

PLAINS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2016

with

Independent Auditors' Report

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Directors

### **Plains Metropolitan District**

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Plains Metropolitan District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Plains Metropolitan District as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

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

*L. Paul Goedecke P.C.*

L. Paul Goedecke, P.C.  
August 29, 2017

**PLAINS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

BALANCE SHEET/STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
December 31, 2016

	<u>General</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	Statement of <u>Net Position</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and investments	\$ 85,875	\$ -	\$ 85,875
Cash and investments - restricted	838,448	-	838,448
Receivable County Treasurer	3,562	-	3,562
Accounts receivable - other	1,173	-	1,173
Prepaid expenses	7,823	-	7,823
Property taxes receivable	561,131	-	561,131
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	-	79,711	79,711
Capital assets not being depreciated	-	857,975	857,975
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,498,012</u>	<u>937,686</u>	<u>2,435,698</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 39,951	-	39,951
Long term liabilities:			
Due in more than one year	<u>          -</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>480,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>39,951</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>519,951</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred property taxes	<u>561,131</u>	<u>          -</u>	<u>561,131</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>561,131</u>	<u>          -</u>	<u>561,131</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
Nonspendable:			
Prepays	7,823	(7,823)	-
Restricted			
Emergencies	10,957	(10,957)	-
Conservation trust	46,743	(46,743)	-
Recreation trust account	780,748	(780,748)	-
Assigned			
Capital reserve	60,219	(60,219)	-
Unassigned	<u>(9,560)</u>	<u>9,560</u>	<u>          -</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>896,930</u>	<u>(896,930)</u>	<u>          -</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,498,012</u>		
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets		457,686	457,686
Restricted for:			
Emergencies		10,957	10,957
Conservation trust		46,743	46,743
Recreation trust account		780,748	780,748
Unrestricted		<u>538,482</u>	<u>538,482</u>
Total Net Position		<u>\$ 1,834,616</u>	<u>\$ 1,834,616</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**PLAINS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES/STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>General</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	Statement of <u>Activities</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Accounting and audit	\$ 13,652	\$ -	\$ 13,652
District management	43,171	-	43,171
Insurance	8,642	-	8,642
Legal	36,029	-	36,029
Litigation	52,762	-	52,762
Election expense	48	-	48
Miscellaneous expenses	5,103	-	5,103
Director's Fees	5,200	-	5,200
Payroll taxes	3,574	-	3,574
Treasurer's fees	8,258	-	8,258
Utilities	2,349	-	2,349
Irrigation water	16,240	-	16,240
Landscape maintenance	130,014	-	130,014
Street lighting	1,410	-	1,410
Land purchase	600,476	(600,476)	-
Park & Rec Capital - Trust	67,839	(67,839)	-
Snow Removal	2,381	-	2,381
Interest expense	34,717	-	34,717
Depreciation	-	6,877	6,877
Total Expenditures	<u>1,031,865</u>	<u>(661,438)</u>	<u>370,427</u>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>			
Property taxes	549,067	-	549,067
Specific ownership taxes	43,335	-	43,335
Conservation trust	3,451	-	3,451
Miscellaneous income	5,000	-	5,000
Interest income	7,786	-	7,786
Total General Revenues	<u>608,639</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>608,639</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(423,226)	-	608,639
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Loan proceeds	480,000	(480,000)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>480,000</u>	<u>(480,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	56,774	661,438	718,212
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		-	-
<b>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION:</b>			
BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>840,156</u>	<u>276,248</u>	<u>1,116,404</u>
END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 896,930</u>	<u>\$ 937,686</u>	<u>\$ 1,834,616</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -  
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original/Final		Variance
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 540,286	\$ 549,067	\$ 8,781
Specific ownership taxes	43,223	43,335	112
Conservation trust	4,500	3,451	(1,049)
Miscellaneous income	2,904	5,000	2,096
Interest income	<u>1,100</u>	<u>7,786</u>	<u>6,686</u>
Total Revenues	<u>592,013</u>	<u>608,639</u>	<u>16,626</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Accounting and audit	10,000	13,652	(3,652)
District management	50,000	43,171	6,829
Insurance	7,000	8,642	(1,642)
Legal	30,000	36,029	(6,029)
Litigation	-	52,762	(52,762)
Election expense	2,500	48	2,452
Miscellaneous expenses	4,000	5,103	(1,103)
Director's Fees	6,000	5,200	800
Payroll taxes	800	3,574	(2,774)
Treasurer's fees	8,104	8,258	(154)
Utilities	2,000	2,349	(349)
Irrigation water	15,000	16,240	(1,240)
Engineering	2,000	-	2,000
Landscape construction	25,000	-	25,000
Landscape maintenance	148,000	130,014	17,986
Recreation Ammeneties	1,000	-	1,000
Street lighting	4,000	1,410	2,590
Park & Rec Capital - Trust	719,000	67,839	651,161
Snow removal	8,000	2,381	5,619
Interest expense	-	34,717	(34,717)
Pedestrian trail maintenance	5,000	-	5,000
Storm drainage	30,000	-	30,000
Land purchase	-	600,476	(600,476)
Reserve	30,000	-	30,000
Contingency	257,733	-	257,733
Emergency reserve	<u>10,752</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,752</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,375,889</u>	<u>1,031,865</u>	<u>344,024</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(783,876)</b>	<b>(423,226)</b>	<b>(327,398)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Loan proceeds	<u>-</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(783,876)</b>	<b>56,774</b>	<b>840,650</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>783,876</u>	<u>840,156</u>	<u>56,280</u>
END OF YEAR	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 896,930</u>	<u>\$ 896,930</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2016

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Plains Metropolitan District (“District”), located in Jefferson County, Colorado, conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant policies consistently applied in the preparation of financial statements.

#### Definition of Reporting Entity

The District, a quasi-municipal organization, was established under the State of Colorado Special District Act. The District was established to provide for the construction of streets, storm sewer, signalization and landscape improvements, and park and recreation facilities within the District. The District's primary revenues are property taxes. The District is governed by an elected Board of Directors.

As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the activities of the District, which is legally separate and financially independent of other state and local governments. The District follows the GASB which provide guidance for determining which governmental activities, organizations and functions should be included within the financial reporting entity. GASB sets 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 pronouncements also require including a possible component unit if it would be misleading to exclude it.

The District is not financially accountable for any other organization. The District has no component units as defined by the GASB.

#### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements are presented per GASB Statement No. 34 - Special Purpose Governments.



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## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2016

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the governmental funds balance sheet/statement of net position and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances/statement of activities) report information on all of the governmental activities of the District. The statement of net position reports all financial and capital resources of the District. The difference between the (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and the (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of the District is reported as net position. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which expenditures/expenses of the governmental funds are supported by general revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct and indirect expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

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

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are collected.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. The material sources of revenue subject to accrual are property taxes and interest. Expenditures, other than interest on long-term obligations, are recorded when the liability is incurred or the long-term obligation is paid.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

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### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2016

#### Budgetary Accounting

Budgets are adopted on a non-GAAP basis for the governmental funds. In accordance with the State Budget Law of Colorado, the District's Board of Directors holds public hearings in the fall of each year to approve the budget and appropriate the funds for the ensuing year. 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. The budget includes each fund on its basis of accounting unless otherwise indicated. The appropriation is at the total fund expenditures level and lapses at year end.

#### Assets, Liabilities and Net Position

##### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The District's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The District estimates that the fair value of all financial instruments at December 31, 2016, does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying balance sheet. The carrying amount of these financial instruments approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

##### Deposits and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments for the government are reported at fair value.

The District follows the practice of pooling cash and investments of all funds to maximize investment earnings. Except when required by trust or other agreements, all cash is deposited to and disbursed from a minimum number of bank accounts. Cash in excess of immediate operating requirements is pooled for deposit and investment flexibility. Investment earnings are allocated periodically to the participating funds based upon each fund's average equity balance in the total cash.

##### Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the District management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

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## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2016

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. Deferred property taxes are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

### Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include; property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend the life of the asset are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable using the straight-line method. Depreciation on property that will remain assets of the District is reported on the Statement of Activities as a current charge. Improvements that will be conveyed to other governmental entities are classified as construction in progress and are not depreciated. Land and certain landscaping improvements are not depreciated.

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

Irrigation	40 years
Signs & monuments	15 years

### Property Taxes

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

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Property taxes, net of estimated uncollectible taxes, are recorded initially as deferred inflows in the year they are levied and measurable since they are not normally available nor are they budgeted as a resource until the subsequent year. The deferred property taxes are recorded as revenue in the subsequent year when they are available or collected.

### Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities.

### Fund Equity

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. Because circumstances differ among governments, not every government or every governmental fund will present all of these components. The following classifications make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent:

### Nonspendable Fund Balance

Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form (such as inventory or prepaids) or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The nonspendable fund balance in the General Fund in the amount of \$7,823 represents prepaid expenses.

### Restricted Fund Balance

The restricted fund balance includes amounts restricted for a specific purpose by external parties such as grantors, bondholders, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

A portion of the restricted fund balance in the General Fund represents Emergency Reserves that have been provided as required by Article X, Section 20 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado. A total of \$10,957 of the General Fund balance has been restricted in compliance with this requirement.

A portion of the restricted fund balance in the General Fund represents unspent Conservation Trust Fund proceeds restricted under the State Conservation Trust Fund statutes for acquisition, development and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities. This restricted balance was \$46,743 at December 31, 2016.

The balance of the restricted fund balance in the General Fund represents Recreation trust account funds specified by a court order for the construction of 3 ball fields, an outdoor swimming pool, and 2 tennis courts. The restricted balance was \$780,748 at December 31, 2016. (See Note 8.)

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## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2016

### Committed Fund Balance

The portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Directors. The constraint may be removed or changed only through formal action of the Board of Directors.

### Assigned Fund Balance

Assigned fund balance includes amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the District's Board of Directors or by an official or body to which the Board of Directors delegates the authority.

The assigned fund balance in the General Fund represents funds set aside as a Capital Reserve. The assigned balance was \$60,219 at December 31, 2016.

### Unassigned Fund Balance

Unassigned fund balance includes amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported only in the General Fund, all other funds can report negative amounts.

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 needed.

### Net Position

Net Position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The District reports three categories of net position, as follows:

Net investment in capital assets – consists of net capital assets, reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows or resources related to those assets.

Restricted net position – net position is considered restricted if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.

Unrestricted net position – consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the District.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the District will use the most restrictive net position first.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2016

Note 2: Cash and Investments

Cash and investments are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position:

Cash and investments	\$ 85,875
Cash and investments – Restricted	<u>838,448</u>
Total	<u>\$ 924,323</u>

Cash and investments as of December 31, 2016 consist of the following:

Deposits with financial institutions	\$ 5,130
Investments – COLOTRUST	<u>919,193</u>
	<u>\$ 924,323</u>

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act, (“PDPA”) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. State regulators determine eligibility. 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 is to be maintained by another institution, or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the aggregate uninsured deposits. The State Commissioners for banks and financial services are required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

The District does not have a formal policy for deposits. None of the District’s deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk.

Investments

Investment Valuation

The District 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. Investments not measured at fair value and not categorized include governmental money market funds (PFM Funds Governmental Select series); money market funds (generally held by Bank Trust Departments in their role as paying agent or trustee); and CSAFE which record their investments at amortized cost.

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The District has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2016:

An external investment pool that records its investments at fair value. The investment in COLOTRUST is categorized as a Level 2 Investment.

#### Credit Risk

The District has not adopted a formal investment policy; however the District follows state statutes regarding investments. Colorado statutes specify the types of investments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments may invest. These investments include obligations of the United States and certain U.S. Government agency entities, certain money market funds, guaranteed investment contracts, and local government investment pools.

#### Custodial and Concentration of Credit Risk

None of the District's investments are subject to custodial or concentration of credit risk.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Colorado revised statutes limit investment maturities to five years or less unless formally approved by the Board of Directors.

As of December 31, 2016, the District had the following investment:

#### COLOTRUST

The local government investment pool, Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust ("COLOTRUST") is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's with a weighted average maturity of under 60 days, a Level 2 investment under the fair value hierarchy. COLOTRUST is an investment trust/joint ventures 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 trusts operate similarly to a money market fund with each share maintaining a value of \$1.00. The Trust offers shares in two portfolios, COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+. Both investments consist of U.S. Treasury bills and notes 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 repurchase agreements collateralized by certain obligations of U.S. government agencies. Designated custodian banks provide safekeeping and depository services to the trusts. Substantially all securities owned by the trusts are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the accounts maintained for the custodian banks. The custodians' internal records identify the investments owned by COLOTRUST. At December 31, 2016, the District had \$919,193 invested in COLOTRUST.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2016

Note 3: Capital Assets

An analysis of the changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2016 follows:

<u>Governmental Type Activities:</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/16</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/16</u>
<u>Capital assets not being depreciated:</u>				
Construction in Progress	\$ 31,313	\$ 67,839	\$ -	\$ 99,152
Landscaping	158,347	-	-	158,347
Land	-	600,476	-	600,476
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>189,660</u>	<u>668,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>857,975</u>
<u>Capital assets being depreciated:</u>				
Signs & monuments	90,553	-	-	90,553
Irrigation	33,635	-	-	33,635
Total capital assets being depreciated	124,188	-	-	124,188
<u>Accumulated Depreciation:</u>				
Signs & monuments	(14,054)	(6,036)	-	(20,090)
Irrigation	(23,546)	(841)	-	(24,387)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(37,600)</u>	<u>(6,877)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,477)</u>
Net capital assets being depreciated	<u>86,588</u>	<u>(6,877)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,711</u>
Government type assets, net	<u>\$ 276,248</u>	<u>\$ 661,438</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 937,686</u>

Note 4: Long Term Debt

A description of the long-term obligations as of December 31, 2016, is as follows:

Promissory Note \$480,000

On January 14, 2016, the District executed a Promissory Note in the amount of \$480,000 dated January 14, 2016, for the purpose of funding the acquisition of certain land in Jefferson County, Colorado. The Promissory Note bears interest at the initial rate of 7.5%, payable quarterly, effective with the first calendar quarter of 2016 and is due within 15 days of the quarter end. The interest rate shall be adjusted on each anniversary date to the rate of prime plus 4%. The entire principal balance outstanding and accrued interest thereon shall be due and payable on January 13, 2021. The District may prepay the principal amount outstanding under this Note, in whole or in part, at any time without penalty. The Note is secured by a Deed of Trust dated January 14, 2016. All quarterly payments were made on a timely basis during 2016. Repayment of this debt is based upon annual appropriations.



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Because of the uncertainty of the timing of the principal payments, no maturity schedule detailing the principal and interest payments is presented.

The following is an analysis of changes in long-term debt for the period ending December 31, 2016:

	<u>Balance</u> 1/1/2016	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> 12/31/2016	<u>Current</u> <u>Portion</u>
Promissory Note - North					
Woodlands Company	\$ -	\$ 480,000	\$ -	\$ 480,000	\$ -

Debt Authorization

As of December 31, 2016, the District does not have any voted debt authorization or service plan debt authorization available.

Note 5: Maintenance Agreements

The District has entered into landscape maintenance agreements with the Mountain Gate I, II and III Condominium Association and the Ken-Caryl Office Park Association (the "Associations"). In accordance with the District's Service Plan, the District is to provide, among other things, landscape maintenance and related services and improvements within the areas served by the Associations. The agreements provide for the District to pay for a portion of the landscape maintenance costs incurred by the Associations. During 2016, the District's portion was \$80,609 in accordance with the agreements.

Note 6: Tax, Spending and Debt Limitations

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

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.

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 the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases.

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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 will require judicial interpretation.

On November 2, 2004, a majority of the District's electors authorized the District to collect and spend or retain in a reserve all currently levied taxes and fees of the District without regard to any limitations under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.

### Note 7: Risk Management

Except as provided in the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, 24-10-101, et seq., CRS, the District may be exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to agents; and natural disasters. The District has elected to participate in the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool ("Pool") which is an organization created by intergovernmental agreement to provide common liability and casualty insurance coverage to its members at a cost that is considered economically appropriate. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District pays annual premiums to the Pool for auto, public officials' liability, and property and general liability coverage. In the event aggregated losses incurred by the Pool exceed its amounts recoverable from reinsurance contracts and its accumulated reserves, the District may be called upon to make additional contributions to the Pool on the basis proportionate to other 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.

### Note 8: Litigation

Litigation with the Ken-Caryl Metropolitan District has resulted in a Court Order obligating the Plains District to construct certain recreational facilities as outlined in its Service Plan. The District is in the process of complying with the Court Order.

### Note 9: Reconciliation of Government-Wide Financial Statements and Fund Financial Statements

The Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position – Governmental Funds includes an adjustments column. The adjustments have the following elements:

- 1) Capital improvements used in government activities are not financial resources and, therefore are not reported in the funds, and
- 2) long-term liabilities such as loans payable and accrued interest payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not in the funds.

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The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances/Statement of Activities – Governmental Funds includes an adjustments column. The adjustments have the following elements:

- 1) Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, however, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets are held as construction in process pending transfer to other governmental entities or depreciated over their useful lives,
- 2) governmental funds report interest expense on the modified accrual basis; however, interest expense is reported on the full accrual method on the Statement of Activities;
- 3) governmental funds report loan proceeds as revenue; and,
- 4) governmental funds report long-term debt payments as expenditures, however, in the statement of activities, the payment of long-term debt is recorded as a decrease of long-term liabilities.