	DOVE CREEK LAWN AND GARDEN SECONDARY SYSTEM	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,659,093	\$ 29,735	\$ 46,826	\$ 1,735,654
Cash and Investments - Restricted	7,134,084	442,891	50,927	7,627,902
Contracts Receivable	3,286,031	-	-	3,286,031
Lease receivable	17,184	-	-	17,184
Accounts Receivable	341,363	-	78,584	419,947
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	12,437,755	472,626	176,337	13,086,718
CAPITAL ASSETS				
Water Rights	2,266,000	-	-	2,266,000
Equipment	2,849,361	-	-	2,849,361
Total Capital Assets	5,115,361	-	-	5,115,361
Accumulated Depreciation	(2,073,763)	-	-	(2,073,763)
NET CAPITAL ASSETS	3,041,598	-	-	3,041,598
TOTAL ASSETS	15,479,353	472,626	176,337	16,128,316
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	51,918	1,471	-	53,389
Accrued Expenses	29,291	-	-	29,291
Current Portion of Contracts Payable	169,077	-	-	169,077
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	250,286	1,471	-	251,757
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES				
Contracts Payable	3,116,954	-	-	3,116,954
Accumulated Unpaid Employee Benefits	163,262	-	-	163,262
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	3,280,216	-	-	3,280,216
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,530,502	1,471	-	3,531,973
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows of resources - leases	15,360	-	-	15,360
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,041,598	-	-	3,041,598
Restricted for Projects	2,092,685	442,891	50,927	2,586,503
Unrestricted	6,799,208	28,264	125,410	6,952,882
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 11,933,491	\$ 471,155	\$ 176,337	\$ 12,580,983

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

DOLORIS WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION -
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	TOWAOC/ HIGHLINE CANAL COMMITTEE	DOVE CREEK LAWN AND GARDEN SECONDARY SYSTEM	TOTAL
OPERATING REVENUES				
Users' Fees	\$ 3,414,238	\$ -	\$ 56,096	\$ 3,470,334
Reimbursement Contracts	1,141,336	727,519	-	1,868,855
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	4,555,574	727,519	56,096	5,339,189
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Contracts	1,452,737	-	11,733	1,464,470
Electric Power	431,377	15,635	4,450	451,462
Employee	1,206,181	-	17,731	1,223,912
Materials, Parts & Supplies	919,005	-	865	919,870
Office Expense	80,266	334	-	80,600
Professional Expense	10,600	-	-	10,600
Training	61,187	-	-	61,187
Operating Expenses	-	244,663	-	244,663
Administration	-	9,529	-	9,529
Maintenance	-	742,666	-	742,666
Depreciation	172,950	-	-	172,950
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	4,401,134	1,012,827	34,779	5,448,740
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	154,440	(285,308)	21,317	(109,551)
NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)				
Investment income, net of investment expenses	149,940	(58,558)	-	91,382
Interest Income	353,952	31,583	2,684	388,219
NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)	503,892	(26,975)	2,684	479,601
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	658,332	(312,283)	24,001	370,050
TRANSFERS				
Transfers In	57,000	-	-	57,000
NET TRANSFERS	57,000	-	-	57,000
NET INCOME (LOSS)	715,332	(312,283)	24,001	427,050
NET POSITION, Beginning of Year	11,218,159	783,438	152,336	12,153,933
NET POSITION, Ending	\$ 11,933,491	\$ 471,155	\$ 176,337	\$ 12,580,983

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

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS -
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	TOWAOC/ HIGHLINE CANAL COMMITTEE	DOVE CREEK LAWN AND GARDEN SECONDARY SYSTEM	TOTAL
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Cash Received from Users and Contracts	\$ 4,716,384	\$ 727,519	\$ 49,385	\$ 5,493,288
Cash Paid to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(3,138,308)	(1,024,777)	(23,046)	(4,186,131)
Cash Paid to Employees for Services and Administration	(1,234,073)	-	(11,733)	(1,245,806)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	344,003	(297,258)	14,606	61,351
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:				
Transfers In	57,000	-	-	57,000
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	57,000	-	-	57,000
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:				
Net (Acquisition) Disposition of Investments	(144,921)	-	-	(144,921)
Net (Acquisition) Disposition of Capital Assets	(135,379)	-	-	(135,379)
Net Cash (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(280,300)	-	-	(280,300)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:				
Investment Income, net of Expenses	149,940	(58,558)	-	91,382
Interest Received from Investments	353,952	31,583	2,684	388,219
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	503,892	(26,975)	2,684	479,601
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	624,595	(324,233)	17,290	317,652
CASH AND INVESTMENTS, Beginning	8,168,582	796,859	80,463	9,045,904
CASH AND INVESTMENTS, Ending	\$ 8,793,177	\$ 472,626	\$ 97,753	\$ 9,363,556
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 154,440	\$ (285,308)	\$ 21,317	\$ (109,551)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:				
Depreciation Expense	172,950	-	-	172,950
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:				
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(7,656)	-	(6,711)	(14,367)
(Increase) Decrease in Contracts Receivable	168,466	-	-	168,466
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(8,238)	(11,950)	-	(20,188)
Increase (Decrease) in Contracts Payable	(168,466)	-	-	(168,466)
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	16,223	-	-	16,223
Increase (Decrease) in Accumulated Unpaid Benefits	16,284	-	-	16,284
Total Adjustments	189,563	(11,950)	(6,711)	170,902
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 344,003	\$ (297,258)	\$ 14,606	\$ 61,351

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

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Definition of the Reporting Entity

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

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

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

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

Fund Accounting

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

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (1) charges to those who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

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

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Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The General Fund is called the Administrative fund and is used to account for all revenues and expenditures not accounted for in another fund. The Administrative fund accounts for the general administrative activities of the District. The Fund's revenues consist primarily of property taxes and interest.
- The Power Plants Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the project's power plants. The power plants have not been transferred to the District as part of the project but are maintained by the District under contract with the Bureau. The Fund's revenues consist primarily of reimbursement contract amounts.

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

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

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Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

- 1) Principal and interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due and
- 2) Compensated absences, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available resources.

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Investments

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

Use of Estimates

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

Property Taxes

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

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Capital Assets

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

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

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

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

<u>Assets Class</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Vehicles and Equipment	5 – 30 years

Long-Term Liabilities

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

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

Compensated Absences

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

Vacation time accrues at a rate of 6.667 hours per month for the first four years of employment. After that it accrues at a rate of 10 hours per month. Employees may accrue up to 240 hours, which will be paid upon termination if not used. The following amounts were vested as of December 31, 2024:

Vacation and Compensatory Leave	\$163,262
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Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period, so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District does not have any items that qualify.

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

Net Position/Fund Balances

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

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

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

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

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

Interfund Transactions

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

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Leases

Effective January 1, 2022, the District implemented GASB No. 87, Leases. As the lessee, the District determines whether a contract is, or contains a lease at inception. Lease agreements with a maximum lease term of twelve months or less, including options to extend, are accounted for as short-term leases. Lease agreements that transfer ownership of the underlying asset to the District at the end of the contract are recorded as a finance purchase with a related lease liability. Lease agreements not classified as a short-term lease, or a finance purchase are accounted for as an intangible right to use lease asset. An Intangible right to use lease asset represents the District's right to use an underlying asset during the lease term and the lease liability represents the District's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Intangible right to use lease assets and lease liabilities are recognized at lease commencement based upon the estimate present value of unpaid lease payments over the lease term. The District uses its incremental borrowing rate based on information available at lease commencement in determining the present value of unpaid lease payments. As the lessor, the District applies the same criteria but recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources equal to the present value of the lease payments.

Subscription-Based IT Arrangements

Effective January 1, 2023, the District implemented GASB No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA). The District determines whether a contract conveys control of the right to use another party's (SBITA vendor's) IT software, infrastructure, or data warehouse, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The SBITA liability is the present value of the annual payments using the District's incremental borrowing rate. The liability is amortized providing the principal and interest components of the payments over the SBITA term. The SBITA asset is measured as the SBITA liability plus any capitalized expenditures/expenses incurred in the initial implementation stage. The SBITA asset is depreciated (amortized) using a straight-line depreciation method over the term of the SBITA arrangement.

The District did not have any SBITA's that were material or applicable to the implementation of the new standard during the year ended December 31, 2024. Therefore, GASB No. 96 did not affect the financial statement presentation and disclosure.

Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

Effective January 1, 2024, the District implemented GASB No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

The standard did not have any impact on the District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024. Therefore, GASB No. 100 does not affect the financial statement presentation and disclosure.

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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

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NOTE 2: BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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The District invests in an investment pool: the Colorado Liquid Assets Trust (COLOTRUST), which is a 2a7-like pool. The fair value of the pool is determined by the pool's net asset value. The District has no regulatory oversight for the pool. At December 31, 2024, the District had an investment of \$5,878,105 in COLOTRUST.

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

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

<u>Investments Measured at Fair Value</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 3,862,518	\$ 3,862,518	\$ -	\$ -
 <u>Investments Measured at Net Asset Value</u>				
Colostrust	<u>5,878,105</u>			
Total Investments	\$ <u>9,740,623</u>			

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>Balance 1/1/24</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/24</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Not depreciated:				
Water Rights	\$ <u>9,100,803</u>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ <u>9,100,803</u>
Net Capital Assets	\$ <u><u>9,100,803</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>9,100,803</u></u>

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	<u>Balance 1/1/24</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/24</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Not depreciated:				
Water Rights, Class B	\$ 2,266,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,266,000
Depreciable capital assets:				
Equipment	<u>2,713,982</u>	<u>248,024</u>	<u>(112,645)</u>	<u>2,849,361</u>
Total Depreciable:	<u>2,713,982</u>	<u>248,024</u>	<u>(112,645)</u>	<u>2,849,361</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,045,857)</u>	<u>(172,950)</u>	<u>145,044</u>	<u>(2,073,763)</u>
Net Capital Assets	\$ <u>2,934,125</u>	\$ <u>75,074</u>	\$ <u>32,399</u>	\$ <u>3,041,598</u>

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

NOTE 6 LEASE INCOME

The District leases space under a non-cancelable operating lease with 1 tenant. Designated space was initially leased via a five-year lease term, with increasing yearly rent ranging from \$931/month to \$1,007/month.

Lease income totaled \$10,645 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

NOTE 7 CONTRACTS AND COMMITMENTS

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

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

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

NOTE 8: CONTRACTS RECEIVABLE

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

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Contracts receivable at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

	Balance
Town of Dove Creek had water available and began using it in 1991. They also began to pay their obligation at that time. Interest accrues at 6.063 percent per annum on the unpaid principal balance. Annual payments, including interest, are \$29,948 and are due February 1st of each year.	\$ 318,013
Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company began repayment in 1990. The Contract calls for annual payments of \$63,220 with no interest.	1,620,968
Full-service users are farmers whose land has been allocated a portion of irrigation water from the project. The contract calls for payments with no interest to begin five years after the irrigation system is in full operation. The FairView and Cahone canals became operational in 1992, the South canal in 1994 and the Dove Creek canal in 1995. The total annual payments to be assessed the users of these canals is \$73,300 annually.	202,400
Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company is also obligated to pay \$10 for each account (users to whom water is delivered) each year, for the 50 year period. The number of accounts is to be determined every five years. Currently, Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company pays for 1,465 accounts or \$14,650 each year.	948,000
Full-service users are also obligated to pay \$50 each, each year for 50 years beginning five years after service became available. There are currently 194 full-service users with total annual payments of \$9,700.	196,650
Total Contracts Receivable – Business-Type Activities	\$ 3,286,031

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NOTE 9: CONTRACTS PAYABLE

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

Contracts payable at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

Business-Type Activities	Balance
Municipal and industrial water for domestic use in the Town of Dove Creek was first available in 1987. Partial payments began at that time. Interest accrues on the unpaid balance at 6.063 percent. Annual payments, including interest, are \$29,948 for the Town of Dove Creek, due February 1st of each year.	\$ 318,013
Irrigation water was available beginning in 1990. Payments began in 1995. Annual payments are \$158,410. No interest is charged for this portion of the obligation.	2,968,018
Total Contracts Payable – Business-Type Activities	\$ 3,286,031

The annual requirements to amortize this portion of the contract as of December 31, 2024 are as follows:

Year	Town of Dove Creek		Fairview & Cahone	Dove Creek Block	South Canal Block
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Principal	Principal
2025	\$ 10,667	\$ 19,281	\$ 36,654	\$ 8,376	\$ 28,270
2026	11,313	18,635	36,654	8,376	28,270
2027	11,999	17,949	36,654	8,376	28,270
2028	12,727	17,221	36,654	8,376	28,270
2029	13,499	16,449	36,654	8,376	28,270
2030-34	80,809	68,931	183,270	41,880	141,350
2035-39	108,462	41,278	183,270	41,880	141,350
2040-44	66,629	8,731	183,270	41,880	141,350
2045-48	1,908	174	36,654	33,504	84,810
Total	\$ 318,013	\$ 208,649	\$ 769,734	\$ 201,024	\$ 650,210

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Full Service Users Principal</u>	<u>Montezuma Valley Irrigation Principal</u>	<u>Montezuma Valley Irrigation Principal</u>	<u>Total Principal</u>
2025	\$ 8,800	\$ 63,200	\$ 13,110	\$ 169,077
2026	8,800	63,200	13,110	169,723
2027	8,800	63,200	13,110	170,409
2028	8,800	63,200	13,110	171,137
2029	8,800	63,200	13,110	171,909
2030-34	44,000	316,000	65,550	872,859
2035-39	44,000	316,000	65,550	900,512
2040-44	44,000	-	-	477,129
2045-48	26,400	-	-	183,276
Total	\$ <u>202,400</u>	\$ <u>948,000</u>	\$ <u>196,650</u>	\$ <u>3,286,031</u>

Total interest paid for business-type activities in 2024 was \$19,892.

Governmental Activities

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

	Balance
\$	6,531,150

Ad valorem tax of ½ mills of the assessed value of all taxable property within the District is to be paid as it is collected for 50 years after water becomes available to the District. The total obligation will depend on the assessed value of property each year.

	1,624,592
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Total Contracts Payable – Governmental Activities

\$	8,155,742
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The annual requirements to amortize this portion of the contract are:

Year	Blocks 2-4, 2-5		Blocks 3-6		Ad Valorem Tax	Total	Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 140,840	\$ 371,200	\$ 9,351	\$ 24,784	\$ 50,769	\$ 200,960	\$ 395,984
2026	149,379	362,661	9,918	24,217	50,769	210,066	386,878
2027	158,436	353,604	10,519	23,616	50,769	219,724	377,220
2028	168,042	343,998	11,157	22,978	50,769	229,968	366,976
2029	178,230	333,810	11,833	22,302	50,769	240,832	356,112
2030-34	1,066,960	1,493,240	70,840	99,835	253,845	1,391,645	1,593,075
2035-39	1,423,512	1,128,620	95,082	75,593	253,845	1,772,439	1,204,213
2040-44	1,904,051	642,714	127,618	43,055	253,845	2,285,514	685,769
2045-49	932,924	85,674	62,458	5,736	253,845	1,249,227	91,410
2050-54	-	-	-	-	253,845	253,845	-
2055-56	-	-	-	-	101,522	101,522	-
Total	\$ <u>6,122,374</u>	\$ <u>5,115,521</u>	\$ <u>408,776</u>	\$ <u>342,116</u>	\$ <u>1,624,592</u>	\$ <u>8,155,742</u>	\$ <u>5,457,637</u>

Total interest paid for governmental activities in 2024 was \$404,570.

NOTE 10: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following table summarizes the changes in the District's long-term liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Governmental Activities	Balance		Borrowings	Repayments	Balance		Due Within One Year
	January 1, 2024	December 31, 2024			December 31, 2024	December 31, 2024	
Contracts Payable	\$ 8,348,116	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (192,374)	\$ 8,155,742	\$ 200,960	\$ 200,960
Total	\$ <u>8,348,116</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>(192,374)</u>	\$ <u>8,155,742</u>	\$ <u>200,960</u>	\$ <u>200,960</u>

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Business-Type Activities	Balance				Balance	Due Within One Year
	January 1, 2024	Borrowings	Repayments	December 31, 2024		
Contracts Payable	\$ 3,454,497	\$ -	\$ (168,466)	\$ 3,286,031	\$ 169,077	
Compensated Absences	146,978	98,075	(81,791)	163,262	-	
Total	\$ 3,607,421	\$ 98,075	\$ (250,257)	\$ 3,449,293	\$ 169,077	

NOTE 11: INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

The following is a summary of transfers from and to other funds during December 31, 2024:

	Transfers	
	In	Out
Administrative Fund	\$ -	\$ 57,000
Operations and Maintenance Fund	57,000	-
	\$ 57,000	\$ 57,000

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NOTE 12: RESTRICTED EQUITY

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

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Committed</u>
TOWAOC Highline	\$ 442,890	\$ -
Operating Reserve	-	450,123
TABOR Reserve	42,547	-
Water Supply Management	-	2,107,498
WETPack Reserve	-	209,536
Discretionary Reserve	-	436,979
Dove Creek Project Reserve	50,926	-
Capital Reserve	285,081	-
Future Projects Reserve	-	2,025,428
Repayment/Holding Reserve	261,287	-
Election Water Repayment	1,348,115	-
Replacement Reserve	-	739,021
Deficiency Reserve	-	216,357
McPhee Gate Repair	1,124,833	-
	<u>\$ 3,555,681</u>	<u>\$ 6,184,942</u>

NOTE 13: RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

The District provides a deferred compensation plan that is a defined contribution plan under IRS Code Section 457, and is completely voluntary, administered by Nationwide Insurance ("Dolores Water Conservancy District Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan"). Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, are established & amended by related IRS rules and are approved and adopted by the District Board. Employees are allowed to contribute to the plan up to 25 percent of their annual salaries. The District will match their employee's contribution, on a 50 percent basis, up to six (6) percent of the employee's salary. Therefore, the District's maximum contribution to the plan would be three (3) percent of the employee's salary. Employees are immediately vested in all contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2024, employee contributions totaled \$164,066, and the District recognized pension expense of \$17,320.

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The District also has a single-employer defined contribution plan under IRS Code Section 401(a), administered by Nationwide Insurance ("Dolores Water Conservancy District Money Purchase Plan and Trust"). This Plan is a defined contribution money purchase plan. The District has no future liability to this Plan. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, are established and amended by related IRS rules and are approved and adopted by the District Board. The District contributes five (5) percent of eligible employees' salaries to the plan. These contributions are vested at 20 percent each year of service and become fully vested after 5 years. Nonvested District contributions are forfeited upon termination; such forfeitures are used first used to pay any administrative plan expenses and then allocated to the total compensation of all participants. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$43,009, which includes \$0 of credited forfeitures.

NOTE 14: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and general liability.

Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool

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

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

A summary of audited statutory basis financial information for the Pool as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 (the last audited information available) is as follows:

Assets	\$	<u>81,143,798</u>
Liabilities	\$	58,670,068
Capital and Surplus		<u>22,473,730</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>81,143,798</u></u>
Revenue	\$	29,593,851
Underwriting expenses		<u>31,416,477</u>
Underwriting loss		(1,822,626)
Other income		<u>1,695,593</u>
Net Loss	\$	<u><u>(127,233)</u></u>

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NOTE 15: CONTINGENCIES

Claims and Judgments: The District participates in a number of federal, state and county programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the District may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of December 31, 2024 grant expenditures have not been audited, but the District believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the District.

NOTE 16: TAX, SPENDING, REVENUE AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

In November 1992, Colorado voters amended Article X of the Colorado Constitution by adding Section 20; commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). TABOR contains revenue, spending, tax and debt limitations that apply to the State of Colorado and local governments. TABOR requires, with certain exceptions, advance voter approval for any new tax, tax rate increase, mill levy above that for the prior year, extension of any expiring tax, or tax policy change directly causing a net tax revenue gain to any local government. Any revenues earned in excess of the fiscal year spending limit must be refunded in the next fiscal year, unless voters approve retention of such excess revenue.

Except for refinancing bonded debt at a lower interest rate or adding new employees to existing pension plans, TABOR requires advance voter approval for the creation of any multiple-fiscal year debt or other financial obligation unless adequate present cash reserves are pledged irrevocably and held for payments in all future fiscal years.

TABOR also requires local governments to establish an emergency reserve to be used to declare emergencies only. Emergencies, as defined by TABOR, exclude economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or fringe benefit increases. The reserve is calculated at 3% of fiscal year spending. Fiscal year spending excludes bonded debt service and enterprise spending. The District has reserved \$50,587, which is the approximate required reserve at December 31, 2024.

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

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

The District's management believes it is in compliance with the financial provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of its provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate fiscal year spending limits, will require judicial interpretation.

NOTE 17: COMPLIANCE WITH STATE STATUTES

Expenditures in the Operations and Maintenance and TOWAOC/Highline Canal Committee, exceeded appropriations by \$50,009, \$283,112, respectively. This may be a violation of State statutes.

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NOTE 18: NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

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

- GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*
- GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*

NOTE 19: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing the financial statements, the District has evaluated transactions for potential disclosure through May 29, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Management has determined there are no events that have occurred subsequent to December 31, 2024 that would require disclosure.

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL (ADMINISTRATIVE) FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES				
Property Tax	\$ 1,082,471	\$ 1,082,471	\$ 1,126,472	\$ 44,001
Interest	320	320	1,182	862
Investment income, net of investment expenses	-	-	87,616	-
Other	15	15	34	19
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,082,806</u>	<u>1,082,806</u>	<u>1,215,304</u>	<u>44,882</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Contracts	759,848	759,848	755,846	4,002
Directors	20,400	20,400	29,444	(9,044)
Office	36,950	36,950	33,577	3,373
Professional Services	127,000	127,000	118,227	8,773
Project Promotion	6,500	6,500	1,513	4,987
Training	-	-	850	(850)
Treasurer's Fees	26,278	26,278	23,287	2,991
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>976,976</u>	<u>976,976</u>	<u>962,744</u>	<u>14,232</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	105,830	105,830	252,560	59,114
OTHER FINANCING (USES)				
Transfers (Out)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(57,000)	43,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	5,830	5,830	195,560	102,114
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	<u>1,569,593</u>	<u>1,569,593</u>	<u>1,930,494</u>	<u>360,901</u>
FUND BALANCE, Ending	<u>\$ 1,575,423</u>	<u>\$ 1,575,423</u>	<u>\$ 2,126,054</u>	<u>\$ 463,015</u>

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
POWER PLANTS FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES				
Reimbursement Contracts	\$ 330,000	\$ 824,732	\$ 824,732	\$ -
Interest	50	50	946	896
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>330,050</u>	<u>824,782</u>	<u>825,678</u>	<u>896</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Operating Expenses	219,575	267,097	326,988	(59,891)
Electric Power	750	750	631	119
Insurance	6,000	6,000	6,060	(60)
Materials, Parts & Supplies	127,000	505,570	379,275	126,295
Training	16,500	24,000	10,550	13,450
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>369,825</u>	<u>803,417</u>	<u>723,504</u>	<u>79,913</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(39,775)	21,365	102,174	(80,809)
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	<u>(44,167)</u>	<u>(44,167)</u>	<u>252,072</u>	<u>207,905</u>
FUND BALANCE, Ending	<u>\$ (83,942)</u>	<u>\$ (22,802)</u>	<u>\$ 354,246</u>	<u>\$ 288,714</u>

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DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, COLORADO

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
User Fees	\$ 3,195,974	\$ 3,195,974	\$ 3,406,582	\$ 210,608
Reimbursed Contracts	900,913	900,913	1,141,336	240,423
TOTAL REVENUES	4,096,887	4,096,887	4,547,918	451,031
EXPENSES				
Operating Expenses				
Contracts	1,120,198	1,120,198	1,452,737	(332,539)
Electric Power	459,850	459,850	431,377	28,473
Employee	1,472,389	1,472,389	1,206,300	266,089
Insurance	70,000	70,000	60,280	9,720
Materials, Parts & Supplies	1,009,000	1,009,000	927,243	81,757
Office Expense	62,000	62,000	80,266	(18,266)
Professional Expense	9,000	9,000	10,600	(1,600)
Training	27,000	27,000	61,187	(34,187)
Capital Outlay	205,000	205,000	254,456	(49,456)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	4,434,437	4,434,437	4,484,446	(50,009)
NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	(337,550)	(337,550)	63,472	501,040
NONOPERATING REVENUES				
Investment income, net of investment expenses	-	-	149,940	149,940
Interest income	37,000	37,000	353,952	316,952
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES	37,000	37,000	503,892	466,892
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	(300,550)	(300,550)	567,364	967,932
TRANSFERS IN	100,000	100,000	57,000	(43,000)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (200,550)	\$ (200,550)	624,364	\$ 924,932
ADJUSTMENTS TO GAAP BASIS OF NET INCOME				
Depreciation			(172,950)	
Accounts Receivable			7,656	
Contracts Receivable			168,466	
Accounts Payable			8,238	
Capital Outlay			248,024	
Debt Service			(168,466)	
NET INCOME - GAAP BASIS			\$ 715,332	

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
TOWAOC/HIGHLINE CANAL COMMITTEE FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES				
Reimbursement Contracts	\$ 674,626	\$ 674,626	\$ 727,519	\$ 52,893
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>674,626</u>	<u>674,626</u>	<u>727,519</u>	<u>52,893</u>
EXPENSES				
Operating Expenses	131,200	131,200	244,663	(113,463)
Electric Power	19,700	19,700	14,383	5,317
Office Expense	300	300	115	185
Administration	18,126	18,126	9,529	8,597
Maintenance	<u>506,025</u>	<u>506,025</u>	<u>742,666</u>	<u>(236,641)</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>675,351</u>	<u>675,351</u>	<u>1,011,356</u>	<u>(336,005)</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	<u>\$ (725)</u>	<u>\$ (725)</u>	<u>\$ (283,837)</u>	<u>\$ (283,112)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Investment income, net of investment expenses	-	-	(58,558)	(58,558)
Interest income	<u>325</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>31,583</u>	<u>31,258</u>
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>325</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>(26,975)</u>	<u>(27,300)</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ (400)</u>	<u>\$ (400)</u>	(310,812)	<u>\$ (310,412)</u>
ADJUSTMENTS TO GAAP BASIS OF NET INCOME				
Accounts Payable			(1,471)	
NET INCOME - GAAP BASIS			<u>\$ (312,283)</u>	

See the accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
DOVE CREEK LAWN AND GARDEN SECONDARY SYSTEM FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Users' Fees	\$ 39,600	\$ 39,600	\$ 49,385	\$ 9,785
Interest	160	160	2,684	2,524
TOTAL REVENUES	39,760	39,760	52,069	12,309
EXPENSES				
Operating Expenses				
Contracts	12,500	12,500	11,733	767
Electric Power	3,900	3,900	4,450	(550)
Employee	18,000	18,000	17,731	269
Materials, Parts and Supplies	57,750	57,750	865	56,885
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	92,150	92,150	34,779	57,371
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (52,390)	\$ (52,390)	17,290	\$ 69,680
ADJUSTMENTS TO GAAP BASIS OF NET INCOME				
Accounts Receivable			6,711	
NET INCOME - GAAP BASIS			\$ 24,001	

See the accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.



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

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

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Dolores Water Conservancy District, Colorado (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, and have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 2025.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

ATLAS CPAs & Advisors PLLC

Longmont, Colorado
May 29, 2025