

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER
QUALITY AUTHORITY
Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, Colorado**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority
Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority (the Authority) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 opinions 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 that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparisons for the general fund and the pollution abatement fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages III through IX be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information on pages III through IX 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of legal compliance and additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The supplementary 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 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Fiscal Focus Partners, LLC

Greenwood Village, Colorado
July 18, 2021

CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority (the Authority), we offer readers of the Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

Financial Highlights

- Assets exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$5,679,539 at the close of the fiscal year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Authority's governmental funds reported an ending net position of \$3,673,370.
- Total net position increased by \$738,886.
- Total cash and investments increased by \$545,294 as compared to the prior year.
- Property tax revenue increased by \$159,465 as compared to the prior year.
- General government expenses increased by \$366,480 as compared to the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the governmental funds was \$1,016,630.

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 are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Authority's assets, liabilities and deferred inflow of resources, with the difference between the three 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.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Authority's net position changed during the most recent fiscal 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 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.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental fund and governmental activities.

The Authority maintains two governmental funds - the general fund and the pollution abatement fund. Both funds are considered to be major funds.

The Authority adopts an annual appropriated budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for this fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. The Authority maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Authority uses an enterprise fund to account for its water monitoring activities of the pollution reduction facilities. These services are reported as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the water monitoring operations, which is considered to be a major fund of the Authority.

Notes to financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information concerning the Authority, including a budgetary comparison schedule for the Authority's Water Activity Enterprise Fund and a five-year summary of property taxes.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Statement of Net Position

	Net Position 2020		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Current Assets	\$ 6,190,915	\$ 1,656,930	\$ 7,847,845
Capital Assets	-	350,000	350,000
Total Assets	6,190,915	2,006,930	8,197,845
Current Liabilities	83,594	761	84,355
Total Liabilities	83,594	761	84,355
Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,433,951	-	2,433,951
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,433,951	-	2,433,951
Investment in Capital Assets	-	350,000	350,000
Restricted Net Position	2,519,360	-	2,519,360
Unrestricted Net Position	1,154,010	1,656,169	2,810,179
Total Net Position	\$ 3,673,370	\$ 2,006,169	\$ 5,679,539

	Net Position 2019		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Current Assets	\$ 5,446,889	\$ 1,585,859	\$ 7,032,748
Capital Assets	-	350,000	350,000
Total Assets	5,446,889	1,935,859	7,382,748
Current Liabilities	203,194	-	203,194
Total Liabilities	203,194	-	203,194
Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,238,901	-	2,238,901
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,238,901	-	2,238,901
Investment in Capital Assets	-	350,000	350,000
Restricted Net Position	2,023,202	-	2,023,202
Unrestricted Net Position	981,592	1,585,859	2,567,451
Total Net Position	\$ 3,004,794	\$ 1,935,859	\$ 4,940,653

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net position may serve as a useful indicator for the Authority's financial position. In the Authority's case, 2020 and 2019 ended with total net position valued at \$5,679,539 and \$4,940,653, respectively, with outstanding liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of \$2,518,306 and \$2,442,095, respectively. Approximately 96% of the Authority's assets consists of cash and investments and current receivables. The remaining assets primarily represent the current value of the Authority's capital assets less accumulated depreciation.

The Authority's net position increased \$738,886 in 2020 and increased \$960,760 in 2019. As of December 31, 2020, \$2,006,169 of monies designated for pollution abatement projects were unspent.

	2020		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	
Revenue			
Program Revenue:			
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 722,301	\$ 722,301
General Revenue:			
Property Taxes	2,223,996	-	2,223,996
Specific Ownership Taxes	179,636	-	179,636
Net Investment Income	30,035	7,632	37,667
Total Revenue	<u>2,433,667</u>	<u>729,933</u>	<u>3,163,600</u>
Expenses			
General Government	2,203,051	-	2,203,051
Water Activities	-	221,663	221,663
Total Expenses	<u>2,203,051</u>	<u>221,663</u>	<u>2,424,714</u>
Excess Revenue Over Expenses	<u>230,616</u>	<u>508,270</u>	<u>738,886</u>
Transfers In (Out)	<u>437,960</u>	<u>(437,960)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	668,576	70,310	738,886
Net Position - Beginning	3,004,794	1,935,859	4,940,653
Net position - Ending	<u>\$ 3,673,370</u>	<u>\$ 2,006,169</u>	<u>\$ 5,679,539</u>

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

	2019		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Revenue			
Program Revenue:			
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 458,431	\$ 458,431
General Revenue:			
Property Taxes	2,064,531	-	2,064,531
Specific Ownership Taxes	190,142	-	190,142
Net Investment Income	78,737	27,127	105,864
Total Revenue	<u>2,333,410</u>	<u>485,558</u>	<u>2,818,968</u>
Expenses			
General Government	1,836,571	-	1,836,571
Water Activities	-	21,637	21,637
Total Expenses	<u>1,836,571</u>	<u>21,637</u>	<u>1,858,208</u>
Excess Revenue Over Expenses	<u>496,839</u>	<u>463,921</u>	<u>960,760</u>
Transfers In (Out)	<u>291,335</u>	<u>(291,335)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	788,174	172,586	960,760
Net Position - Beginning	<u>2,216,620</u>	<u>1,763,273</u>	<u>3,979,893</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u><u>\$ 3,004,794</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,935,859</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,940,653</u></u>

Governmental activities. Governmental activities increased the Authority's net position by \$668,576 in 2020 and \$788,174 in 2019. Key elements of these changes in net position were as follows:

- Property taxes increased \$159,465 (8%) from 2019 to 2020. This increase was due to the increase of the Authority's assessed valuation.
- Net investment income decreased \$48,702 (62%) from 2019 to 2020. This decrease was due to a decrease in interest rates.

Business-type activities. Business-type activities increased the Authority's net position by \$70,310 in 2020 and increased by \$172,586 in 2019. Key elements of these changes in net position were as follows:

- Transfers out to other funds increased by \$146,625 (50%) from 2019 to 2020, which was due to an increase in revenue.
- Operating revenue increased \$263,870 (58%) and operating expenses increased \$200,026 (924%). The increase in operating revenue was due to an increase area development and the increase in expenses is due to an increase in non-pollution abatement projects.

CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Authority uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Authority's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Authority's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Authority's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,226,554, of which \$1,016,630 constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the Authority's discretion within the parameters established for the fund.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Authorities pollution abatement fund reported an ending fund balance of \$2,446,816.

Proprietary funds. The Authority's proprietary fund provides the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net position of the proprietary fund at the end of the year amounted to \$1,656,169. Other factors concerning the finances of this fund have already been addressed in the discussion of the Authority's business-type activities.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The difference between the final budgeted revenue of \$2,434,837 and the actual revenue of \$2,433,279 was \$1,558. Actual expenditures of \$778,828, not including transfers to other funds, were below the final budgeted expenditures of \$905,504 by \$126,676.

Capital Assets

The Authority added no capital assets during 2020.

Long-Term Debt

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Authority had no outstanding long-term obligations.

Next Year's Budgets and Rates

Government funds. The 2021 budget reflects an increase in levied property tax revenue of \$195,050. General fund expenditures are expected to increase in 2021. The increase is due to the increase of watershed management, sampling and analysis programs, and general and administrative expenditures. Pollution Abatement fund expenditures are expected to increase in 2021 due to various reservoir and stream reclamation projects anticipated to be undertaken in 2021.

Proprietary funds. The Authority is not expecting a significant increase in fee collections in 2021. Per the 2021 budget, expenditures are expected to increase slightly. The increase is due to increases in equipment and special studies/projects expenditures.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,200,514	\$ 1,515,572	\$ 2,716,086
Cash and Investments - Restricted	2,532,139	-	2,532,139
Accounts Receivable	-	141,358	141,358
Receivable - County	13,667	-	13,667
Property Tax Receivable	2,433,951	-	2,433,951
Prepaid Expenses	10,644	-	10,644
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	-	350,000	350,000
Total Assets	6,190,915	2,006,930	8,197,845
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	83,594	761	84,355
Total Liabilities	83,594	761	84,355
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	2,433,951	-	2,433,951
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,433,951	-	2,433,951
NET POSITION			
Investment in Capital Assets	-	350,000	350,000
Restricted:			
Emergencies - TABOR	73,000	-	73,000
Pollution Abatement	2,446,360	-	2,446,360
Unrestricted	1,154,010	1,656,169	2,810,179
Total Net Position	\$ 3,673,370	\$ 2,006,169	\$ 5,679,539

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Program Revenues			Net Revenues (Expenses) and Change in Net Position			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Primary Government:							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 2,203,051	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,203,051)	\$ -	\$ (2,203,051)
Business-Type Activities:							
Water Activities	221,663	722,301	-	-	-	500,638	500,638
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 2,424,714</u>	<u>\$ 722,301</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	(2,203,051)	500,638	(1,702,413)
GENERAL REVENUES							
Property Taxes					2,223,996	-	2,223,996
Specific Ownership Tax					179,636	-	179,636
Net Investment Income					30,035	7,632	37,667
Transfers In (Out)					437,960	(437,960)	-
Total General Revenues					<u>2,871,627</u>	<u>(430,328)</u>	<u>2,441,299</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					668,576	70,310	738,886
Net Position - Beginning of Year					<u>3,004,794</u>	<u>1,935,859</u>	<u>4,940,653</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR					<u>\$ 3,673,370</u>	<u>\$ 2,006,169</u>	<u>\$ 5,679,539</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Pollution Abatement Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,200,514	\$ -	\$ 1,200,514
Cash and Investments - Restricted	73,000	2,459,139	2,532,139
Receivable - County	13,667	-	13,667
Property Tax Receivable	2,433,951	-	2,433,951
Prepaid Expenses	10,188	456	10,644
	<u>10,188</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>10,644</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,731,320</u>	<u>\$ 2,459,595</u>	<u>\$ 6,190,915</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 70,815	\$ 12,779	\$ 83,594
Total Liabilities	<u>70,815</u>	<u>12,779</u>	<u>83,594</u>
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	2,433,951	-	2,433,951
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,433,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,433,951</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	10,188	456	10,644
Restricted For:			
Emergencies	73,000	-	73,000
Pollution Abatement	-	2,446,360	2,446,360
Assigned To:			
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	126,736	-	126,736
Unassigned	1,016,630	-	1,016,630
Total Fund Balance	<u>1,226,554</u>	<u>2,446,816</u>	<u>3,673,370</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 3,731,320</u>	<u>\$ 2,459,595</u>	<u>\$ 6,190,915</u>

There are no reconciling differences between the fund balance of the governmental fund and the net position of governmental activities.

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund	Pollution Abatement Fund	Total
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 2,223,996	\$ -	\$ 2,223,996
Specific Ownership Taxes	179,636	-	179,636
Net Investment Income	29,647	388	30,035
Total Revenues	<u>2,433,279</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>2,433,667</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Accounting	47,502	-	47,502
Audit	6,800	-	6,800
CC Stewardship Partners	29,000	-	29,000
County Treasurer's Fees	33,398	-	33,398
District Management	88	199,740	199,828
Dues and Subscriptions	3,238	-	3,238
Employee Salary, Taxes, and Benefits	67,270	96,460	163,730
Insurance	11,651	-	11,651
Legal	62,861	-	62,861
Office/Miscellaneous	19,957	-	19,957
PAPS - Undesignated	-	80,438	80,438
Pollution Reduction Facilities	-	69,226	69,226
Reservoir	-	308,221	308,221
Stream Reclamation	-	670,138	670,138
TAC Coordination	10,000	-	10,000
WQCC Regulation Hearings	27,070	-	27,070
Website	13,122	-	13,122
Watershed Management	200,799	-	200,799
Monitoring	246,072	-	246,072
Total Expenditures	<u>778,828</u>	<u>1,424,223</u>	<u>2,203,051</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,654,451	(1,423,835)	230,616
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In (Out)	(1,479,489)	1,917,449	437,960
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(1,479,489)</u>	<u>1,917,449</u>	<u>437,960</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	174,962	493,614	668,576
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>1,051,592</u>	<u>1,953,202</u>	<u>3,004,794</u>
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,226,554</u>	<u>\$ 2,446,816</u>	<u>\$ 3,673,370</u>

There are no reconciling differences between the change in fund balance of the governmental fund and the change in net position of governmental activities.

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 2,238,901	\$ 2,223,996	\$ (14,905)
Specific Ownership Tax	171,936	179,636	7,700
Net Investment Income	24,000	29,647	5,647
Total Revenues	<u>2,434,837</u>	<u>2,433,279</u>	<u>(1,558)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General and Administrative:			
Accounting	45,000	47,502	(2,502)
Audit	6,700	6,800	(100)
CC Stewardship Partners	27,500	29,000	(1,500)
County Treasurer's Fees	33,584	33,398	186
District Management	150,000	88	149,912
Dues and Subscriptions	1,500	3,238	(1,738)
Employee Salary, Taxes, and Benefits	-	67,270	(67,270)
I&E Coordination	7,500	-	7,500
Insurance	12,000	11,651	349
Legal	75,000	62,861	12,139
Office/Miscellaneous	5,000	19,957	(14,957)
TAC Coordination	10,000	10,000	-
WQCC Regulation Hearings	50,000	27,070	22,930
Website	6,000	13,122	(7,122)
Total General and Administrative	<u>429,784</u>	<u>331,957</u>	<u>97,827</u>
Watershed Management:			
Annual Report	24,000	24,573	(573)
Data Management	50,000	33,733	16,267
General Watershed Management	127,000	142,493	(15,493)
Total Watershed Management	<u>201,000</u>	<u>200,799</u>	<u>201</u>
Monitoring and Reporting:			
General Technical Support	59,220	28,727	30,493
Monitoring - Reservoir	82,700	77,100	5,600
Monitoring - Watershed	81,200	70,333	10,867
WQ Data Reporting	51,600	69,912	(18,312)
Total Monitoring and Reporting	<u>274,720</u>	<u>246,072</u>	<u>28,648</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>905,504</u>	<u>778,828</u>	<u>126,676</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,529,333	1,654,451	125,118
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In (Out)	(1,472,360)	(1,479,489)	(7,129)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(1,472,360)</u>	<u>(1,479,489)</u>	<u>(7,129)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	56,973	174,962	117,989
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>794,946</u>	<u>1,051,592</u>	<u>256,646</u>
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 851,919</u>	<u>\$ 1,226,554</u>	<u>\$ 374,635</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
POLLUTION ABATEMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Net Investment Income	\$ 800	\$ 388	\$ (412)
Total Revenues	800	388	(412)
EXPENDITURES			
Employee Salary, Taxes, and Benefits	-	96,460	(96,460)
Management / Administration	240,000	199,740	40,260
PAPS - Reservoir to 12-Mile Park Study	125,000	-	125,000
PAPS - Undesignated	300,000	80,438	219,562
Pollution Reduction Facilities:			
Utilities - Reservoir Destratification	40,000	44,521	(4,521)
O&M - Reservoir Destratification	95,000	16,105	78,895
PRF - Restoration	151,000	-	151,000
PRF - Routine	20,000	8,600	11,400
PRF - Emergency Repairs	90,000	-	90,000
PRF - Preservation - Acquisition Lease	50,000	-	50,000
Reservoir:			
Meteorological Station	20,000	-	20,000
RDS Rehabilitation	300,000	214,502	85,498
Reservoir Shoreline Stabilization - East Boat Ramp	50,000	-	50,000
Reservoir Shoreline Stabilization - Eash Shade Shelter	60,000	-	60,000
Reservoir Shoreline Stabilization - Tower Loop	110,000	47,525	62,475
Reservoir Shoreline Stabilization - West Shade Shelter	925,000	46,194	878,806
Stream Reclamation:			
Stream Reclamation - CC10 Improvements Phase 1	150,000	-	150,000
Stream Reclamation - CCSP Reach IV	180,000	-	180,000
Stream Reclamation - CC Pine Drive (KOA Property)	205,000	205,000	-
Stream Reclamation - CC 12-Mile Park Study	-	40,138	(40,138)
Stream Reclamation - McMurdo Gulch	60,000	75,000	(15,000)
Stream Reclamation - CCSP Reach I	140,000	-	140,000
Stream Reclamation - CC Scott Road	350,000	350,000	-
Total Expenditures	<u>3,661,000</u>	<u>1,424,223</u>	<u>2,236,777</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(3,660,200)	(1,423,835)	2,236,365
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In (Out)	1,912,760	1,917,449	4,689
	<u>1,912,760</u>	<u>1,917,449</u>	<u>4,689</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(1,747,440)	493,614	2,241,054
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>1,747,440</u>	<u>1,953,202</u>	<u>205,762</u>
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,446,816</u>	<u>\$ 2,446,816</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
 DECEMBER 31, 2020
 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019)**

	<u>Water Activity Fund 2020</u>	<u>Water Activity Fund 2019</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,515,572	\$ 1,523,168
Accounts Receivable	141,358	62,691
Total Current Assets	<u>1,656,930</u>	<u>1,585,859</u>
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
Total Assets	2,006,930	1,935,859
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	<u>761</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>761</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets	350,000	350,000
Unrestricted	<u>1,656,169</u>	<u>1,585,859</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,006,169</u>	<u>\$ 1,935,859</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020
 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019)**

	Water Activity Fund <u>2020</u>	Water Activity Fund <u>2019</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Recreation Fees	\$ 244,419	\$ 197,325
Building Permit Fees	376,746	150,681
Wastewater Surcharges	101,136	110,425
Total Operating Revenues	<u>722,301</u>	<u>458,431</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Management/Administration	9,389	-
Equipment	24,188	21,637
Tributary Planning	61,386	-
CCBWQA Planning	38,932	-
Bow Tie	87,768	-
Total Operating Expenses	<u>221,663</u>	<u>21,637</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	500,638	436,794
NONOPERATING REVENUES		
Net Investment Income	7,632	27,127
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>7,632</u>	<u>27,127</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
Transfers In (Out)	(437,960)	(291,335)
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>(437,960)</u>	<u>(291,335)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	70,310	172,586
Total Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>1,935,859</u>	<u>1,763,273</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 2,006,169</u>	<u>\$ 1,935,859</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020
 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019)**

	<u>Water Activity Fund 2020</u>	<u>Water Activity Fund 2019</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Customers	\$ 643,634	\$ 520,372
Payments to Suppliers	<u>(220,902)</u>	<u>(26,954)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>422,732</u>	<u>493,418</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Transfers to Pollution Abatement Fund	(437,960)	(291,335)
Interest Received	<u>7,632</u>	<u>27,127</u>
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(430,328)</u>	<u>(264,208)</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(7,596)	229,210
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>1,523,168</u>	<u>1,293,958</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,515,572</u>	<u>\$ 1,523,168</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Income from Operations	\$ 500,638	\$ 436,794
Adjustments to Reconcile Income from Operations to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities:		
Accounts Receivable (Increase) Decrease	(78,667)	61,941
Accounts Payable Increase (Decrease)	<u>761</u>	<u>(5,317)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 422,732</u>	<u>\$ 493,418</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 1 DEFINITION OF REPORTING ENTITY

Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority (the Authority) is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado. Formed on June 16, 1988, the Authority was created by Colorado HB1029 to monitor the water quality in the Cherry Creek Basin and to construct facilities to control the accumulation of pollutants. The Authority receives its funding primarily from property taxes assessed and fees charged by other governmental entities for remittance to the Authority.

The Authority 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 Authority has one employee, and most operations and administrative functions are contracted.

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

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

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These financial statements include all of the activities of the Authority. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Both statements distinguish between governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, and business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of net position reports all financial and capital resources of the Authority. The difference between the assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources of the Authority is reported as net position.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

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.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual Government and Enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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

The government-wide and proprietary fund 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.

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 government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. The major sources of revenue susceptible to accrual are property taxes and specific ownership taxes. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Authority. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

The Authority reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Authority's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Pollution Abatement Fund is used to account for revenues earned and expenditures incurred in connection with the reduction of pollutants within the Cherry Creek Basin.

The Authority reports the following major proprietary fund:

The Water Activity Fund, an Enterprise Fund, accounts for the water activities that are financed and operated in a manner where the intent of the Authority is that the costs of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
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DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating revenues consist of charges to customers for service provided. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses or capital contributions.

Budgets

In accordance with the State Budget Law, the Authority'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 Authority'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 District has amended its annual budget for the Enterprise Fund for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Pooled Cash and Investments

The Authority 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 single bank account. 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.

Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Authority considers cash deposits and highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased, to be cash equivalents.

Property Taxes

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

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
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DECEMBER 31, 2020**

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property Taxes (Continued)

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

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., water quality improvements, pollution abatement facilities, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Authority as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

Capital assets which are anticipated to be conveyed to other governmental entities are recorded as construction in progress and are not included in the investment in capital assets calculation of the Authority's net position.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset 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. Depreciation expense has been computed using the straight-line method over the estimated economic useful life:

Equipment	8 Years
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Water Rights

The cost of water rights includes acquisition cost, legal and engineering costs related to the development and augmentation of those rights. Since the rights have a perpetual life, they are not amortized. All other costs, including costs incurred for the protection of those rights, are expensed.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports 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 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. Accordingly, the item, *deferred property tax revenue*, is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available.

CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
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DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Equity

Net Position

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

Fund Balance

Fund balance for governmental funds should be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which spending can occur. Governmental funds report up to five classifications of fund balance: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. Because circumstances differ among governments, not every government or every governmental fund will present all of these components. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – The portion of fund balance that cannot be spent because it is either not in spendable form (such as prepaid amounts or inventory) or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance – The portion of fund balance that is constrained to being used for a specific purpose by external parties (such as bondholders), constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance – The portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by 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 – The portion of fund balance that is constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes but is neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the Board of Directors to be used for a specific purpose. Constraints imposed on the use of assigned amounts are more easily removed or modified than those imposed on amounts that are classified as committed.

Unassigned Fund Balance – The residual portion of fund balance that does not meet any of the criteria described above.

If more than one classification of fund balance is available for use when an expenditure is incurred, it is the Authority's practice to use the most restrictive classification first.

CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments as of December 31, 2020, are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position:

Cash and Investments	\$ 2,716,086
Cash and Investments - Restricted	<u>2,532,139</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u><u>\$ 5,248,225</u></u>

Cash and investments as of December 31, 2020, consist of the following:

Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$ 65,885
Investments	<u>5,182,340</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u><u>\$ 5,248,225</u></u>

Deposits with Financial Institutions

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 statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

At December 31, 2020, the Authority's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$65,885 and a carrying balance of \$65,885.

Investments

The Authority has not adopted a formal investment policy; however, the Authority follows state statutes regarding investments.

The Authority generally limits its concentration of investments to those noted with an asterisk (*) below, which are believed to have minimal credit risk, minimal interest rate risk and no foreign currency risk. Additionally, the Authority is not subject to concentration risk or investment custodial risk disclosure requirements for investments that are in the possession of another party.

Colorado revised statutes limit investment maturities to five years or less unless formally approved by the Authority. Such actions are generally associated with a debt service reserve or sinking fund requirements.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
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DECEMBER 31, 2020**

NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments (Continued)

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

- . 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

As of December 31, 2020, the Authority had the following investments:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST)	Weighted-Average Under 60 Days	\$ 3,946,674
Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE)	Weighted-Average Under 60 days	1,235,666
Total		<u>\$ 5,182,340</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 operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. The Trust offers shares in two portfolios, COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+. 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. 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 is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. 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 and there is no redemption notice period.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
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DECEMBER 31, 2020**

NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

CSAFE

The District invested in the Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE) (the Trust), which is an investment vehicle established by state statute for local government entities to pool surplus assets. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust is similar to a money market fund, with each share valued at \$1.00. CSAFE may invest in U.S. Treasury securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, certain money market funds, and highest rated commercial paper. A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for CSAFE's portfolio pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for CSAFE's investment portfolio and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. The custodian's internal records segregate investments owned by CSAFE. CSAFE is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. CSAFE records its investments at amortized cost and the District records its investments in CSAFE at net asset value as determined by amortized cost. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily, and there is no redemption notice period.

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

An analysis of the changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2020, follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2019	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2020
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Water Rights and Interest in Real Property	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,000

The State of Colorado has assumed ownership of the Reservoir Destratification Facility (Facility); however, the Authority retains financial responsibility for operations and maintenance as well as insures the Facility. The Authority also maintains other pollution reduction facilities which are owned by the State but not recorded on the Authority's records.

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

NOTE 5 NET POSITION

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

Investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. As of December 31, 2020, the Authority had investment in capital assets as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities
Investment in Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ 350,000

The restricted component of net position includes assets that are restricted for use either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Authority had a restricted net position at December 31, 2020, as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities
Restricted Net Position:		
Emergencies - TABOR	\$ 73,000	\$ -
Pollution Abatement (See Note 10)	2,446,360	-
Total Restricted Net Position	\$ 2,519,360	\$ -

The Authority's unrestricted net position as of December 31, 2020, is \$2,810,179.

NOTE 6 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

Non-Point Source Pollution Reduction Facility Maintenance Agreement

On January 12, 2006, the Authority entered into a nonpoint source pollution reduction facility maintenance agreement with the State of Colorado for the use and benefit of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (the State).

The purpose of this agreement is to further the ongoing cooperation between the parties with respect to Pollution Reduction Facilities (PRFs) located within the Cherry Creek State Park (CCSP) that, in addition to abating pollution and protecting the quality of the water in the Reservoir, enhance the aesthetic, natural, and recreation values associated with the use of CCSP and promote terrestrial and aquatic life. In particular, this agreement is entered into for the purpose of allocating maintenance responsibilities between the parties with regard to the PRFs and the ancillary facilities within CCSP in a way that encourages the efficient use of public resources, fosters public accountability, and enhances the cooperation between the parties.

Under the terms of this agreement, the Authority shall share maintenance expenditures with the State regarding the specifically identified PRFs; however, all PRFs shall be deemed to be the property of the State.

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NOTE 6 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Reservoir Destratification Facilities Operation and Maintenance Agreement

On March 7, 2007, the Authority entered into a reservoir destratification facilities operation and maintenance agreement with the State of Colorado for the use and benefit of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (the State).

The purpose of this agreement is to further the ongoing cooperation between the parties with respect to Reservoir Destratification Facilities (Facilities) located within the Cherry Creek State Park (CCSP) that, in addition to abating pollution and protecting the quality of the water in the Reservoir, enhance the aesthetic, natural, and recreation values associated with the use of CCSP and promote terrestrial and aquatic life. In particular, this agreement is entered into for the purpose of furthering and promoting construction, operation, and maintenance of the Facilities in a way that encourages the efficient use of public resources, fosters public accountability, and enhances the cooperation between the parties.

Under the terms of this agreement, the Authority shall be responsible for the design, construction and operation of the Facilities, routine inspections, restorative and rehabilitative maintenance, park visitor information and removal of the Facilities, when and if the Facilities are no longer necessary. The State shall be responsible for routine maintenance and regular inspections of the Facilities. The Facilities shall be deemed to be the property of the State.

Agreement for Installation and Operation of a Meteorological Station at the Cherry Creek State Park

On February 20, 2020, the Authority entered into an installation and operation agreement of a meteorological station at the Cherry Creek State Park with the Upper Cherry Creek Basin Water Association (Association).

The purpose of this agreement is to replace and upgrade the current nonworking meteorological station with a station that will meet the needs of both parties.

The station is estimated to cost between \$14,000 and \$16,000. The Authority and the Association will each pay 50% of the station cost up to a total cost of \$20,000. If the station cost exceeds \$20,000 the agreement will terminate and the parties may renegotiate another agreement at their discretion. Operations and maintenance costs of the station are estimated at \$500 a month. The Association agrees to pay 50% of the operations and maintenance costs so long as the total amount does not exceed \$10,000 per year.

Under the terms of this agreement, the Authority will be responsible for the acquisition, installation, operations, and maintenance of the station. The Authority will retain ownership of the station. Both parties will have the opportunity to access and utilize the data recorded by the station.

As of December 31, 2020, the location for the meteorological station had not been determined. The project is expected to be completed in 2021.

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NOTE 7 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is 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 Authority 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 Authority pays annual premiums to the Pool for liability, property, workers compensation, and public officials' liability coverage. In the event aggregated losses incurred by the Pool exceed amounts recoverable from reinsurance contracts and funds accumulated by the Pool, the Pool may require additional contributions from the Pool 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 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 Authority'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.

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.

The Authority'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.

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NOTE 9 ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE

On February 15, 2001, the Authority established the Cherry Creek Basin Water Activity Enterprise (the Enterprise). Under the Enterprise Act of the Colorado Revised Statutes (part 1 of article 45.1 of title 37), water activity enterprises are excluded from the provisions of Article X, Section 20, of the Colorado State Constitution (the TABOR amendment). The Enterprise will be wholly owned by the Authority and not combined with any water activity enterprise owned by another district. The Enterprise may conduct one or more water activities as determined by the governing body (the Authority Board), including, but not limited to, the diversion, storage, carriage, delivery, distribution, collection, and treatment of water. The fund balance of the Capital Projects Fund was transferred to the Enterprise Fund on January 1, 2001.

NOTE 10 MINIMUM SPENDING REQUIREMENTS

Colorado Revised Statute 25-8.5-111(3), as amended by Senate Bill 01-066 in 2001, states that the Authority must spend, on an annual basis, a minimum of 60% of revenues collected from fees, tolls, and property tax sources (Revenue) on the construction and maintenance of pollution abatement projects in the Cherry Creek Basin or on payments due on debt incurred entirely for such projects. During 2020, the Authority spent \$1,424,223 on pollution abatement projects (amounting to 74% of total 2020 revenue).

In 2003, the Board adopted a resolution establishing a restricted reserve fund to be funded on an annual basis in the full amount of any spending deficiency under said Section and into which the Authority transfers, if necessary, on an annual basis sufficient funds to comply with the 60% spending requirement. All monies in the reserve fund can be spent only for the construction and maintenance of pollution abatement projects in the Cherry Creek Basin or for payments due under loans or other debt incurred by the Authority entirely for such projects. All monies in the reserve fund must be spent within five years from the end of the calendar year in which said monies were initially transferred into the fund. As of December 31, 2020, the total amount spent by the Authority on pollution abatement projects was \$2,313,075 less than the total funds designated for such purposes as reflected by the following analysis of the changes in the pollution abatement reserve fund:

Pollution Abatement Reserve Fund Balance -	
December 31, 2019	\$ 1,953,202
60% of Current Year Revenue and Related Interest	1,917,837
Current Year Pollution Abatement Expenditures	<u>(1,424,223)</u>
Pollution Abatement Reserve Fund Balance -	
December 31, 2020	<u><u>\$ 2,446,816</u></u>

NOTE 11 INTERFUND AND OPERATING TRANSFERS

The transfers from the General and Enterprise Funds to the Pollution Abatement Fund are due to the requirement of the Colorado Revised Statute 25-8.5-111(3), as amended by Senate Bill 01-066 (see Note 10).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
WATER ACTIVITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUNDS AVAILABLE –
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Recreation Fees	\$ 400,000	\$ 215,000	\$ 244,419	\$ 29,419
Building Permit Fees	200,000	120,000	376,746	256,746
Wastewater Surcharges	110,000	110,000	101,136	(8,864)
Net Investment Income	24,000	12,500	7,632	(4,868)
Total Revenues	<u>734,000</u>	<u>457,500</u>	<u>729,933</u>	<u>272,433</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Management/Administration	-	5,500	9,389	(3,889)
Equipment	65,000	55,000	24,188	30,812
Tributary Planning	85,000	60,000	61,386	(1,386)
CCBWQA Planning	-	150,000	38,932	111,068
Bow Tie	-	135,000	87,768	47,232
Contingency	50,000	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>200,000</u>	<u>405,500</u>	<u>221,663</u>	<u>183,837</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	534,000	52,000	508,270	456,270
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In (Out)	(440,400)	(265,500)	(437,960)	(172,460)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(440,400)</u>	<u>(265,500)</u>	<u>(437,960)</u>	<u>(172,460)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUNDS AVAILABLE	93,600	(213,500)	70,310	283,810
Funds Available - Beginning of Year	<u>1,558,873</u>	<u>1,585,859</u>	<u>1,585,859</u>	<u>-</u>
FUNDS AVAILABLE - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 1,652,473</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,372,359</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,656,169</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 283,810</u></u>

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
RECONCILIATION OF BUDGETARY BASIS (ACTUAL) TO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
WATER ACTIVITY FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Reconciliation of Budgetary Basis (Actual) to Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position:	
Revenues (Budgetary Basis)	<u>\$ 729,933</u>
Total Revenue Per Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position	729,933
Expenditures (Budgetary Basis)	221,663
Transfers To Other Funds	<u>437,960</u>
Total Expenses Per Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position	<u>659,623</u>
Change in Net Position Per Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position	<u><u>\$ 70,310</u></u>

**CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATION, MILL LEVY, AND
PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Year Ended December 31,	Prior Year Assessed Valuation for Current Year Property Tax Levy		Mills Levied for General Fund		Total Property Taxes		Percent Collected to Levied
	Arapahoe	Douglas	Arapahoe	Douglas	Levied	Collected ^(a)	
	2016	\$ 1,608,635,437	\$ 2,071,753,264	0.449 (1)	0.449	\$ 1,652,495	
2017	1,628,470,103	2,124,832,857	0.473 (2)	0.473	1,775,312	1,769,270	99.66
2018	1,867,730,696	2,400,030,110	0.453 (3)	0.453	1,933,296	1,922,290	99.43
2019	1,910,185,632	2,438,656,532	0.479 (4)	0.479	2,083,096	2,064,531	99.11
2020	2,185,166,964	2,779,137,087	0.451 (5)	0.451	2,238,901	2,223,996	99.33

Estimated for
Calendar Year Ending
December 31,

2021	\$ 2,211,840,000	\$ 2,880,107,619	0.478 (6)	0.478	\$ 2,433,951		
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NOTE: Property taxes collected in any one year may include collection of delinquent property taxes levied in prior years. Information received from the County Treasurer does not permit identification of specific year of levy.

- (1) The Authority levied 0.004 mills in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties for collection of abatements related to the General Fund in 2016, and temporarily decreased the mill levy to the General Fund for a TABOR adjustment in 2016 by 0.055 (\$202,421 total) in both counties.
- (2) The Authority levied 0.002 mills in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties for collection of abatements related to the General Fund in 2017, and temporarily decreased the mill levy to the General Fund for a TABOR adjustment in 2017 by 0.029 (\$108,846 total) in both counties.
- (3) The Authority levied 0.002 mills in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties for collection of abatements related to the General Fund in 2018, and temporarily decreased the mill levy to the General Fund for a TABOR adjustment in 2018 by 0.049 (\$209,120 total) in both counties.
- (4) The Authority did not levy any mills in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties for collection of abatements related to the General Fund in 2019, and temporarily decreased the mill levy to the General Fund for a TABOR adjustment in 2019 by 0.021 (\$91,326 total) in both counties.
- (5) The Authority did not levy any mills in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties for collection of abatements related to the General Fund in 2020, and temporarily decreased the mill levy to the General Fund for a TABOR adjustment in 2020 by 0.049 (\$243,251 total) in both counties.
- (6) The Authority did not levy any mills in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties for collection of abatements related to the General Fund in 2020, and temporarily decreased the mill levy to the General Fund for a TABOR adjustment in 2020 by 0.022 (\$112,022 total) in both counties.