

**MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN
WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**

Financial Statements with
Independent Auditor's Report
and
Schedule of Federal Expenditures

December 31, 2024

MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District
Oak Creek, Colorado

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation 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 business-type activities of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (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 Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our 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 and *Government 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 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 and *Government 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 the Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards 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 August 26, 2025 on our consideration of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation 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 Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's 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 Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Watson Coon Ryan, LLC

CENTENNIAL, COLORADO
AUGUST 26, 2025

MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

Assets:

Current assets:	
Cash and investments	\$ 4,354,738
Restricted cash	187,615
Accounts receivable	204,988
Grants receivable	415,198
Property taxes receivable	888,080
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>43,931</u>
Total current assets	6,094,550
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net	<u>11,182,108</u>
Total assets	<u>17,276,658</u>

Liabilities:

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	576,157
Current portion of long term debt	111,818
Other liabilities	<u>14,504</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>702,479</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Long term debt	<u>6,185,182</u>
Total liabilities	<u>6,887,661</u>

Deferred Inflows of Resources:

Deferred property tax revenues	<u>888,080</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>888,080</u>

Net Position:

Net investment in capital assets	4,469,910
Restricted for:	
Emergencies	44,000
Debt service reserve	156,032
Short lived asset reserve fund	31,583
Unrestricted	<u>4,799,392</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 9,500,917</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 1,132,835
Other	<u>87,705</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>1,220,540</u>
Operating expenses:	
Wages and benefits	\$ 536,695
Repairs and maintenance	21,586
Professional fees	183,258
Engineering	36,781
Electric	50,911
Supplies and operations	105,071
Outside services	21,607
Insurance	17,398
Water storage	20,590
Office	24,626
Directors fees	12,564
Other	78,787
Depreciation	<u>361,656</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,471,530</u>
Operating loss	<u>(250,990)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Property taxes, net of treasurer fees and refunds	584,654
Specific ownership taxes	49,782
Grant revenue, capital purpose	1,759,465
Tap fees	27,405
Interest expense	(145,424)
Interest income	<u>218,751</u>
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>2,494,633</u>
Income before other revenues, expenses, gains and losses	<u>2,243,643</u>
Other revenues, expenses, gains and losses:	
Vault impact fees	<u>119,500</u>
Other revenues, expenses, gains and losses	<u>119,500</u>
Change in net position	2,363,143
Net position, beginning of year	<u>7,137,774</u>
Net position, end of year	<u><u>\$ 9,500,917</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 976,046
Cash received from other sources	(327,493)
Cash payments to employees for services and benefits	(532,990)
Cash payments to other suppliers of goods or services	<u>(527,727)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(412,164)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Specific ownership taxes received	49,782
Taxes collected, net of treasurer fees	<u>584,654</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>634,436</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Payments to acquire, construct, or improve capital assets	(2,519,130)
Proceeds from issuance of promissory note	1,115,666
Interest payments	(145,424)
Proceeds from capital grants	1,759,465
Tap fees collected	27,405
Vault impact fees collected	<u>119,500</u>
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	<u>357,482</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest received	<u>218,751</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>218,751</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	798,505
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>3,743,848</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 4,542,353</u>

Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (250,990)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	361,656
Increase in:	
Accounts receivable	(15,056)
Grants receivable	(415,198)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(4,667)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable and accruals	50,119
Deferred revenue	(141,733)
Other liabilities	<u>3,705</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (412,164)</u>

Noncash Investing, Capital, and Financing Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the District converted \$6,297,000 of a note payable into a bond payable.

MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
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DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District (the District) was formed in 1972 to provide water and sanitation services for the Stagecoach Development located in Routt County, Colorado. Stagecoach is a rural community of approximately 500 residents located between the Town of Oak Creek and the City of Steamboat Springs. The District was formed as a special district pursuant to Title 32 of Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS).

The District's financial statements were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for the establishment of GAAP in governmental entities. The following summary of the more significant accounting policies of the District is presented to assist the reader in interpreting these financial statements and should be viewed as an integral part of this report.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, i.e., the District, and (b) organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District does not have any component units for which it is financially accountable.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The District engages entirely in business-type activities and the accompanying proprietary fund financial statements use a flow of economic resources measurement focus to determine net income and financial position. The accounting principles used are similar to those applicable to businesses in the private sector and this fund is maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments, including reserve balance, with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Amounts due to the District from charges for services provided are reported as accounts receivable. The District's management reviews accounts receivable periodically to consider the collectability of the balances. District management believes all accounts receivable to be fully collectible as of December 31, 2024. Therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts has been established.

Prepaid Expenses

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include sewage treatment plant and distribution systems, water systems, and furniture, fixtures and equipment. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial cost of \$500 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or fair value if contributed to the District. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's useful life are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Sewage treatment plant and distribution systems	30-40
Water tank	30
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5-7

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Leases and Subscription-Based IT Arrangements

Under GASB 87 and 96, the District recognizes short-term lease payments as outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the lease contract.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position includes a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District's deferred inflows of resources consist solely of property tax revenues not available until the following year.

Net Position

Net position is classified as net position and may be displayed in three components:

- Net investment in capital assets - consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted net position - consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net position - all other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets." This net position is available for future operations or distributions.

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

Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses

The proprietary fund financial statements distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses are those that result from providing services associated with the principal activities of the District. Operating expenses include the cost of ongoing operations, related administrative expenses, and depreciation expense. Nonoperating revenues and expenses are all those that do not meet the criteria described previously.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied by the District's Board of Directors. The levy is based on assessed valuations determined by the County Assessor generally as of January 1 of each year. The levy is normally set by December 15 by certification to the County Commissioners to put the tax lien on the individual properties as of January 1 of the following year. The County Treasurer collects the determined taxes during the ensuing calendar year. The taxes are payable by April or if in equal installments, at the taxpayer's election, in February and June. Delinquent taxpayers are notified in August and, generally, sale of the tax liens on delinquent properties are held in November or December. The County Treasurer remits the taxes collected monthly to the District.

Property taxes, net of estimated uncollectible taxes, are recorded initially as deferred inflow of resources in the year they are levied and measurable. The unearned property tax revenues are recorded as revenue in the year they are available or collected.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the District determined that it had over-assessed property taxes as a result of an excess 2024 mill levy. As a result, the District issued refunds to taxpayers for the overcharged amounts.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the financial statement date and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

GASB 101 In June 2022, the GASB issued guidance (GASB 101). This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. Leave is attributable to services already rendered when an employee has performed the services required to earn the leave. Leave that accumulates is carried forward from the reporting period in which it is earned to a future reporting period during which it may be used for time off or otherwise paid or settled. In estimating the leave that is more likely than not to be used or otherwise paid or settled, a government should consider relevant factors such as employment policies related to compensated absences and historical information about the use or payment of compensated absences. However, leave that is more likely than not to be settled through conversion to defined benefit postemployment benefits should not be included in a liability for compensated absences. The District adopted the standard effective January 1, 2024. The impact of the adoption was not considered material to the financial statements

Note 2: Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Budgetary Information

Budgets are adopted on a non-GAAP basis wherein depreciation is not budgeted and capital expenditures are budgeted and recorded as expenditures. Additionally, loan payments and proceeds are considered revenue and expenses for budget purposes.

The District conforms to the following procedures, in compliance with CRS, Title 29, Article 1, in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Prior to October 15, the District Manager submits to the Board of Directors a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- Public notice is offered by the Board of Directors to obtain taxpayer comments.
- Prior to December 31, the budget is adopted by formal resolution.
- Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Revisions that alter the total expenditures must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- All appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

The District did not adopt any supplemental appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Compliance

The District did not have expenditures in excess of appropriations in any fund for the year ended December 31, 2024.

TABOR Amendment

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 tax spending, revenue and debt limitations which apply to the State of Colorado and all local governments, excluding enterprises. 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.

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

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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 requires local governments to establish emergency reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of current fiscal year spending (excluding bonded debt service). Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases. The District has reserved \$44,000 of the December 31, 2024 fund net position for this purpose.

The District's voters passed a ballot question on November 4, 2003, authorizing the District to collect, retain and spend for any lawful purpose the full revenues generated from all sources in fiscal year 2003 and in each fiscal year thereafter.

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 may require judicial interpretation.

Note 3: Cash and Investments

Deposits

As of December 31, 2024, all of the District's deposits were either held in deposit accounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or in eligible depositories as required by Public Deposit Protection Act in Colorado Revised Statutes 11-10.2-107(5).

The PDPA requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories; eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The collateral pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must equal or exceed 102% of the aggregate uninsured deposits.

Investments

As of December 31, 2024, the District had \$3,928,439, invested in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST) PLUS+ fund. COLOTRUST PLUS+ is a short-term money market fund organized in conformity with Part 7 of Article 75 of Title 24, CRS. The portfolio offers Colorado governmental entities a convenient and efficient means to pool their funds to take advantage of short-term investments and maximize net interest earnings. The investment objective of COLOTRUST PLUS+ is to obtain as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity. The investment adviser for COLOTRUST PLUS+ is Public Trust Advisors LLC, a Colorado-based investment adviser, registered with the SEC. The portfolio manager is responsible for making all of the investment decisions for the portfolio. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is custodian of the portfolio's securities and cash. The COLOTRUST PLUS+ portfolio invests in U.S. Treasury securities, federal instrumentality securities, agency securities, repurchase agreements, tri-party repurchase agreements, collateralized bank deposits, the highest rated commercial paper, and highly-rated corporate bonds. The portfolio's weighted average maturity to reset is kept under 60 days, which helps to enhance liquidity and limits market price exposure. The COLOTRUST PLUS+ fund holds a 'AAAm' rating from Standard and Poor's.

The District's investments are subject to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the District currently invests only in investment pools which may be redeemed at any time.

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

Deposits with financial institutions	\$	613,914
COLOTRUST		3,928,439
Cash and investments		\$ 4,542,353

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

Cash and investments	\$	4,354,738
Restricted cash		187,615
Cash and investments and restricted cash		\$ 4,542,353

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Interest Rate Risk

The interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. The District has no investment policy that limits its investment choices other than the limitation of state law.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

Restricted Cash

At December 31, 2024, \$156,032 represents funds required for the USDA bond agreement to maintain at least 10% of one annual payment per year for ten years until the balance of the debt service reserve account is equal to one annual loan payment in the amount of \$21,640. \$31,583 represents funds required for the USDA bond agreement to maintain \$31,583 for repair/replacement of short-lived assets.

Note 4: Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 is summarized below:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Reclass	Ending Balance
Non-depreciable capital assets:					
Land easement	\$ 5,538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,538
Engineering plans	190,000	-	-	-	190,000
Construction in Process	6,052,244	-	-	(6,052,244)	-
Total non-depreciable capital assets	6,247,782	-	-	(6,052,244)	195,538
Depreciable capital assets:					
Sewage treatment plant and distribution systems;	4,334,858	2,397,105	-	6,052,244	12,784,207
Water systems	3,105,544	-	-	-	3,105,544
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	536,871	122,025	-	-	658,896
Total depreciable capital assets	7,977,273	2,519,130	-	6,052,244	16,548,647
Less accumulated depreciation:					
Sewage treatment plant and distribution systems;	(2,445,395)	(289,752)	-	-	(2,735,147)
Water systems	(2,329,223)	(39,460)	-	-	(2,368,683)
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	(425,802)	(32,445)	-	-	(458,247)
Total accumulated depreciation	(5,200,420)	(361,657)	-	-	(5,562,077)
Net depreciable capital assets	2,776,853	2,157,473	-	6,052,244	10,986,570
Total capital assets, net	\$ 9,024,635	\$ 2,157,473	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,182,108

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Note 5: Long-Term Debt

The District entered into a promissory note agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a maximum principal amount of \$6,297,000. This financing is for the construction of the District's wastewater treatment plant, with construction commencing during 2022 and ending in 2024.

On June 28, 2023, the District obtained interim construction financing from Yampa Valley Bank. The construction loan agreement permits the District to borrow up to \$6,297,000, with proceeds used solely for the wastewater treatment plant project. The loan bears interest at an annual rate of 4.25%, payable monthly. The full principal balance is due at the earlier of project completion or loan maturity on June 28, 2024.

Yampa Valley was granted a security interest in the USDA promissory note. Upon completion of the plant, USDA funds are disbursed directly to the Bank to retire the interim construction loan.

On June 28, 2024, upon completion of the wastewater treatment plant, the interim construction loan was paid in full and converted to long-term financing under the USDA Sewer Revenue Bonds. On July 15, 2024, the District, through its Water Activity Enterprise, issued \$6,297,000 in Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (USDA) to finance a new wastewater treatment plant. The bonds bear interest at 1.75% and mature on July 15, 2064. Principal and interest are payable semi-annually from net revenues of the Enterprise's sewer system; the bonds are not general obligations and are not secured by taxes.

The District is required to maintain certain restricted accounts, including a Debt Service Reserve (to be funded to \$219,640 over 10 years) and a Short-Lived Asset Reserve (annual deposit of \$31,583). Additional bonds may not be issued with a senior lien and parity bonds require USDA consent and compliance with coverage tests. At December 31, 2024, the required reserves were funded in accordance with the bond covenants. The District was in compliance with all significant debt covenants.

Long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Conversion	Balance at December 31, 2024	Amounts Due Within One Year
Yampa Valley Bank	\$ 5,181,334	\$ 1,115,666	\$ -	\$ (6,297,000)	\$ -	\$ -
USDA Loan	-	-	-	6,297,000	6,297,000	111,818
	<u>\$ 5,181,334</u>	<u>\$ 1,115,666</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,297,000</u>	<u>\$ 111,818</u>

Future payments for long-term debt are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Payment
2025	\$ 111,818	\$ 109,710	\$ 221,528
2026	113,784	107,745	221,529
2027	115,784	105,745	221,529
2028	117,819	103,710	221,529
2029	119,890	101,639	221,529
2030 – 2034	631,807	475,837	1,107,644
2035 - 2039	689,319	418,325	1,107,644
2040 - 2044	752,064	355,579	1,107,643
2045 – 2049	820,522	287,120	1,107,642
2050 – 2054	895,212	212,431	1,107,643
2055 – 2059	976,700	130,942	1,107,642
2060 – 2064	952,281	42,059	994,340
Total	<u>\$ 6,297,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,450,842</u>	<u>\$ 8,747,842</u>

Note 6: Net Position

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

Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by any outstanding balance of debt that is attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

TABOR - the District has reserved a portion of fund balance for the TABOR emergency reserve - see footnote 2.

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Debt Service Reserve - fund balance has been reserved in accordance with the loan agreement to reflect at least one tenth of the annual loan payment.

Short Lived Asset Reserve Fund – fund balance has been reserved in accordance with the loan agreement to reflect an annual deposit of \$31,583 for repair/replacement of short-lived assets.

Note 7: Grants

During 2024, the District was awarded a reimbursable grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a total of \$1,702,000. As of December 31, 2024, the District met the eligibility requirements and such, recorded a total of \$1,543,151 of this grant as revenue.

Note 8: Other Information

Intergovernmental Agreements

Stagecoach Reservoir Storage Agreement

The District entered into an agreement with the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District (UYWCD) on December 5, 1986 to purchase annually on a “take or pay basis” 500 acre feet of storage water in Stagecoach Reservoir at a price of \$35.00 per acre foot for a term of thirty years. At the end of the thirty-year period the District has five successive 10-year options to renew the right of purchase at the same price.

Yamcolo Reservoir Storage Agreement

The District entered into an extension and amendment agreement with the UYWCD effective July 15, 2011 for 60 acre feet of storage water in the Yamcolo Reservoir for thirty years terminating July 15, 2041. The purchase price for the storage water is subject to an annual CPI increase. The District paid \$103.01 per acre foot of storage water for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance for these risks by participation in an insurance pool.

The District is a member in the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool (the Pool). The Pool creates an opportunity for members to control their own insurance costs through the joint pooling of resources, making it possible to self-insure property, liability and workers’ compensation insurance. The Pool is member-owned, and all surplus revenues support the stabilization of rates, coverage enhancements, innovation, and technology to bring the most value to its members. The Pool provides property, liability, workers’ compensation and associated coverage, and claims and risk management services to its members. The District has not had losses of a material amount in any of the preceding three years.

The Pool has contracted with a third party to operate, administer and manage the Pool. In the event aggregated losses incurred by the Pool exceeds amounts recoverable from the reinsurance contracts and capital and surplus accumulated by the Pool, the Pool may require additional contributions from its members.

Contingencies

In conjunction with the ongoing construction of the wastewater treatment plant, the Contractor had requested payment for certain change orders, which were initially disputed by the District. As of the date of these financial statements, a liability of \$145,202 has been recognized for settlement of the litigation, see subsequent event disclosure.

Retirement Plan

District employees may voluntarily contribute to a deferred compensation plan, an Internal Revenue Code Section 457 defined contribution plan administered by Lincoln Financial Group. The plan, available to all full-time employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Plan assets are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participating employees and are not accessible by the District or its creditors. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the District.

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The District's contribution for each employee and investment earnings allocated to the employee's account are fully vested. The District contributes up to 6% of full-time employees' wages. The District's contributions to the plan were \$22,013 during the years ended December 31, 2024.

Note 9: Subsequent Events

Events occurring subsequent to the statement of net position date have been evaluated for financial statement impact or disclosure through the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Subsequent to year-end, the District reached a settlement agreement with the Contractor and paid approximately \$145,000 to resolve the outstanding change order claims. This amount represents the full and final settlement of the Contractor's claims related to the unapproved change orders on the project.

MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,023,355	\$ 1,132,835	\$ 109,480
Other	50,300	87,705	37,405
Tap fees	50,000	27,405	(22,595)
Vault impact fees	17,000	119,500	102,500
Property taxes, net of treasurer fees and refunds	787,450	584,654	(202,796)
Specific ownership taxes	25,000	49,782	24,782
Grant revenue, capital purpose	1,703,000	1,759,465	56,465
Loan proceeds	797,000	1,115,666	318,666
Interest income	58,000	218,751	160,751
Total revenue	<u>4,511,105</u>	<u>5,095,763</u>	<u>584,658</u>
Expenses:			
Wages and benefits	537,700	536,695	1,005
Repairs and maintenance	400,000	21,586	378,414
Professional fees	220,000	183,258	36,742
Engineering	25,000	36,781	(11,781)
Electric	53,000	50,911	2,089
Supplies and operations	74,600	105,071	(30,471)
Outside services	88,500	21,607	66,893
Insurance	23,750	17,398	6,352
Water storage	23,000	20,590	2,410
Office	25,100	24,626	474
Directors fees	10,000	12,564	(2,564)
Interest expense	400	145,424	(145,024)
Loan repayment	220,000	-	220,000
Other	233,487	78,787	154,700
Capital improvements	2,576,568	2,519,130	57,438
Total expenses	<u>4,511,105</u>	<u>3,774,428</u>	<u>736,677</u>
Change in net position-budgetary basis	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,321,335</u>	<u>\$ (152,019)</u>
Adjustments to GAAP basis:			
Capital improvements		2,519,130	
Loan proceeds		(1,115,666)	
Depreciation		(361,656)	
Change in net position - GAAP basis		2,363,143	
Net position, beginning of year		<u>7,137,774</u>	
Net position, end of year		<u>\$ 9,500,917</u>	

Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Program	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Passed Through To Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
Environmental Protection Agency			
Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities	10.760	\$ -	\$ 2,253,826
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 2,253,826</u>

See the accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represents adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

3. INDIRECT COST RATE

Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024. Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal

control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully,

Watson Coon Ryan, LLC

CENTENNIAL, COLORADO
AUGUST 26, 2025

**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**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the business-type activities of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 26, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation 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 Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation 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*.

Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned. Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

Watson Coon Ryan, LLC

CENTENNIAL, COLORADO
August 26, 2025

Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

SUMMARY OF AUDITORS RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified?	___ Yes	_x_ No
Significant deficiencies identified?	_x_ Yes	___ None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	___ Yes	_x_ No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

Material weaknesses identified?	___ Yes	_x_ No
Significant deficiencies identified?	___ Yes	_x_ None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:	Unmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	___ Yes	_x_ No
Identification of major federal programs:	10.760 Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities.	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$ <u>750,000</u>	
Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?	___ Yes	_x_ No

Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District
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Section II: Financial Statement Findings

Finding 2024-001

Type of Finding: Significant Deficiency in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Repeat Finding: Yes. (Previously reported as Finding 2023-001)

Criteria: Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls over financial reporting, including the accurate preparation of financial statements, related notes, and supplementary schedules in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Effective internal controls should provide reasonable assurance that financial reporting is reliable and free from material misstatements.

Condition: The Organization maintains its accounting records on a cash basis, which is not in conformity with GAAP, as GAAP requires accrual basis reporting. During the audit, it was identified that internal controls over financial reporting do not adequately provide for the preparation of annual financial statements and related disclosures in accordance with GAAP. Several material audit adjustments were required, including those for loan payables and capital asset additions, to convert the Organization's records from cash basis to accrual basis and to ensure compliance with GAAP. Additionally, the preparation of the Organization's annual financial statements and related disclosures is dependent, in part, on external auditor involvement, which is not considered a component of the Organization's internal control system.

Cause: The Organization has a limited number of accounting personnel and resources, which constrains its ability to implement and maintain adequate controls over the year-end financial reporting process and preparation of GAAP-compliant financial statements.

Effect or Potential Effect: As a result of these limitations, there is an increased risk that material misstatements or omissions in the financial statements and related disclosures could occur and not be detected and corrected by the Organization's internal controls. The reliance on external auditors to identify and correct significant adjustments undermines the integrity of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting, and the absence of effective internal controls may adversely affect the completeness, accuracy, and transparency of financial disclosures.

Questioned Costs: None.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Organization develop and implement internal controls specifically designed to ensure that material adjustments required to convert financial records to an accrual basis and to meet GAAP disclosure requirements are identified and posted prior to the audit. The Organization should also provide staff training or consider obtaining additional accounting resources to strengthen the internal preparation and review of the financial statements. Periodic reviews of the cost-benefit of utilizing external resources are advised, although efforts should be made to build internal capacity for GAAP-compliant financial reporting.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management concurs with the finding and will implement controls to ensure necessary material adjustments are identified and posted prior to the annual audit. The Organization will also continue to consult with their auditors for guidance but acknowledges the

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need to improve its internal controls. Adjustments related to the 2024 fiscal year have been corrected as of the time of audit completion.

Repeat Finding: This is a repeat finding from the prior year. A similar condition was reported as Finding 2023-01 in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The issue has not been fully resolved, and the same or a similar deficiency was identified during the current audit period.

Section III: Federal Awards Findings

There were no findings.

Section IV: Status of Prior Year Findings

Audit Finding Reference: 2023-001

Status of Prior Finding: This was not corrected, and no partial correction was accomplished during the fiscal year. This will be corrected during the next fiscal year.

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Audit Finding Reference: 2024-001

Planned Corrective Action: Management concurs with the finding. The Organization will develop and implement additional internal controls to ensure the financial statements and related disclosures are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) prior to the commencement of the annual audit. This will include providing finance staff with targeted training on GAAP reporting requirements and year-end closing procedures, as well as implementing a formal year-end financial statement preparation and review process. The Organization will also explore cost-effective options for supplementing current staff, such as engaging a qualified temporary accountant or consultant to assist with the year-end conversion from cash to accrual basis accounting. These actions are intended to reduce dependency on external auditors for material audit adjustments and to enhance the accuracy and completeness of the Organization's financial reporting. The Organization anticipates these measures will be substantially implemented by the close of the next fiscal year.

Name of Contact Person: Geovanny Romero, District Manager

Anticipated Completion Date: Fiscal Year 2024