

SOUTHWEST METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Arapahoe, Jefferson, and Douglas Counties, Colorado

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Southwest Metropolitan
Water and Sanitation District
Arapahoe, Jefferson and Douglas Counties, Colorado

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District (District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the years 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. 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.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibility 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management

about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplemental 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 supplemental information as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate 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 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 supplemental information as listed in the table of contents is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

SCHILLING & COMPANY, INC.

Highlands Ranch, Colorado
March 22, 2024

**SOUTHWEST METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

The discussion and analysis is designed to provide an analysis of the District’s financial condition and operating results and to inform the reader on the District’s financial issues and activities.

The Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) should be read in conjunction with the District’s financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- Net Position increased \$273,561 (or .5%) from 2022 to 2023.
- In 2023, charges for services amounted to \$2,529,276 representing 58.8% of the District’s total revenue and capital contributions.
- The District reported net investment income of \$1,105,996 due to positive fair value adjustments of investment holdings at December 31, 2023.
- Total capital contributions during 2023 amounted to \$637,306.
- Net Position decreased \$2,440,528 (or 4.0%) from 2021 to 2022.
- In 2022, charges for services amounted to \$2,391,786.
- The District reported negative net investment income of \$1,305,946 due to negative fair value adjustments of investment holdings at December 31, 2022.
- Total capital contributions during 2022 amounted to \$651,280.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The financial statements of the District are presented as a special purpose government engaged in business type activities – providing water and sewer services.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the District’s assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as Net Position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Net Position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position* presents information which reflects how the District’s Net Position changed during the past year. All changes in Net Position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The *Statement of Cash Flows* reports the District’s cash flows from operating, noncapital financing, capital and investing activities.

These financial statements distinguish functions of the District that will be principally supported by investment income, service fees and tap fees. The functions of the District include effective

and economical operation of water distribution and wastewater collection systems within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District. The *notes to the financial statements* provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

NET POSITION

December 31,	2023	2022	2021
ASSETS			
Current assets	\$ 10,044,416	\$ 7,307,870	\$ 9,953,616
Noncurrent assets:			
Long-term cash deposits and investments	14,373,550	15,691,390	14,809,780
Capital assets, net	34,750,107	35,983,558	36,629,300
Total noncurrent assets	49,123,657	51,674,948	51,439,080
Total assets	59,168,073	58,982,818	61,392,696
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities	249,553	337,859	307,209
Total liabilities	249,553	337,859	307,209
NET POSITION			
Investment in capital assets	34,750,107	35,983,558	36,629,300
Restricted - Emergency reserve	120,200	51,000	87,000
Unrestricted	24,048,213	22,610,401	24,369,187
Total net position	\$ 58,918,520	\$ 58,644,959	\$ 61,085,487

As noted earlier, Net Position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$58,918,520, \$58,644,959, and \$61,085,487, at December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 respectively. The largest portion of the District's Net Position reflects its investment in capital assets. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently these assets are not available for future spending. Unrestricted Net Position may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to maintain the water and sewer systems within the jurisdictional boundaries.

Comparing 2022 and 2023, Current assets increased \$2,736,546 while long-term cash deposits and investments decreased \$1,317,840 due to the shift from longer term investment holdings to liquid cash holdings. Investment in capital assets decreased \$1,233,451 due to annual depreciation and amortization exceeding capital replacements and contributions of water and sewer facilities. The decrease in total liabilities of \$88,306 is due to no retainage payable at the end of 2023 as well as a drawdown of developer deposits from 2022 to 2023.

Comparing 2021 to 2022, Current assets decreased \$2,645,746 and long-term cash deposits and investments increased \$881,610. These changes are due to the rising investment market and shift in the District portfolio from cash and cash equivalents to investment holdings. As the District does not levy property taxes, the District relies heavily on its cash and investment reserves to

fund operations as well as its investment in capital. This funding explains the overall decrease in assets. With the steady decline in cash and investment reserves, the District's imposition of a service charge on District customers has become necessary to continue to effectively maintain the District facilities.

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

Years ending December 31,	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
REVENUE			
OPERATING REVENUE			
Charges for services	\$ 2,529,276	\$ 2,391,786	\$ 1,947,316
Total operating revenue	<u>2,529,276</u>	<u>2,391,786</u>	<u>1,947,316</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUE			
Gain on asset disposal (net of insurance recovery)	27,005	-	-
Net investment income (loss)	1,105,996	(1,305,946)	(147,741)
Total nonoperating revenue	<u>1,133,001</u>	<u>(1,305,946)</u>	<u>(147,741)</u>
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS			
Tap fees	287,306	600,857	1,093,933
Contributed capital assets from developers	350,000	50,423	5,500
Total capital contributions	<u>637,306</u>	<u>651,280</u>	<u>1,099,433</u>
Total revenue	<u>4,299,583</u>	<u>1,737,120</u>	<u>2,899,008</u>
EXPENSES			
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Water operations	1,841,979	2,077,584	2,033,766
Sewer operations	1,271,968	1,191,485	1,213,361
General and administrative	912,075	908,579	941,791
Total operating expenses	<u>4,026,022</u>	<u>4,177,648</u>	<u>4,188,918</u>
NONOPERATING EXPENSES			
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	-	1,632
Total nonoperating expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,632</u>
Total expenses	<u>4,026,022</u>	<u>4,177,648</u>	<u>4,190,550</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	273,561	(2,440,528)	(1,291,542)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>58,644,959</u>	<u>61,085,487</u>	<u>62,377,029</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 58,918,520</u>	<u>\$ 58,644,959</u>	<u>\$ 61,085,487</u>

Total revenue increased \$2,562,463 or 147.5% from 2022 to 2023. This change is due to the increase in market yields as well as the impact of fair market value adjustments. Net investment income of \$1,105,996 includes a positive fair market value adjustment of \$596,752 to investment holdings at December 31, 2023. A negative fair market value adjustment amounting to \$1,566,194 resulted in negative net investment income of \$1,305,946 at December 31, 2022. It is

the District's policy to hold all investments to maturity, therefore, any fair value adjustment is considered unrealized over the life of the investment.

Total revenue decreased \$1,161,888 or 40.1% from 2021 to 2022. The District's charges for services increased \$444,470. This change is attributed to the increase in service fee from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per month per ¾" equivalent water tap. The increases in the service fee imposed over the last few years is necessary to contribute to the shortfall in the funding of District operations, maintenance and rehabilitation of District facilities. Negative net investment income of \$1,305,946 was reported at December 31, 2022 due to significant fair market value adjustments to current market holdings. Total capital contributions decreased \$448,153 due to the progress of various developments within the District and the timing of tap fee revenue collections.

Total expenses decreased \$151,626 or 3.6% from 2022 to 2023. Water operations decreased by \$235,605 due to fewer remedial and emergency repairs required during 2023. Sewer operations increased by \$80,483 from 2022 to 2023 due to more hours devoted to sewer maintenance activities. The District contracts with Platte Canyon Water & Sanitation District (Platte Canyon) to provide administrative and maintenance services under an Intergovernmental Agreement (See Note 6 – Intergovernmental Agreement – Management and Maintenance). The cost of labor and overhead is allocated to the District based on the administrative and maintenance hours devoted to water operations, sewer operations, and general and administrative activities.

The decrease in total expenses from 2021 to 2022 amounted to \$12,902 or .3%. While expenses related to sewer operations and administration decreased from 2021 levels, water operations increased by \$43,818 from 2021 to 2022 due to unexpected equipment failures when performing emergency repairs to the Hogback Pump Station which resulted in five water main breaks.

Budgetary Highlights

The District prepares its budget on a non-GAAP budgetary basis of accounting to recognize the fiscal impact of sale of assets, capital outlay, in addition to operations and nonoperating revenues and contributions. Capital contributions of facilities and depreciation are not reflected on the budget as they do not affect "funds available". This budgetary accounting is required by State statutes.

Actual revenue for the District was more than budgeted revenues by \$1,250,558. Actual net investment income amounted to a positive \$1,105,996 resulting in a positive budget variance of \$808,296. A fair value mark up of investments at December 31, 2023 amounted to \$596,752. Actual water tap fees collected during 2023 were more the budgeted amount by \$42,000 and actual sewer tap fees were more than the budgeted amount by \$160,126. Actual charges for services were more than the budgeted amount by \$145,199. This variance is due to significant plan review and construction inspections of the various developments underway in the District as well as higher office and garage improvement costs shared with Platte Canyon (See Note 6 – Intergovernmental Agreement – Joint Office and Garage Facility).

Budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures by \$1,962,447. Budgeted total operating expenditures exceeded the actual amount by \$399,981. The actual amount for repair and

maintenance for water operations was \$274,786 less than the amount budgeted due to fewer remedial repairs being performed to the various water system components than anticipated.

In addition to budgeting for emergency reserve, the District budgeted an additional 20% of the projected water capital expenses to cover unanticipated increases in construction costs. The percentage applied fluctuates from year to year depending on the predictability of the construction industry. The amount budgeted for contingencies and emergency reserves was \$352,630. The actual cost for the water distribution system was \$1,249,361 less than the budgeted amount. A significant capital water project budgeted in 2023 that consisted of replacement of 2,500 feet of 16-inch cast iron pipe in S. Santa Fe Dr. has been delayed due to the proposed new development in the area. The District will coordinate with City of Littleton and the developer to determine the best location for the main and may result in cost sharing by the developer.

Capital Assets

The District’s investment in capital assets at December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 amounted to \$34,750,107, \$35,983,558, and \$36,629,300, (net of accumulated depreciation/amortization), respectively.

Analysis of changes in capital assets from 2022 to 2023 is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Land and easements	\$ 64,819	\$ 64,819	0.0%
Construction in progress	28,015	993,202	-97.2%
Water distribution systems	17,106,097	16,594,676	3.1%
Sewage collection system	16,501,995	17,314,578	-4.7%
Office building	1,036,541	1,001,197	3.5%
Other	12,640	15,086	-16.2%
Total net capital assets	<u>\$ 34,750,107</u>	<u>\$ 35,983,558</u>	

The 2022 capital water project that remained in construction in progress at the end of 2022 was completed during 2023 with the permanent asphalt overlay amounting to \$121,694. The total project amounted to \$1,091,396. As mentioned above, the water project planned for 2023 has been delayed. In accordance with District standard procedures, engineering design of the water project began in 2022 and accumulated costs amount to \$28,015. These costs are applicable to the future project and will be carried forward in construction in progress. The District made improvements amounting to \$184,525 to the District office building including the replacement of eleven second floor windows, two garage doors and the pitched portion of the roof. Total depreciation and amortization expense for 2023 amounted to \$1,838,870.

Analysis of changes in capital assets from 2021 to 2022 is as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Land and easements	\$ 64,819	\$ 64,819	0.0%
Construction in progress	993,202	37,882	2521.8%
Water distribution systems	16,594,676	17,474,460	-5.0%
Sewage collection system	17,314,578	17,958,653	-3.6%
Office building	1,001,197	1,093,486	-8.4%
Other	15,086	-	100.0%
Total net capital assets	<u>\$ 35,983,558</u>	<u>\$ 36,629,300</u>	

The District planned for one major water capital project replacing 2,239 feet of 16-inch ductile iron pipe with 2,239 feet of 16-inch inch PVC pipe. The project cost to date amounts to \$969,702 and will be finalized during 2023 when permanent asphalt overlay is completed. The District completed one major sewer capital project replacing 227 feet of 12-inch PVC pipe amounting to \$157,370. In accordance with District standard procedures, engineering design of the water and sewer projects was initiated and contracted during 2021. Additionally, the District installed a security camera system during 2022 amounting to \$17,125. Total depreciation and amortization expense for 2022 amounted to \$1,858,080.

Additional information on the District’s capital assets can be found in NOTE 4 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budget

- Total 2024 revenue is budgeted at \$4,188,860, 52.1% more than 2023 budget revenue of \$2,754,340. Investment income is budgeted at \$580,490 which is based on a projected average yield of 2.5%.
- The District will continue to impose a service fee to customers. In 2024, the fee will remain \$12.00 per month per ¾” equivalent. Service fee revenue budgeted for 2024 is \$2,233,730 based on 15,449 ¾” equivalents.
- The budget for operating expenditures and capital expenditures is \$2,716,838 and \$311,498, respectively.
- Total revenue for 2024 is projected to exceed expenditures by \$1,160,524.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the District’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Financial Administrator, Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District, 8739 W. Coal Mine Ave., Littleton, Colorado 80123.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SOUTHWEST METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,652,809	\$ 3,627,820
Cash deposits and investments	5,083,000	3,418,530
Accounts receivable	223,022	192,007
Accrued interest receivable	61,889	40,618
Prepaid expenses	23,696	28,895
Total current assets	10,044,416	7,307,870
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Long-term cash deposits and investments	14,373,550	15,691,390
Capital assets:		
Land and easements	64,819	64,819
Construction in progress	28,015	993,202
Water distribution system	46,267,440	44,846,949
Sewage collection system	36,274,409	36,274,409
Office building	2,707,415	2,686,334
Other	24,120	24,120
Less accumulated depreciation	(50,616,111)	(48,906,275)
Total capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	34,750,107	35,983,558
Total noncurrent assets	49,123,657	51,674,948
Total assets	59,168,073	58,982,818
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	182,760	192,485
Retainage payable	-	44,549
Deposits from developers	66,793	100,825
Total current liabilities	249,553	337,859
NET POSITION		
Investment in capital assets	34,750,107	35,983,558
Restricted for emergencies	120,200	51,000
Unrestricted	24,048,213	22,610,401
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 58,918,520	\$ 58,644,959

These financial statements should be read only in connection with the accompanying notes to financial statements.

SOUTHWEST METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
OPERATING REVENUE		
Charges for services	\$ 2,506,659	\$ 2,389,376
Other income	22,617	2,410
Total operating revenue	2,529,276	2,391,786
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Water operations	1,841,979	2,077,584
Sewer operations	1,271,968	1,191,485
General and administrative	912,075	908,579
Total operating expenses	4,026,022	4,177,648
(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	(1,496,746)	(1,785,862)
NONOPERATING REVENUE		
Investment income	509,244	260,249
Gain on asset disposal (net of insurance recovery)	27,005	-
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	596,752	(1,566,195)
Total nonoperating revenue	1,133,001	(1,305,946)
(LOSS) BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	(363,745)	(3,091,808)
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
Tap fees	287,306	600,857
Contributed capital assets	350,000	50,423
Total capital contributions	637,306	651,280
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	273,561	(2,440,528)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	58,644,959	61,085,487
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$ 58,918,520	\$ 58,644,959

These financial statements should be read only in connection with the accompanying notes to financial statements.

SOUTHWEST METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from customers	\$ 2,464,229	\$ 2,299,540
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(2,185,812)	(2,301,372)
Cash flows provided (used) for operating activities	278,417	(1,832)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Contributed capital - Tap and annexation fees	287,306	600,857
Insurance proceeds	82,320	-
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(361,149)	(1,143,080)
Cash flows provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	8,477	(542,223)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	442,038	220,586
Purchase of investments	(2,948,943)	(5,446,502)
Matured investments	3,245,000	-
Cash provided (used) by investing activities	738,095	(5,225,916)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,024,989	(5,769,971)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,627,820	9,397,791
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 4,652,809	\$ 3,627,820

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These financial statements should be read only in connection with the accompanying notes to financial statements.

SOUTHWEST METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

(Continued)

	2023	2022
Reconciliation of (loss) from operations to net cash used for operating activities		
(Loss) from operations	\$ (1,496,746)	\$ (1,785,862)
Adjustments to reconcile (loss) from operations to net cash used for operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	1,838,870	1,858,080
Effects of changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(31,015)	(58,472)
Prepaid expenses	5,199	(27,393)
Accounts payable	(3,859)	45,589
Deposits from developers	(34,032)	(33,774)
Total adjustments	1,775,163	1,784,030
Cash flows provided (used) for operating activities	\$ 278,417	\$ (1,832)
 NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Contributions of capital assets from developers	\$ 350,000	\$ 50,423
Net book value of disposed assets	\$ (55,315)	\$ -
Fair Value increase (decrease) of investments	\$ 596,752	\$ (1,566,195)

These financial statements should be read only in connection with the accompanying notes to financial statements.

**SOUTHWEST METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

NOTE 1 – DEFINITION OF REPORTING ENTITY

Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District (the District), a quasi-municipal corporation, is governed pursuant to provisions of the Colorado Special District Act. The District's service area is located in Jefferson, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, Colorado. The District was established to provide water and sanitation services.

The District follows the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting pronouncements which provide guidance for determining which governmental activities, organizations and functions should be included within the financial reporting entity. GASB pronouncements set forth the financial accountability of a governmental organization's elected governing body as the basic criterion for including a possible component governmental organization in a primary government's legal entity. Financial accountability includes, but is not limited to, appointment of a voting majority of the organization's governing body, ability to impose its will on the organization, a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens and fiscal dependency.

The District is not financially accountable for any other organization, nor is the District a component unit of any other primary governmental entity.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

Basis of Accounting

The District's records are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred. Depreciation and amortization are computed and recorded as operating expenses. Expenditures for property and equipment are shown as increases in assets. Tap fees, inclusion fees and contributed water and sewer lines are recorded as capital contributions when received.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

The District distinguishes between operating revenue and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the District's purpose of providing water and sewer services to its customers. Charges to customers for services provided are performed by a third-party (see Note 5 - Denver Water Board). Operating expenses include cost of service, administrative

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expenses, and depreciation and amortization of assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenue and expenses or capital contributions.

Budgets

In accordance with the State Budget Law, the District’s Board of Directors holds public hearings in the fall each year to approve the budget and appropriate the funds for the ensuing year. The appropriation is at the total fund expenditures level and lapses at year end. The District’s Board of Directors can modify the budget by line item within the total appropriation without notification. The appropriation can only be modified upon completion of notification and publication requirements. A budget is legally adopted for the District and is presented on a Non-GAAP budgetary basis.

Restricted Resources

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District’s policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Cash Equivalents and Investments

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

Capital Assets

Capital assets which include property, equipment, and infrastructure are recorded at cost except for those assets which have been contributed which are stated at estimated fair value at the date of contribution or at developer’s cost. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Depreciation and amortization expense has been computed using the straight-line method over the estimated economic useful lives:

Distribution and collection systems	20 – 40 years
Office building and improvements	15 – 40 years
Other	3 – 5 years

Net Position

Net Position is categorized as investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted. Investment in capital assets is intended to reflect the portion of Net Position which are associated with non-liquid, capital assets. Restricted Net Position are liquid assets, which have third party limitations on their use. Unrestricted Net Position represent assets that do not have any third party limitations on their use.

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Reclassifications

For comparability, certain 2022 amounts have been reclassified where appropriate to conform with the 2023 financial statement presentation.

NOTE 3 – CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

As of December 31, the District had the following cash and investments:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash deposits	\$ 276,367	\$ 512,344
Investments	23,832,992	22,225,396
Total	<u>\$ 24,109,359</u>	<u>\$ 22,737,740</u>

Cash deposits and investments are reflected on the December 31, Statement of Net Position as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,652,809	\$ 3,627,820
Cash deposits and investments	5,083,000	3,418,530
Long-term cash deposits and investments	14,373,550	15,691,390
	<u>\$ 24,109,359</u>	<u>\$ 22,737,740</u>

Cash Deposits

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

Investments

Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating, maturity, custodial and concentration risk criteria in which local governments may invest which include:

- . Obligations of the U.S. and certain U.S. government agency securities and the World Bank
- . General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- . Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- . Commercial paper
- . Certain reverse repurchase agreements

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- . Certain securities lending agreements
- . Certain corporate bonds
- . Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- . Certain money market mutual funds
- . Guaranteed investment contracts
- . Local government investment pools

The investment policy adopted by the Board of Directors of the District establishes additional restrictions to the requirements specified by state statutes.

As of December 31, the District had the following investments:

<u>Investment</u>	Rating	Investment Maturities (in Years)			2023
		1 or less	1 - 5	More than 5	Total
U.S. Government Instrumentalities	AAA/AA+	\$ -	\$ 5,668,000	\$ 1,638,820	\$ 7,306,820
U.S. Treasury Notes	N/A	4,834,000	7,066,730	-	11,900,730
Local Government Investment Pool - COLOTRUST PLUS+	AAA/m	2,711,328	-	-	2,711,328
Local Government Investment Pool - COLOTRUST EDGE	AAA/f/S1	879,049	-	-	879,049
Local Government Investment Pool - CSAFE Core	AAA/f/S1	1,035,065	-	-	1,035,065
		<u>\$ 9,459,442</u>	<u>\$ 12,734,730</u>	<u>\$ 1,638,820</u>	<u>\$ 23,832,992</u>

<u>Investment</u>	Rating	Investment Maturities (in Years)			2022
		1 or less	1 - 5	More than 5	Total
U.S. Government Instrumentalities	AAA/AA+	\$ -	\$ 3,533,900	\$ 1,580,660	\$ 5,114,560
U.S. Treasury Notes	N/A	2,924,530	10,576,830	-	13,501,360
Local Government Investment Pool - COLOTRUST PLUS+	AAA/m	1,739,544	-	-	1,739,544
Local Government Investment Pool - COLOTRUST EDGE	AAA/f/S1	1,326,693	-	-	1,326,693
Local Government Investment Pool - CSAFE Core	AAA/f/S1	543,239	-	-	543,239
		<u>\$ 6,534,006</u>	<u>\$ 14,110,730</u>	<u>\$ 1,580,660</u>	<u>\$ 22,225,396</u>

Interest Rate Risk – In accordance with its investment policy, the District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting investments in U.S. Treasuries and U.S. Agencies to an original maturity of ten years or less.

Credit risk – The District’s investment policy limits investments to U.S. Treasury obligations and U.S. Government agency securities, local government investment pools, and certain money market mutual funds approved by the Board of Directors. At the time of purchase, investments must have a credit rating equal to or greater than that specified by state statutes.

Concentration of Credit Risk – It is the policy of the District to diversify its investment portfolio to eliminate risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific class, and specific issuer of securities. The District policy includes cash deposits in the total portfolio when determining concentration of investments. The policy provides that the total portfolio of the District may be comprised of 100% U.S. Treasury Notes. However, investment in U.S. agency and instrumentalities may not exceed 50% of the District’s total portfolio and

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investment in any one issuer may not exceed 20% of the total portfolio. Investments in local government investment pools as well as money market mutual funds may not exceed 50%, of the District's total portfolio. A maximum of 35% of the District's total portfolio may be invested in any one local government investment pool. A maximum of 25% of the District's total portfolio may be invested in approved fixed income money market mutual funds. The policy provides for variances in the stated maximum percentage limitations not to exceed 10% at any given time and the Board may ratify exceptions as deemed necessary. As of December 31, 2023, the District's investments in the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp, Federal Home Loan Bank, and Federal Farm Credit Banks, and were 15.29%, 7.71%, and 7.66%, respectively, of the District's total investments and 15.11%, 7.63%, and 7.57%, respectively, of the District's total portfolio. As of December 31, 2022, the District's investments in the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp, Federal Home Loan Bank, and Federal Farm Credit Banks, and were 7.11%, 7.98%, and 7.92%, respectively, of the District's total investments and 6.95%, 7.80%, and 7.75%, respectively, of the District's total portfolio.

Local Government Investment pools:

COLOTRUST – As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District has invested in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing COLOTRUST. It operates similarly to a money market fund. COLOTRUST offers shares in three portfolios: PRIME, PLUS+, and EDGE. All portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, certain obligations of U.S. government agencies and instrumentalities, and repurchase agreements collateralized with certain U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities. Both PLUS+ and EDGE may also invest in the highest rated commercial paper. The PRIME and PLUS portfolios are restricted to a weighted average maturity (WAM) of 60 days or less while the EDGE portfolio incorporates longer-dated securities with a WAM of 60 days or more. Both PRIME and PLUS+ portfolios are rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's and the EDGE portfolio is rated AA Af/S1 by FitchRatings. COLOTRUST records its investments at fair value and the District records its investments in COLOTRUST at net asset value as determined by fair value. Each share of PRIME and PLUS is equal in value to \$1.00 and the redemption frequency is daily with no redemption notice period. EDGE's net asset value is managed to approximate a \$10.00 transactional share price and the redemption frequency is five business days. The principal value of an EDGE investment may fluctuate and could be greater or less than \$10.00 per share at time of purchase, prior to redemption, and at the time of redemption. There are no unfunded commitments.

CSAFE – As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District has invested in the Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE), an investment vehicle established by State statute for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces the requirements of creating and operating CSAFE. CSAFE operates similarly to money market funds, and each share of CSAFE Cash is equal in value to \$1.00 and each share of CSAFE Core is equal in value to \$2.00. The District's investment is in the CSAFE Core fund. Fitch Ratings rates CSAFE AA Af/S1. Investments are limited to those allowed by State statutes. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services in

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connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions. The custodian’s internal records identify the investments owned by the participating governments. CSAFE Core calculates the net asset value on a fair value basis as provided for by GASB Statements 31 and 72, and the District records its investment in CSAFE Core at this net asset value. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily, and there is no redemption notice period.

Investment Valuation

The District categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset’s fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The District also has certain investments not categorized within the fair value hierarchy. These investments are measured at amortized cost or in certain circumstances the value is calculated using the net asset value (NAV) per share, or its equivalent of the investment. These investments include 2a7-like external investment pools and money market investments. The District held investments in COLOTRUST and CSAFE which are not categorized within the fair value hierarchy. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 fair value and NAV measurements of the District’s investments are as follows:

	Carrying Amount	
	2023	2022
Investment measured at fair value:		
U.S. Government Instrumentalities (Level 1 inputs)	\$ 7,306,820	\$ 5,114,560
U.S. Treasury Notes (Level 1 inputs)	11,900,730	13,501,360
Total investments by fair value level	19,207,550	18,615,920
Investments measured at NAV:		
Local Government Investment Pool - COLOTRUST PLUS+	2,711,328	1,739,544
Local Government Investment Pool - COLOTRUST EDGE	879,049	1,326,693
Local Government Investment Pool - CSAFE Core	1,035,065	543,239
Total investments at NAV	4,625,442	3,609,476
Total investments at carrying amount	\$ 23,832,992	\$ 22,225,396

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NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

An analysis of the changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2023 follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance at December 31, 2023
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land and easements	\$ 64,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,819
Construction in progress	993,202	4,515	969,702	28,015
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>1,058,021</u>	<u>4,515</u>	<u>969,702</u>	<u>92,834</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Water distribution system	44,846,949	1,441,396	20,905	46,267,440
Sewage collection system	36,274,409	-	-	36,274,409
Office building	2,686,334	184,525	163,444	2,707,415
Other	24,120	-	-	24,120
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>83,831,812</u>	<u>1,625,921</u>	<u>184,349</u>	<u>85,273,384</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization:				
Water distribution system	(28,252,273)	(929,975)	(20,905)	(29,161,343)
Sewage collection system	(18,959,831)	(812,583)	-	(19,772,414)
Office building	(1,685,137)	(93,866)	(108,129)	(1,670,874)
Other	(9,034)	(2,446)	-	(11,480)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(48,906,275)</u>	<u>(1,838,870)</u>	<u>(129,034)</u>	<u>(50,616,111)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>34,925,537</u>	<u>(212,949)</u>	<u>55,315</u>	<u>34,657,273</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$35,983,558</u>	<u>\$ (208,434)</u>	<u>\$ 1,025,017</u>	<u>\$34,750,107</u>

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An analysis of the changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2022 follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2021	Additions	Deletions	Balance at December 31, 2022
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land and easements	\$ 64,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,819
Construction in progress	37,882	962,139	6,819	993,202
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>102,701</u>	<u>962,139</u>	<u>6,819</u>	<u>1,058,021</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Water distribution system	45,382,218	50,423	585,692	44,846,949
Sewage collection system	36,086,792	189,470	1,853	36,274,409
Office building	2,686,334	-	-	2,686,334
Other	6,995	17,125	-	24,120
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>84,162,339</u>	<u>257,018</u>	<u>587,545</u>	<u>83,831,812</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization:				
Water distribution system	(27,907,758)	(930,207)	(585,692)	(28,252,273)
Sewage collection system	(18,128,139)	(833,545)	(1,853)	(18,959,831)
Office building	(1,592,848)	(92,289)	-	(1,685,137)
Other	(6,995)	(2,039)	-	(9,034)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(47,635,740)</u>	<u>(1,858,080)</u>	<u>(587,545)</u>	<u>(48,906,275)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>36,526,599</u>	<u>(1,601,062)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,925,537</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$36,629,300</u>	<u>\$ (638,923)</u>	<u>\$ 6,819</u>	<u>\$35,983,558</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were charged to the following operations:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Water	\$ 929,975	\$ 930,207
Sewer	812,583	833,545
Administration	96,312	94,328
	<u>\$ 1,838,870</u>	<u>\$ 1,858,080</u>

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NOTE 5 – CONTRACTS

Denver Water Board

The District has a distributor contract with the Denver Water Board (Denver) whereby Denver provides water in the District's service area and charges the users directly ("read and bill" type of distributor's contract). The District is responsible for maintenance and replacement of the water mains owned by the District.

During 2014, under the distributor contract with Denver, the District entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Denver to impose a service fee of \$1.00 per month per ¾" equivalent to District customers. The service fee is to be used for operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation, of the District facilities. The fee is imposed on customers' Denver Water bills, with the revenue collected by Denver Water and remitted to the District less a collection fee. The District increased the service fee to \$3.00 in 2017, \$5.00 in 2018, \$7.00 in 2019, and imposed a fee of \$8.00 in 2020 and 2021. The service fee imposed in 2022 and 2023 was \$12.00. Service fee revenue amounted to \$2,248,424 and \$2,214,935 in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

In 1975, the District entered into an agreement with Denver whereby the District constructed water mains and conveyed them to Denver in exchange for a water supply of 5,500,000 gallons per day. Denver is responsible for the operation, maintenance and replacement of these mains.

The District participated in the cost to construct facilities owned by Denver (agreement date 1977). The District acquired the right to sufficient capacities in the water line to serve taps reserved to the District for \$6,742,264. This amount is included in the water distribution system and is being amortized over 40 years using the straight-line method. Accumulated amortization at December 31, 2023 and 2022 is \$5,991,411 and, \$5,933,662 respectively.

The District has additional contracts with Denver for its participation costs in facilities. These facilities were deemed complete during 2005 and the District has no further commitments under the contracts. The District's participation amounted to \$4,484,958, which reserves additional capacity in the Denver system for the District. This amount has been included in the water distribution system and is being amortized over 40 years using the straight-line method. Accumulated amortization at December 31, 2023 and 2022 is \$2,018,231 and \$1,906,107, respectively.

City of Littleton

The District has a contract with the City of Littleton (the City) whereby the City provides sewage treatment for the District and bills users directly. The District is responsible for maintenance and replacement of the sewer mains within the District and will retain title to them.

In 1969, the District entered into an agreement with the City of Littleton whereby the City is allowed to connect with the District's sewer lines for \$15,000 per year. The agreement is subject to renewal annually. The District recorded contract service fee income of \$15,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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Meadowbrook-Fairview

In 1976, the District agreed to reserve for Meadowbrook-Fairview Metropolitan District (Meadowbrook-Fairview) sewer capacity for 1,550 single family or equivalent sanitary sewer taps in its facilities. The agreement provides that sewer lines described as outfalls “A” & “B” that were constructed by Meadowbrook-Fairview remain the property of Meadowbrook-Fairview until its bonded indebtedness incurred in construction is fully paid.

During 1997, the agreement was amended and the outfall lines “A” & “B” and all easements relating thereto were conveyed to the District as provided in the original agreement. The amendment extended the contract for twenty years and for an additional period of time the outfall lines are being utilized. During 1999, the contract was again amended, increasing the total allowable taps by 336 to 1,886.

A third amendment to the agreement was made during 2019 increasing the total allowable taps by 114 to 2,000. Meadowbrook-Fairview must pay the sum of \$227 for each single-family residential equivalent together with Southwest’s applicable tap fee at the time of connection. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, remaining taps to be issued under the contract amounted to 57 and 129, respectively.

Grant Water and Sanitation District

On August 14, 1962, the District entered into an agreement with Grant Water and Sanitation District (Grant) to accommodate the future transmission of sewage from 5,000 single family equivalent taps. Grant agreed to pay the District \$50 at the time each individual tap is connected.

During 1983, an additional agreement provided for an alternate point of connection to the Districts sewer system for 300 single family equivalent taps, within Grant at \$450 per individual tap. The 300 sewer taps are part of, and not in addition to the 5,000 sewer taps allowed under the 1962 Agreement. At December 31, 2023 and 2022 the remaining taps to be issued under the agreements amounted to 994 and 999, respectively.

NOTE 6 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Intergovernmental Agreement – Management and Maintenance

In 1986, the District entered into an agreement with Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District (Platte Canyon) wherein Platte Canyon provides management, maintenance, inspection and clerical services to the District. Under the agreement, Platte Canyon bills the District monthly for its proportionate share of costs. During 2014, the contract was renewed for ten years with an option for the District to renew for successive five-year periods after December 31, 2024. During 2023 and 2022 the District reimbursed Platte Canyon \$1,354,962 and \$1,323,131 respectively for services provided.

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Intergovernmental Agreement – Joint Office and Garage Facility

On March 27, 1998, the District entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Platte Canyon, which provides for cost sharing of a new office and garage facility. The cost of the new facility was \$1,816,148, of which, the District paid 70% or \$1,271,303. Upon termination of the agreement, Platte Canyon will be entitled to 30% of the appraised replacement value of the joint facility excluding land value.

In accordance with the agreement, Platte Canyon pays the District a proportionate share of the operation and maintenance expense as well as approved capital improvements determined on a quarterly basis. The Intergovernmental Agreement was amended on January 1, 2019 and will be effective until December 31, 2029. Reimbursement of operation, maintenance, and capital improvement costs received from Platte Canyon during 2023 and 2022 amounted to \$75,822 and \$41,205, respectively.

Water Tap Deposit Agreement

Advance deposits for the purchase of future water taps were received during 1978. At December 31, 2023, remaining advance deposits amounted to \$552,750, which represents the District's intention to issue 737 water taps. This amount was recorded as contributions when received. No advance deposits were used or refunded in 2023 and 2022.

NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT

Except as provided in the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, as amended from time to time, the District may be exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets, errors or omissions, injuries to employees, or acts of God. The District is a member of the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool (Pool). The Pool is an organization created by intergovernmental agreement to provide property, liability, public officials' liability, boiler and machinery, and workers compensation coverage to its members. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District pays annual premiums to the Pool for property, general liability, and boiler and machinery. In the event aggregate losses incurred by the Pool exceed amounts recoverable from reinsurance contracts and funds accumulated by the Pool, the Pool may require additional contributions from the Pool members. Any excess funds, which the Pool determines are not needed for purposes of the Pool, may be returned to the members pursuant to a distribution formula.

The District maintains commercial insurance for injuries to employees (worker's compensation). Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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NOTE 8 – TAX, SPENDING AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, commonly known as the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR), contains tax, spending, revenue and debt limitations which apply to the State of Colorado and all local governments.

Enterprises, defined as government-owned businesses authorized to issue revenue bonds and receiving less than 10% of annual revenue in grants from all state and local governments combined, are excluded from the provisions of TABOR. The District’s management believes a significant portion of its operations qualifies for this exclusion.

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.

On November 4, 2003, a majority of the District’s electors authorized the District to collect, retain and spend all revenues and other funds received from District rates, fees, tolls, charges, fines, penalties and investments commencing January 1, 2004, for general operations, maintenance, and capital improvements as a voter approved revenue change and exception to the limits which would otherwise apply under Article X, Section 20.

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

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of Fiscal Year Spending (excluding bonded debt service). Local governments are not allowed to use emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District’s reserve of \$120,200 and \$51,000 was recorded as a restriction of Net Position.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SOUTHWEST METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
SCHEDULES OF OPERATING EXPENSES
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
WATER OPERATIONS		
Repair and maintenance	\$ 798,429	\$ 1,038,725
Utilities	64,617	61,292
Engineering and legal	48,958	47,360
Depreciation	760,102	760,334
Amortization	169,873	169,873
Total water operations	1,841,979	2,077,584
SEWER OPERATIONS		
Repair and maintenance	380,142	295,524
Utilities	17,719	10,357
Engineering and legal	61,524	52,059
Depreciation	811,637	831,389
Amortization	946	2,156
Total sewer operations	1,271,968	1,191,485
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE		
General office administration		
Administration	586,501	582,581
Office supplies	677	50
Other	24,645	17,983
Public Relations	29,800	30,621
Professional and consulting		
Accounting and audit	6,000	6,000
Legal	47,871	36,239
Insurance	21,968	17,580
Building maintenance and utilities	91,950	117,599
Miscellaneous	6,351	5,598
Depreciation	96,312	94,328
Total general and administrative	912,075	908,579
Total operating expenses	\$ 4,026,022	\$ 4,177,648

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUNDS AVAILABLE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (Non-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUE			
Net investment income	\$ 297,700	\$ 1,105,996	\$ 808,296
Tap fees - water	70,000	112,000	42,000
Tap fees - sewer	15,180	175,306	160,126
Charges for services	2,361,460	2,506,659	145,199
Insurance proceeds	-	82,320	82,320
Other revenue	10,000	22,617	12,617
Total revenue	2,754,340	4,004,898	1,250,558
EXPENDITURES			
OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION			
Operations and maintenance - water			
Repair and maintenance	1,073,215	798,429	274,786
Utilities	62,700	64,617	(1,917)
Engineering and legal	49,021	48,958	63
Operations and maintenance - sewer			
Repair and maintenance	477,485	380,142	97,343
Utilities	10,850	17,719	(6,869)
Engineering and legal	40,979	61,524	(20,545)
General office administration	656,478	611,823	44,655
Public Relations	34,000	29,800	4,200
Professional and consulting	48,250	53,871	(5,621)
Insurance	20,220	21,968	(1,748)
Office maintenance	68,065	53,092	14,973
Office utilities	37,840	38,858	(1,018)
Other	8,030	6,351	1,679
Total operations and maintenance	2,587,133	2,187,152	399,981
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Water distribution system	1,375,570	126,209	1,249,361
Sewage collection system	25,000	-	25,000
Other	120,000	184,525	(64,525)
CONTINGENCY AND EMERGENCY RESERVES			
	352,630	-	352,630
Total capital outlay	1,873,200	310,734	1,562,466
Total expenditures	4,460,333	2,497,886	1,962,447
EXCESS OF REVENUE (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,705,993)	1,507,012	3,213,005
FUNDS AVAILABLE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	23,816,118	22,661,401	(1,154,717)
FUNDS AVAILABLE - END OF YEAR	\$ 22,110,125	\$ 24,168,413	\$ 2,058,288
Funds available is computed as follows:			
Current assets		\$ 10,044,416	
Long-term cash deposits and investments		14,373,550	
Current liabilities		(249,553)	
		\$ 24,168,413	

**SOUTHWEST METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF ACTUAL (Non-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) TO STATEMENT
OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

REVENUE (BUDGETARY BASIS)	\$ 4,004,898
Contributed capital assets	350,000
Insurance proceeds	(82,320)
Gain on asset desposition (net of insurance recovery)	27,005
Total revenue per statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position	4,299,583
 EXPENDITURES (BUDGETARY BASIS)	 2,497,886
Depreciation	1,668,051
Amortization	170,819
Capital outlay	(310,734)
Total expenses per statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position	4,026,022
Change in net position per statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position	\$ 273,561