

**SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY**  
**Arapahoe County, Colorado**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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**INSERT INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

As management of the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (the Authority), we are providing this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the year ended December 31, 2023. Readers should consider the information presented in the Authority's basic financial statements in addition to that presented in this analysis.

**Background**

The Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (the Authority) was formed pursuant to Section 29-1-204.2, C.R.S. by an intergovernmental agreement dated September 19, 2006, among Arapahoe County (the County), the City of Centennial (the City), the Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority (ACWWA), the East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District (ECCV), and the Inverness Water and Sanitation District (IWS). The purpose of the agreement is to plan, fund, construct, acquire, operate, and maintain drainage and flood control facilities within the Authority's boundaries. By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Authority serves as an enterprise, as such term is defined in Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, and in furtherance thereof, to serve as a government-owned business, engaged in water enterprise activities.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The Authority's basic financial statements include the following components: 1) statement of net position; 2) statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; 3) statement of cash flows; 4) schedule of revenues and expenditures – budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis); and 5) notes to the financial statements.

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

*Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position:* The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents information showing how the Authority's net position changed during the period. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (primarily receivables and payables).

*Statement of Cash Flows:* The statement of cash flows presents the Authority's cash flows from operating, non-capital financing, capital and related financing, and investing activities.

*Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis):* The Authority adopted an appropriated budget for the year ended December 31, 2023. The budgetary comparison schedule has been provided to demonstrate compliance with the Local Government Budget Law.

*Notes to the Financial Statements:* The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

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**Financial Analysis**

The following is a condensed statement of net position for the Authority as of December 31, 2023, along with comparative information as of December 31, 2022.

	December 31,		Increase (Decrease)
	2023	2022	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets	\$ 13,111,571	\$ 13,050,375	\$ 61,196
Capital Assets	136,016,950	138,630,343	(2,613,393)
Total Assets	<u>149,128,521</u>	<u>151,680,718</u>	<u>(2,552,197)</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Short-Term Liabilities	4,590,228	5,332,953	(742,725)
Long-Term Liabilities	2,516,946	2,730,929	(213,983)
Total Liabilities	<u>7,107,174</u>	<u>8,063,882</u>	<u>(956,708)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	133,286,021	134,615,677	(1,329,656)
Unrestricted	8,735,326	9,001,159	(265,833)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 142,021,347</u>	<u>\$ 143,616,836</u>	<u>\$ (1,595,489)</u>

The Authority's principal current asset at December 31, 2023, is cash and cash equivalents of \$12,065,430. Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation amount to \$136,016,950 as of December 31, 2023. The Authority's liabilities as of December 31, 2023, include accounts and retainage payable and accrued expenses of \$1,102,751, unearned revenue of \$1,067,294, collateral held of \$2,206,200, and a loan for the Authority's buildings of \$2,730,929.

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The following is a condensed statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the Authority for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

	December 31,		Increase (Decrease)
	2023	2022	
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Storm Drainage Utility Fees	\$ 13,317,492	\$ 12,814,455	\$ 503,037
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Expenses Except Depreciation	8,109,977	7,309,768	800,209
Depreciation	8,238,772	8,121,614	117,158
Total Operating Expenses	<u>16,348,749</u>	<u>15,431,382</u>	<u>917,367</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	(3,031,257)	(2,616,927)	(414,330)
<b>OTHER NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)</b>			
Net Operating Revenue (Expenses)	1,095,429	1,978,131	(882,702)
<b>CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Governmental and Other	<u>340,339</u>	<u>645,505</u>	<u>(305,166)</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	(1,595,489)	6,709	(1,602,198)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>143,616,836</u>	<u>143,610,127</u>	<u>6,709</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 142,021,347</u>	<u>\$ 143,616,836</u>	<u>\$ (1,595,489)</u>

As shown above, net position decreased by \$1,595,489 in 2023 and increased by \$6,709 in 2022. Operating revenues in 2023 were \$13,317,492 and \$12,814,455 in 2022 – a difference of \$503,037. Operating expenses in 2023 included \$4,783,975 of personal services, \$3,176,649 of contractual services, and \$149,353 of commodities. Nonoperating revenues and expenses in 2023 included interest revenue of \$666,615, nonoperating revenue of \$543,084, and interest expense of \$114,270.

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The following is a condensed statement of budget and actual revenue and expenditures for 2023. Both the budget and the actual amounts are presented on the modified accrual basis. The modified accrual basis is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The principal departures from GAAP are the inclusion of proceeds from the issuance of debt, expenditures for capital outlay and debt principal reduction, and the recording of revenues when received rather than when earned.

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Stormwater Utility Fees	\$ 13,055,014	\$ 13,055,014	\$ 13,456,426	\$ 401,412
Other	1,073,500	1,073,500	2,291,038	1,217,538
Total Revenues	<u>14,128,514</u>	<u>14,128,514</u>	<u>15,747,464</u>	<u>1,618,950</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Program Expenses	7,762,245	7,762,245	6,916,512	845,733
Building and Capital Equipment	1,455,259	1,455,259	877,753	577,506
Debt Service	1,094,478	1,094,478	1,096,233	(1,755)
Capital Improvement Program/Asset Maintenance	6,388,887	10,313,649	6,196,934	4,116,715
Total Expenditures	<u>16,700,869</u>	<u>20,625,631</u>	<u>15,087,432</u>	<u>5,538,199</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ (2,572,355)</u>	<u>\$ (6,497,117)</u>	<u>\$ 660,032</u>	<u>\$ 7,157,149</u>

The most significant variance between the final budget and actual expenditures were for capital improvement program/asset maintenance with expenditures less than budget by \$4,116,715. This variance is typical since expenditures frequently lag behind budget due to the length of time required to plan, design, build, and complete a project.

**Capital Assets**

The Authority held \$241,774,731 of depreciable capital assets at December 31, 2023. \$154,188,804 of these capital assets are drainage improvements acquired from the City, ECCV, IWS, and ACWWA during 2008, 2009 and 2011, and \$78,349,143 are drainage improvements constructed by the Authority.

**Long-Term Debt**

The Authority borrowed \$7,000,000 during 2017 for the construction of its Piney Creek Project, which was paid off in 2023. In addition, the Authority has a loan for its administration and maintenance buildings.

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**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

Economic conditions have been factored into the development of the 2024 budget. Modifications to the budget were made in February 2024 for the carryover of unfinished capital projects.

**Requests for Information**

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances for all interested parties. Questions concerning any of the information provided or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Executive Director for Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority, 7437 S. Fairplay St. Centennial, CO 80112.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
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**ASSETS**

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 12,065,430
Fees Receivable	414,270
Accounts Receivable	540,000
Prepaid Expenses	91,871
Total Current Assets	13,111,571

Capital Assets:

Land	47,870
Buildings	6,274,258
Tenant Improvements	314,988
Vehicles and Related Equipment	1,132,391
Maintenance Equipment	530,024
Office Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	496,323
Computer Software and Hardware	488,800
Drainage Improvements	78,349,143
Contributed Drainage Improvements	154,188,804
Construction in Progress	5,815,102
Total Capital Assets	247,637,703
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(111,620,753)
Net Capital Assets	136,016,950

Total Assets	149,128,521
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**LIABILITIES**

Current Liabilities:

Accounts and Retainage Payable	483,964
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	174,345
Accrued Compensated Absences	436,657
Accrued Interest Payable	7,785
Unearned Revenue	1,067,294
Collateral Held	2,206,200
Building Loan	213,983
Total Current Liabilities	4,590,228

Noncurrent Liabilities:

Building Loan	2,516,946
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	2,516,946

Total Liabilities	7,107,174
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**NET POSITION**

Net Investment in Capital Assets	133,286,021
Unrestricted	8,735,326

Total Net Position	\$ 142,021,347
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See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
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<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Storm Drainage Utility Fees	\$ 13,317,492
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Personal Services	4,783,975
Contractual Services	3,176,649
Commodities	149,353
Depreciation	8,238,772
Total Operating Expenses	<u>16,348,749</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	(3,031,257)
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)</b>	
Interest Income	666,615
Other Revenue	543,084
Interest Expense	(114,270)
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>1,095,429</u>
<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	(1,935,828)
<b>CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS - OTHER</b>	<u>340,339</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	(1,595,489)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>143,616,836</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 142,021,347</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Receipts from Customers	\$ 13,456,426
Payments to and on Behalf of Employees	(4,735,976)
Payments to Providers and Suppliers	(3,402,886)
Other Receipts	147,053
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	5,464,617

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Intergovernmental and Other Contributions Received	593,389
Principal Payments on Building Loan	(206,816)
Principal Payments on Piney Creek Project Loan	(1,076,921)
Interest Payments	(117,193)
Acquisition of Capital Assets	(5,625,383)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(6,432,924)

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Interest on Short-Term Investments	666,615
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**NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

(301,692)

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year

12,367,122

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR**

\$ 12,065,430

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (3,031,257)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Other Nonoperating Revenue	543,084
Depreciation	8,238,772
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Accounts Receivable	138,934
Other Current Assets	(13,872)
Accounts Payable	(63,867)
Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	(347,177)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 5,464,617

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 1 DEFINITION OF REPORTING ENTITY**

The Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (the Authority) was formed pursuant to Section 29-1-204.2, C.R.S. by an intergovernmental agreement dated September 19, 2006, among Arapahoe County (the County), the City of Centennial (the City), the Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority (ACWWA), the East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District (ECCV), and the Inverness Water and Sanitation District (IWS). The purpose of the agreement is to plan, fund, construct, acquire, operate, and maintain drainage and flood control facilities within the Authority's boundaries. By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Authority serves as an enterprise, as such term is defined in Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, and in furtherance thereof, to serve as a government-owned business, engaged in water enterprise activities.

The Authority is a separate stand-alone governmental entity. The Authority's Board of Directors consists of two voting members appointed by the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners, three voting members appointed by the City of Centennial City Council, and one ex-officio non-voting member jointly appointed by ACWWA, ECCV, and IWS.

The Authority follows 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 government organization's elected governing body as the basic criterion for including a possible component governmental organization in a primary government's reporting entity. Financial accountability includes, but is not limited to, appointment of a 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 Authority is not financially accountable for any other organization, nor is the Authority a component unit of any other primary governmental entity.

**NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The Authority is accounted for as an enterprise fund. The Enterprise fund is used since the Authority's powers are related to those operated in a manner similar to a private utility system where the cost of providing services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed through the imposition of fees and charges. The Authority's financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The Authority's activities are accounted for, and reported on, in accordance with all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

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

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation  
(Continued)**

The financial statements present the financial position of the Authority as of December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2023. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position distinguishes *operating* revenues and expenses from *nonoperating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with ongoing operations.

**Budget**

An annual budget is established for the Authority. Budgetary comparisons are included in the appropriate financial statements and schedules as required by law. The legal level of budgetary control is at the enterprise level. All appropriations unexpended at the end of the year lapse.

The 2023 budget, as revised, was prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The modified accrual basis is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The principal departures from GAAP are the inclusion of proceeds from the issuance of debt, expenditures for capital outlay and debt principal reduction, and the recording of revenues when received rather than when earned.

The following is a summary of the procedures used in establishing budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Authority's Executive Director submits to the Board of Directors a proposed budget for the next year.
2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain citizen comments.
3. Prior to December 31, the Board adopts the budget and passes the appropriation resolution.
4. After commencement of the fiscal year, the appropriation resolution is irrevocable. However, the Board may adopt supplemental appropriations by resolution due to circumstances which could not be foreseen at the time of adoption of the original budget.

**Investments**

The Authority categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. 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 Authority has no investments required to be reported under the fair value hierarchy.

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

**Statement of Cash Flows**

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

**Receivables**

Accounts receivables are expressed net of allowances for doubtful accounts. As of December 31, 2023, there is no allowance for doubtful accounts.

**Utility Fees**

The Authority has an agreement with Arapahoe County ("County") to bill and collect stormwater fees. Under the agreement, the Authority's stormwater utility fees are billed with the County's property tax bills. The County collects the determined fees during the calendar year, which are payable by April or if in equal installments, at the taxpayer's election, February and June. The County remits the taxes collected monthly to the Authority.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and drainage improvements, are reported in the financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Authority as assets with an estimated useful life greater than one year. The Authority follows the guidelines set forth in Chapter 9, Section 1.4.1 of the Fiscal Procedures Manual promulgated by the State Controller with regard to dollar thresholds for the capitalization of capital assets. The applicable capitalization guidelines are as follows:

Land	All purchases are capitalized, regardless of cost
Land Improvements	\$50,000
Building	\$50,000
Leasehold Improvements	\$50,000
Furniture and Equipment	\$5,000 per item
Software (Purchased)	\$5,000
Software (Internally Developed)	\$50,000

For capitalization purposes, drainage improvements are deemed to be land improvements and, consistent with the State Controller's guidelines, such improvements costing \$50,000 or more are capitalized.

Purchased or constructed capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair value on the date contributed.

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

**Capital Assets (Continued)**

Property, plant, equipment, and drainage improvements are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Tenant Improvements	7 Years
Vehicles and Related Equipment	5-7 Years
Office Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	7 Years
Computer Software and Hardware	7 Years
Drainage Improvements	25-50 Years

**Compensated Absences**

The Authority's policy is to accrue as an expense and liability employee vacation, sick leave, and compensatory time when the employee vests in such benefits.

**Net Position**

Net position comprises the various net earnings from operating income, nonoperating revenues and expenses, and capital contributions. Net position is classified in the following three components:

*Net Investment in Capital Assets* – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Rather, that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds.

*Restricted* – This component of net position consists of constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted Net Position* – This component of net position consists of amounts that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

If both restricted and unrestricted resources are available to use for the same purpose, it is the Authority's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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**NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

Statement of Net Position:

Cash and Investments	\$ 12,065,430
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 12,065,430

Cash and investments as of December 31, 2023, consist of the following:

Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$ 648,163
Investments	11,417,267
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 12,065,430

**Cash Deposits**

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

The State Commissioners for banks and financial services are required by the statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

At December 31, 2023, the Authority's cash deposit had a bank balance and a carrying balance of \$648,163, of which \$250,000 per banking institution is insured through FDIC, and the balance is collateralized in single institution pool, pursuant to PDPA, as described above.

**Investments**

Investment policies are governed by Colorado statute and the Authority's own investment policies. Investments of the Authority may include the following (certain limitations apply):

- . Obligations of the United States, certain U.S. government agency securities, and securities of the World Bank
- . General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- . Certain certificates of participation
- . Certain securities lending agreements
- . Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- . Commercial paper
- . Written repurchase agreements and certain reverse repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- . Certain money market funds
- . Guaranteed investment contracts
- \* Local government investment pools

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

**Investments (Continued)**

As of December 31, 2023, the Authority’s investment in COLOTRUST was as follows:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST)	Weighted Average Under 60 Days	<u>\$ 11,417,267</u>

**COLOTRUST**

The District invested in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST) (the Trust), 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 the Trust. The Trust currently offers three portfolios – COLOTRUST PRIME, COLOTRUST PLUS+, and COLOTRUST EDGE.

COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+, which operate similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00, offer daily liquidity. Both portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. COLOTRUST PLUS+ may also invest in certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper, and any security allowed under CRS 24-75-601.

COLOTRUST EDGE, a variable Net Asset Value (NAV) Local Government Investment Pool, offers weekly liquidity and is managed to approximate a \$10.00 transactional share price. COLOTRUST EDGE may invest in securities authorized by Section 24-75-601.1, C.R.S., including U.S. Treasury securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, and highest rated commercial paper.

A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for the Trust’s portfolios pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for the Trust’s investment portfolios and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. The custodian’s internal records segregate investments owned by the Trust. COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+ are rated AAAM by Standard & Poor’s. COLOTRUST EDGE is rated AA Af/S1 by Fitch Ratings. COLOTRUST records its investments at fair value and the District records its investment in COLOTRUST at net asset value as determined by fair value. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily or weekly, and there is no redemption notice period.

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**NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

	Balance - December 31, 2022	Increases	Decreases	Balance - December 31, 2023
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 47,870	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,870
Construction in Progress	2,420,391	5,406,059	2,011,348	5,815,102
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	2,468,261	5,406,059	2,011,348	5,862,972
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
New Building	6,195,846	78,412	-	6,274,258
Building Improvements	314,988	-	-	314,988
Vehicles and Related Equipment	1,086,166	112,720	66,495	1,132,391
Maintenance Equipment	524,129	5,895	-	530,024
Office Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	496,323	-	-	496,323
Computer Software and Hardware	466,507	22,293	-	488,800
Drainage Improvements	76,337,795	2,011,348	-	78,349,143
Contributed Drainage Improvements	154,188,804	-	-	154,188,804
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	239,610,558	2,230,668	66,495	241,774,731
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
New Building	(2,086,563)	(275,213)	-	(2,361,776)
Building Improvements	(249,721)	(13,503)	-	(263,224)
Vehicles and Related Equipment	(849,972)	(114,428)	(66,495)	(897,905)
Maintenance Equipment	(237,637)	(60,277)	-	(297,914)
Office Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	(472,980)	(11,241)	-	(484,221)
Computer Software and Hardware	(366,964)	(26,375)	-	(393,339)
Drainage Improvements	(9,860,884)	(1,570,183)	-	(11,431,067)
Contributed Drainage Improvements	(89,323,755)	(6,167,552)	-	(95,491,307)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(103,448,476)	(8,238,772)	(66,495)	(111,620,753)
Net Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	136,162,082	(6,008,104)	-	130,153,978
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 138,630,343</u>	<u>\$ (602,045)</u>	<u>\$ 2,011,348</u>	<u>\$ 136,016,950</u>

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**NOTE 5 LONG-TERM OBLIGATION**

The following is an analysis of changes in the Authority's long-term obligations for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Balance - December 31, 2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance - December 31, 2023	Due in One Year
Loans from Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements:					
Piney Creek Loan	\$ 1,076,921	\$ -	\$ 1,076,921	\$ -	\$ -
Building Loan	2,937,745	-	206,816	2,730,929	213,983
Subtotal of Loans from Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements	4,014,666	-	1,283,737	2,730,929	213,983
Other Debts:					
Compensated Absences	387,860	48,797	-	436,657	436,657
Subtotal of Other Debts	387,860	48,797	-	436,657	436,657
Total	<u>\$ 4,402,526</u>	<u>\$ 48,797</u>	<u>\$ 1,283,737</u>	<u>\$ 3,167,586</u>	<u>\$ 650,640</u>

**Building Loan**

On August 26, 2014, the Authority closed on a loan in the amount of \$4,400,000 with Colorado Business Bank for the construction of its new Administration and Maintenance buildings. The loan bears interest at the rate of 3.421% and is payable in quarterly installments of \$76,170 over a period of 20 years. The loan is secured by fees and charges of the Authority. Prepayment of the loan is subject to a prepayment fee.

Future debt service requirement for the Building Loan are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 213,983	\$ 90,699	\$ 304,682
2025	221,397	83,285	304,682
2026	229,069	75,613	304,682
2027	237,007	67,675	304,682
2028	245,219	59,463	304,682
2029-2033	1,359,597	163,813	1,523,410
2034	224,657	3,853	228,510
Total	<u>\$ 2,730,929</u>	<u>\$ 544,400</u>	<u>\$ 3,275,330</u>

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**NOTE 6 NET POSITION**

The Authority has net position consisting of two components – net investment in capital assets and unrestricted.

Net investment in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of long-term obligations that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those asset. As of December 31, 2023, the Authority had net investment in capital assets calculated as follows:

Capital Assets, Net	\$	136,016,950
Loans Payable		
Due Within A Year		(213,983)
Due In More Than One Year		(2,516,946)
Net Investment In Capital Assets	\$	<u>133,286,021</u>

The Authority's unrestricted net position as of December 31, 2023 totaled \$8,735,326.

**NOTE 7 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Authority 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 Authority is a member of the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool (the Pool). The Pool is an organization created by intergovernmental agreement to provide property, liability, public officials' liability, boiler and machinery and workers compensation coverage to its members.

The Authority pays annual premiums to the Pool for liability, property, and public officials' liability coverage. In the event aggregated losses incurred by the Pool exceeded 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 no needed for purposes of the Pool may be returned to the members pursuant to a distribution formula.

**NOTE 8 PENSION PLAN**

The Authority contributes to the Colorado Retirement Association (CRA) pension plan on behalf of all full-time employees. Employees are required to participate in the plan beginning on the first day of employment.

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**NOTE 8 PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

The plan is a defined contribution plan through which contributions of employers are combined with contributions of employees and invested in income earning instruments for the benefit of plan participants. Any county, municipality or special district of the state of Colorado may, with the consent of the Association become a member and participate in the plan by adopting it for its officers and employees. During 2023, the Authority contributes between 6-9% and participating employees contribute 6% of compensation to the plan. The dollar amount of employer contributions was \$308,299 and \$208,713 was contributed by the employees. Forfeitures were not used to offset employer contributions during 2023. Employee contributions must match employer contributions. Participants are immediately vested 100% in their own contributions and earnings. Vesting in employer contributions and earnings occurs at the rate of 25% per year. Copies of the Plan's financial statements may be obtained from CRA.

**NOTE 9 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The Authority offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The assets under this plan are no longer considered property of the Authority and are held by the Authority's third-party administrator for the exclusive benefit of the plan participants and their beneficiaries. The Authority's plan is administered by the Colorado Retirement Association (CRA). The Authority has little administrative involvement and does not perform the investing function for this plan. The assets of the plan are not considered assets of the Authority and are not included in the financial statements.

**NOTE 10 TAX, SPENDING, AND DEBT LIMITATIONS**

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, also known as the TABOR Amendment, which has several limitations, including those for revenue, expenditures, property taxes, and issuance of debt. 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.

Section 37-45.1-101, C.R.S., *et seq.* authorizes governmental entities such as the Authority to establish water activity enterprises. On September 28, 2006, the Board of Directors passed a resolution creating the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) Water Activity Enterprise. Therefore, TABOR is not applicable to the Authority.

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**NOTE 11 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF STORMWATER FEES**

In 2006, the Authority entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the County for the billing and collection of stormwater utility fees. Under the agreement, the Authority's stormwater utility fees are billed with the County's property tax bills. Beginning in 2009, tax-exempt organizations were billed directly by the Authority.

**NOTE 12 COMMITMENTS**

The Authority had commitments of \$24,514 for capital projects at December 31, 2023. Future expenditures for these commitments are expected to be financed through available resources and future revenues.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Storm Drainage Utility Fees	\$ 13,055,014	\$ 13,055,014	\$ 13,456,426	\$ 401,412
Interest Income	50,000	50,000	666,615	616,615
Intergovernmental Revenue	201,000	201,000	809,181	608,181
Other Revenue	822,500	822,500	815,242	(7,258)
Total Revenues	<u>14,128,514</u>	<u>14,128,514</u>	<u>15,747,464</u>	<u>1,618,950</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Administration	2,189,066	2,189,066	1,853,633	335,433
Maintenance and Inspections	3,216,719	3,216,719	2,894,378	322,341
Environmental Resources	594,246	594,246	522,925	71,321
Building and Space	703,882	703,882	621,275	82,607
Capital Purchases	751,377	751,377	256,478	494,899
Debt Service	1,094,478	1,094,478	1,096,233	(1,755)
Engineering and Construction	1,762,214	1,762,214	1,645,576	116,638
Asset Maintenance	2,300,000	4,611,523	1,573,199	3,038,324
Capital Improvement Program	4,088,887	5,702,126	4,623,735	1,078,391
Total Expenditures	<u>16,700,869</u>	<u>20,625,631</u>	<u>15,087,432</u>	<u>5,538,199</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	(2,572,355)	(6,497,117)	660,032	7,157,149
Funds available - Beginning of Year	<u>5,239,948</u>	<u>9,295,055</u>	<u>9,347,105</u>	<u>52,050</u>
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 2,667,593</u>	<u>\$ 2,797,938</u>	<u>\$ 10,007,137</u>	<u>\$ 7,209,199</u>

**ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE BUDGET BASIS TO GAAP BASIS**

Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures (Budgetary Basis)	\$ 660,032
Capital Outlay	5,558,884
Depreciation	(8,172,277)
Loan Principal Payments	1,283,737
Accrued Drainage Utility Fees	(138,934)
Deferred Revenues	(741,000)
Accrued Compensated Absences	(48,854)
Accrued Interest on Loans	<u>2,923</u>
Change in Net Position - GAAP Basis	<u>\$ (1,595,489)</u>

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(NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
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**FUNDS AVAILABLE ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**

Total Current Assets	\$ 13,111,571
Adjustment for:	
Fees Receivable	(414,270)
Less Total Current Liabilities	(4,590,228)
Adjustment for:	
Accrued Salaries, Benefits, and Compensated Absences	611,002
Deferred Revenues	1,067,294
Current Portion of Long-Term Obligations	<u>221,768</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,007,137</u>