## EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 Arapahoe County, Colorado

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Directors
East Creek Metropolitan District No. 1
Arapahoe County, Colorado

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of East Creek Metropolitan District No. 1 (District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District'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 and each major fund of East Creek Metropolitan District No. 1, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other-Matters

#### Required Supplemental Information

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

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's financial statements as a whole. The supplemental information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The supplemental information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The other information listed in the table of contents has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Highlands Ranch, Colorado July 13, 2021

SCHILLING & Company, INC.



# EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES December 31, 2020

ASSETS	
Cash and investments - unrestricted	\$ 35,920
Cash and investments - restricted	1,018,521
Cash with County Treasurer	510
Accounts receivable	15,230
Property taxes receivable	204,272
Prepaid expense	 3,229
Total assets	 1,277,682
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	7,301
Prepaid customer accounts	8,041
Accrued interest payable	8,772
Bonds and advances payable	
Due in more than one year	5,285,065
Total liabilities	5,309,179
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Property tax revenue	204,272
Total deferred inflows of resources	 204,272
NET POSITION	
Restricted for emergencies	4,400
Restricted for debt service	219,384
Unrestricted	(4,459,553)
Total net position	\$ (4,235,769)

#### EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2020

					0	perating	Capital		Net (Expense)			
					(	Grants	Gra	ants	Revenue and			
			Ch	Charges for		Charges for Services		and	а	nd	Cł	nanges in
Functions/Programs	Е	xpenses	S	_				tributions	Contri	butions	<b>Net Position</b>	
General government	\$	114,036	\$	98,118	\$	21,635	\$	-	\$	5,717		
Interest and fiscal charges		308,531		-		-		-		(308,531)		
	\$	422,567	\$	98,118	\$	21,635	\$	-		(302,814)		
			Tax P S A	eral revenue kes: roperty taxe pecific owne RI taxes t investment	s ership t					102,493 7,263 1,829 8,024		
			Mis	cellaneous	income	<b>:</b>				2,000		
				Total gener	al reve	nues				121,609		
			Char	nge in net po	sition					(181,205)		
				oosition - be	-					(4,054,564)		
			Net p	oosition - en	aing				\$	(4,235,769)		

# EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS December 31, 2020

						Total
		Debt		Capital	Go	vernmental
	 Seneral	 Service		Projects		Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and investments - unrestricted	\$ 35,920	\$ -	\$	-	\$	35,920
Cash and investments - restricted	-	547,851		470,670		1,018,521
Cash with County Treasurer	92	418		-		510
Accounts receivable	15,230	-		-		15,230
Property tax receivable	36,833	167,439		-		204,272
Prepaid expenditures	 3,229					3,229
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 91,304	\$ 715,708	\$	470,670	\$	1,277,682
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 7,301	\$ _	\$	_	\$	7,301
Prepaid customer accounts	8,041	_		-		8,041
Total liabilities	15,342	-				15,342
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred property tax revenue	36,833	167,439		-		204,272
Total deferred inflows of resources	36,833	167,439				204,272
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable - prepaid items	3,229	-		-		3,229
Spendable:						
Restricted for:						
Emergencies	4,400	_		_		4,400
Debt service	-	548,269		_		548,269
Capital	_	-		470,670		470,670
Assigned for subsequent year's expenditures	9,770	_		· -		9,770
Unassigned	21,730	_		_		21,730
Total fund balances	39,129	 548,269		470,670		1,058,068
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF	 , -	 ,		,		, ,
RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 91,304	\$ 715,708	\$	470,670		

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Some liabilities, including bonds payable, developer advances and other accrued payables, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds.

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General obligation bonds payable	(4,594,000)
Developer advances	(535,341)
Accrued interest payable - 2019A bonds	(8,772)
Accrued interest payable - 2019B bonds	(82,165)
Accrued interest payable - developer advances	(73,559)
	(5,293,837)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ (4,235,769)

# EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Year Ended December 31, 2020

DEVENUE	G	eneral	Debt Service			Capital Projects	Go	Total vernmental Funds
REVENUES	•	17.004	•	05.440	•		•	100 100
Property tax	\$	17,081	\$	85,412	\$	-	\$	102,493
Specific ownership tax		1,210		6,053		-		7,263
Net investment income		4		4,607		3,413		8,024
Operations fee		65,418		-		-		65,418
Working capital fee		32,700		-		-		32,700
ARI taxes		1,829		-		-		1,829
IGA revenue - East Creek Metro District No. 2		6,265		15,370		-		21,635
Miscellaneous		2,000						2,000
Total revenues		126,507		111,442		3,413		241,362
EXPENDITURES								
Current								
Management fees		20,042		_		-		20,042
Billing and collections		8,015		_		-		8,015
Accounting		14,644		_		_		14,644
Audit		6,252		_		_		6,252
Legal		10,374		_		_		10,374
Insurance		3,706		_		_		3,706
Election expense		1,872		_		_		1,872
Miscellaneous		5,816		_		358		6,174
County Treasurer's fees		282		1,281		-		1,563
Covenant control / Community management		16,096		, _		_		16,096
Landscape maintenance		9,035		_		_		9,035
Trash and recycling		14,434		_		_		14,434
ARI payment to City of Aurora		1,829		_		_		1,829
Debt service		, -						,
Bond interest		_		210,525		_		210,525
Paying agent fees and other fees		_		7,488		_		7,488
Total expenditures		112,397		219,294		358		324,561
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		14,110		(107,852)		3,055		(90,687)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR		25,019		656,121		467,615		1,148,755
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	\$	39,129	\$	548,269	\$	470,670	\$	1,058,068

# EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended December 31, 2020

A reconciliation reflecting the differences between the governmental funds net change in fund balances and change in net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities as follows:

Net change in fund balances - Total governmental funds	\$ (90,687)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.  Change in accrued interest payable - bonds  Change in accrued interest payable - developer advances	(47,691) (42,827)
Change in net position - Governmental activities	\$ (90,518)

# EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Property tax	\$ 17,081	\$ 17,081	\$ -
Specific ownership taxes	1,025	1,210	185
Net investment income	-	4	4
Operations fee	60,000	65,418	5,418
Working capital fee	-	32,700	32,700
ARI taxes	1,708	1,829	121
IGA revenue - East Creek Metro District No. 2	_	6,265	6,265
Developer advances	48,120	-	(48,120)
Miscellaneous	-	2,000	2,000
Total Revenues	127,934	126,507	(1,427)
EXPENDITURES			
Management fees	15,000	20,042	(5,042)
Billing and collections	7,200	8,015	(815)
Accounting	8,000	14,644	(6,644)
Audit	5,000	6,252	(1,252)
Legal	15,000	10,374	4,626
Insurance	3,500	3,706	(206)
Election expense	1,500	1,872	(372)
Miscellaneous	3,000	5,816	(2,816)
County Treasurer's fees	256	282	,
Covenant control/ Community management		16,096	(26)
	14,345	10,090	(1,751)
Covenant control - legal	2,500	-	2,500
Drainage	2,000	-	2,000
Landscape maintenance	28,480	9,035	19,445
Fencing	1,500	-	1,500
Park	4,680	-	4,680
Utilities	7,500	-	7,500
Monuments	1,000	-	1,000
Mailboxes	750	-	750
Trash and recycling	200	14,434	(14,234)
ARI payment to City of Aurora	-	1,829	(1,829)
Contingency	3,000	-	3,000
Emergency reserves	3,838		3,838
Total Expenditures	128,249	112,397	15,852
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(315)	14,110	14,425
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	14,994	25,019	10,025
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 14,679	\$ 39,129	\$ 24,450

#### **NOTE 1 – DEFINITION OF REPORTING ENTITY**

East Creek Metropolitan District No. 1 (District), a quasi-municipal corporation, is governed pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Special District Act. The District's service area is located in Arapahoe County, Colorado. The District was established to provide financing for the acquisition, construction, installation and/or operation of street improvements, water, sanitation, safety protection, park and recreation and transportation services.

In June 2018, the District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (the MOU) with East Creek Metropolitan District No. 2 (District No. 2). Under the MOU, the District is to provide for the financing, construction, design, operation and maintenance of public improvements, as well as overall administration of the Districts. District No. 2 is to reimburse the District for all costs incurred by the District pursuant to the MOU on an allocable basis.

The District has no employees and all operations and administrative functions are contracted.

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

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

#### NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The more significant accounting policies of the District 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 District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of net position reports all financial and capital resources of the District, the difference between the District's assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources, being reported as net position.

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 related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Depreciation is computed and recorded as an operating expense. Expenditures for capital assets are shown as increases in assets and redemption of bonds and notes are recorded as a reduction in liabilities.

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, specific ownership taxes, operations and working capital fees. Expenditures, other than interest on long-term obligations, are recorded when the liability is incurred or the long-term obligation paid. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The <u>General Fund</u> is the District'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 <u>Debt Service Fund</u> accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of the governmental funds.

The <u>Capital Projects Fund</u> accounts for the financial resources to be used for the acquisition and construction of capital equipment and facilities.

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

#### **Budgets**

In accordance with the State Budget Law, the District's Board of Directors holds public hearings in the fall each year to approve the budget and appropriate the funds for the ensuing year. The appropriation is at the total fund expenditures level and lapses at year end. The District's Board of Directors can modify the budget by line item within the total appropriation without notification. The appropriation can only be modified upon completion of notification and publication

requirements. The budget includes each fund on its basis of accounting unless otherwise indicated.

The District amended its annual budget in the Debt Service Fund for the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### **Pooled Cash and Investments**

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 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 funds' average equity balance in total cash.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include infrastructure improvements, are reported in the governmental activities column 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. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

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 capital assets, as applicable. Any construction in process that will be dedicated to another entity is not depreciated. At December 31, 2020, the District had no depreciable assets as all assets were conveyed directly the City of Aurora by Meritage Homes of Colorado, Inc. (the Developer) in 2019.

#### **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 30 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 District.

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

#### **Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources**

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 or fund balance 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 only one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. Deferred inflows of resources reported in the governmental funds for unavailable revenues are property taxes levied for the ensuing year.

#### **Debt Issue Costs and Original Issue Discount/Premium**

In the government-wide financial statements, debt premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt using the effective interest method, with the unamortized amount included as a component of the debt. Debt issuance costs are treated as a period cost and expensed in the year incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize debt premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

The District's governmental fund balances may consist of five classifications based on the relative strength of the spending constraints:

<u>Nonspendable fund balance</u>—the amount of fund balance that is not in spendable form (such as inventory or prepaids) or is legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

<u>Restricted fund balance</u>—the amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

<u>Committed fund balance</u>—amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., Board of Directors). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

<u>Assigned fund balance</u>—amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the District Board of Directors or by an official or body to which the District Board of Directors delegates the authority.

Unassigned fund balance—amounts that are available for any purpose.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the District Board of Directors has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

#### **Operations and Transfer Fees**

The District has imposed an Operations Fee in the amount of \$720 per year on each residential lot within the District. The Operations Fee is billed in quarterly amounts of \$180 and is to be used for operations and maintenance costs.

The District has imposed a Transfer Fee in order to offset administrative costs associated with a transfer of ownership of any unit located within the District. The Transfer Fee is \$300 per lot and is due and payable at the time of any sale, transfer or re-sale of any single-family dwelling which has a certificate of occupancy.

#### **NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

\$ 35,920
1,018,521
\$ 1,054,441

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

Deposits with financial institutions	\$ 142,352
Investments	912,089
	\$ 1,054,441

#### Cash Deposits

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

At December 31, 2020, the District's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$141,226 and carrying balance of \$142,352.

#### **Investments**

The District has not adopted a formal investment policy; however, the District follows State Statutes regarding investments.

The District follows Colorado State Statutes which specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments may invest which include:

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

At December 31, 2020, the District had the following investments:

Investment	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Carrying value</u>
Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST)	Weighted average under 60 days	\$ <u>912,089</u>

#### COLOTRUST

The District invested in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing COLOTRUST. COLOTRUST operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. COLOTRUST is rated AAAm by Standard and Poor's. A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for COLOTRUST's portfolio pursuant to custodian agreements. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for COLOTRUST'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 COLOTRUST. Information related to COLOTRUST, including the annual audited financial statements, can be found at the COLOTRUST website at www.colotrust.com.

#### **Investment Valuation**

Certain investments are measured at fair value on a recurring basis are categorized within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is

based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The District's investments are not required to be categorized within the fair value hierarchy. These investments are measured at amortized cost or in certain circumstances the value is calculated using the net asset value (NAV) per share, or its equivalent of the investment. These investments include 2a7-like external investment pools and money market investments. The District held investments in COLOTRUST at yearend for which the investment valuations were determined as follows.

COLOTRUST determines the NAV of the shares of each portfolio as of the close of business of each day. The NAV per share of each portfolio is computed by dividing the total value of the securities and other assets of the portfolios, less any liabilities, by the total outstanding shares of the portfolios. Liabilities, which include all expenses and fees of COLOTRUST, are accrued daily. The NAV is calculated at fair value using various inputs in determine value in accordance with FASB guidance. It is the goal of the Trust to maintain a NAV of \$1.00 per share, however changes in interest rates may affect the fair value of the securities held by COLOTRUST and there can be no assurance that the NAV will not vary from \$1.00 per share.

#### **Restricted Cash and Investments**

At December 31, 2020, cash and investments in the amount of \$1,018,521 are restricted for debt service and capital in accordance with the indenture of trust related to the Series 2019A and B General Obligation Bonds (See Note 4).

#### **NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The following is an analysis of the changes in the District's long-term obligations for the year ended December 31, 2020:

	Balance at ecember 31, 2019	A	dditions	Retir	ements	Balance at cember 31, 2020	W	Due /ithin e Year
General Obligation Bonds								
2019A	\$ 4,010,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 4,010,000	\$	-
2019B	584,000		-		-	584,000		-
Accrued interest on								
2019B bonds	34,474		47,691		-	82,165		-
Developer Advances - Capital	483,068		-		-	483,068		-
Accrued interest on								
Developer advances	27,423		38,645		-	66,068		-
Developer Advances - Ops	52,273		-		-	52,273		-
Accrued interest on								
Developer advances	3,309		4,182		-	 7,491		_
	\$ 5,194,547	\$	90,518	\$	-	\$ 5,285,065	\$	

The detail of the District's long-term debt is as follows:

#### General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2019A and 2019B

#### Series 2019A

On April 10, 2019, the District issued \$4,010,000 General Obligation (Limited Tax Convertible to Unlimited Tax) Bonds, Series 2019A, (2019A Bonds), with interest of 5.250%. Proceeds of the 2019A Bonds were used for issuance costs and to reimburse the Developer for capital construction costs. The 2019A Bonds mature on December 1, 2048 with mandatory sinking fund payments each year beginning December 1, 2022 in varying amounts. Interest is due each June 1 and December 1, commencing June 1, 2019. The 2019A Bonds are subject to optional redemption, as a whole or in integral multiples of \$1,000 on any date, upon payment of par and accrued interest plus a redemption premium in varying rates beginning on June 1, 2024.

The 2019A Bonds are payable from pledged revenue, which includes the District's covenant to levy the required mill levy on all taxable property within the District to pay for debt scheduled payments, specific ownership taxes, capital fees, pledged fees from District No. 2 (see Capital Pledge Agreement below) and any other revenues designated as such and pledged to the payment of the 2019A Bonds by a resolution adopted by the Board. Prior to the Conversion Date (first date on which both the debt to assessed ratio is 50% or less; and no amounts of principal or interest on the 2019A Bonds are due but unpaid), the District is required to impose a mill levy sufficient to pay principal and interest on the 2019A Bonds as they come due, and if necessary, an amount sufficient to replenish the Reserve Fund to the amount of the Required Reserve, but (1) not in excess of 50.000 mills, and (2) for so long as the Surplus Fund is less than the Maximum Surplus Amount, not less than 50.000 mills; provided, however, that in the event the method of calculating assessed valuation is or was changed after January 1, 2004. any change in law, change in method of calculation, the minimum and maximum mill levies shall be increased or decreased to reflect such changes. On and after the Conversion Date, the District is to impose a mill levy in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the 2019A Bonds as they come due. The District levied 55.664 mills for 2021 collection.

Pursuant to the Indenture of Trust, the District is required to establish a Reserve Fund for the 2019A Bonds with bond proceeds in the amount of \$320,112. At December 31, 2020, the balance was \$320,218.

Pledged revenue not required for the payment of the 2019A Bonds or the Reserve Fund shall be credited to the Surplus Fund up to a maximum amount of \$401,000. At December 31, 2020, the balance was \$0.

#### Series 2019B

On April 10, 2019 the District issued \$584,000 Subordinate General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2019B (2019B Bonds), with interest of 8.00%. Proceeds of the 2019B Bonds were used for issuance costs and to reimburse the Developer for capital construction costs. The 2019B Bonds mature on December 15, 2048. Interest is payable on December 15 of each year, commencing on December 15, 2019. Unpaid interest shall compound annually on December 15 of each year.

The 2019B Bonds are only payable in any particular year to the extent that there are amounts available in the Subordinate Pledged Revenue Fund. The Subordinate Pledged Revenue Fund is to be funded from the Subordinate Required Mill Levy, specific ownership taxes, capital fees, pledged fees from District No. 2 (see Capital Pledge Agreement below) and any other revenues designated as such and pledged to the payment of the bonds by a resolution adopted by the Board. The Subordinate Required Mill Levy is 50.000 mills less the 2019A Bond mill levy. The 2019B Bonds will terminate on December 16, 2058, whereby any unpaid principal and interest will be deemed paid.

#### **Capital Pledge Agreement**

The District entered into the Capital Pledge Agreement with District No. 2. The Agreement outlines District No. 2's covenant to cause to be levied on all of the taxable property within District No. 2, commencing in December 2019, the amount of the Mandatory Capital levy of 30.000 mills provided, however, that in the event the method of calculating assessed valuation is or was changed after January 1, 2004, any change in law, change in method of calculation, the maximum mill levy shall be increased or decreased to reflect such changes. The Capital Pledge Agreement will terminate on December 16, 2058 regardless of the amount of principal and interest paid prior to that date.

#### **Facilities Funding and Acquisition Agreement**

The District and Meritage Homes of Colorado, Inc. (Developer) entered into a Facilities Funding and Acquisition Agreement (FFA Agreement) on June 25, 2018, effective June 18, 2018.

#### **Organization Costs**

According to the terms of the FFA Agreement, the District shall reimburse the Developer for organization expenses incurred. Simple interest accrues on the organization expenses at a rate of 8% from the District's organization date.

#### Construction Costs

The parties to the FFA Agreement acknowledge that the District will incur construction related expenses in connection with the construction of certain public improvements in reliance upon the Developer's commitment to provide funding. In addition, the Developer has or will design, construct and complete certain improvements for District acquisition upon completion. To the extent that the public improvements are not designed, constructed and completed by the Developer for the District's acquisition upon completion, the Developer shall advance funds to the District necessary to fund the construction related expenses up to \$9,737,479. Simple interest accrues from the date the costs are incurred by the Developer at a rate of 8%. The District anticipates payment of the developer advances and/or verified costs to be from the proceeds of debt incurred by the District. Any obligation of the District to reimburse the Developer shall expire on December 31, 2058.

At December 31, 2020, the District owed the Developer \$483,068 in principal and \$66,068 in interest under the FFA Agreement.

#### **2018 Operation Funding Agreement**

The District and the Developer entered into an Operation Funding Agreement on June 25, 2018 with an effective date of June 18, 2018 (2018 OFA). The 2018 OFA provides for the Developer to advance funds for ongoing operating expenses incurred by the District through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The District agrees to repay any advances received from any funds available after the payment of its annual debt service obligations and annual operations and maintenance expenses, which repayment is subject to annual budget and appropriation. Interest shall accrue at 8% per annum. Any obligation of the District to reimburse the Developer shall expire on December 31, 2058.

On October 22, 2018, the District approved the First Amendment to the Operation Funding Agreement (the First Amendment). The First Amendment extended the term of developer advances through December 31, 2019 in an amount of \$100,000 and remains in effect until December 31, 2019.

At December 31, 2020, the District owed the Developer \$52,273 in principal and \$7,491 in interest under the 2018 OFA.

The District's 2019A General Obligation Bonds will mature as follows:

Year Ending							
December 31,	Principal			Interest			Total
2021	\$ -	_	\$	210,525		\$	210,525
2022	15,000			210,525			225,525
2023	40,000			209,738			249,738
2024	50,000			207,638			257,638
2025	50,000			205,013			255,013
2026-2031	440,000			1,162,610			1,602,610
2032-2036	575,000			840,524			1,415,524
2037-2041	815,000			665,700			1,480,700
2042-2046	1,140,000			419,739			1,559,739
2047-2048	885,000			78,750			963,750
	\$ 4,010,000		\$	4,210,762		\$	8,220,762
		_					

Annual debt service requirements of the District's Subordinate General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2019B Bonds are not currently determinable since they are payable only from funds available from Subordinate Pledged Revenue.

#### **NOTE 5 – DEBT AUTHORIZATION**

At December 31, 2020, the District had the following authorized by unissued indebtedness:

	Authorized May 3, 018 Election	Au	thorization Used *	emaining at ecember 31, 2020
Streets	\$ 9,737,479	\$	1,322,709	\$ 8,414,770
Parks and recreation	\$ 9,737,479		-	9,737,479
Water	\$ 9,737,479		991,100	8,746,379
Sanitation	\$ 9,737,479		2,280,191	7,457,288
Public transportation	\$ 9,737,479		-	9,737,479
Mosquito control	\$ 9,737,479		-	9,737,479
Safety Protection	\$ 9,737,479		-	9,737,479
Fire Protection	\$ 9,737,479		-	9,737,479
TV relay	\$ 9,737,479		-	9,737,479
Security services	\$ 9,737,479		-	9,737,479
Operations	\$ 9,737,479		-	9,737,479
Refunding	\$ 9,737,479		-	9,737,479
IGA Debt	\$ 9,737,479		=	9,737,479
	\$ 126,587,227	\$	4,594,000	\$ 121,993,227

<sup>\*</sup> Authorization used is based on the estimated use of proceeds

The District's service plan limits the total debt issued to \$9,737,479. In the future, the District may issue a portion or all of the remaining authorized but unissued debt.

#### **NOTE 6 – AGREEMENTS**

#### **Intergovernmental Agreement with Aurora**

The District and the City of Aurora (City) are parties to an intergovernmental agreement (City IGA) dated March 5, 2018, pursuant to the requirements of the Service Plan. Under the City IGA, the District covenants to dedicate certain public improvements to the City or other appropriate jurisdiction, and covenants that all improvements will be constructed in compliance with the City's standards and specifications. The City IGA states that the District is not authorized to operate and maintain improvements, other than park and recreation improvements and landscape, access and drainage are improvements within certain tracts, unless otherwise agreed to by the City. The District is required to impose a mill levy for Aurora regional improvements (the ARI Mill Levy). The ARI Mill Levy is defined in the Service Plan as: (i) for the first 20 years (beginning in the first year of collection of a debt service mill levy by the District), one mill; (ii) for the next 20 years, five mills; and (iii) for the next 10 years, a mill levy equal to the average debt service mill levy imposed by the District in the 10 years prior to the date of repayment of the debt it issued to construct nonregional improvements. The District levied 1.113 mills for collection in 2021.

#### **NOTE 7 – FUND EQUITY**

At December 31, 2020, the District reported the following classifications of fund equity.

#### Nonspendable Fund Balance

The nonspendable fund balance in the General Fund in the amount of \$3,229 is comprised of prepaid amounts which are not in spendable form.

#### **Restricted Fund Balance**

The restricted fund balance in the General Fund in the amount of \$4,400 is comprised of the Emergency Reserves that have been provided for as required by Article X, Section 20 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado (see Note 11). The restricted fund balance in the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$548,269 is to be used exclusively for debt service requirements (see Note 4). The restricted fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$470,670 is to be used exclusively for capital projects allowed by the 2019A and 2019B Bond documents (see Note 4).

#### **NOTE 8 - NET POSITION**

The District's net position consists of two components – restricted and unrestricted.

The restricted portion of net position includes amounts 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 District's restricted net position at December 31, 2020 is as follows:

#### Restricted net position:

Emergency reserves (see Note 11)	\$ 4,400
Debt Service	219,384
	\$ 223,784

The District's unrestricted net position at December 31, 2020 totaled \$(4,459,553). This deficit amount was a result of the District being responsible for repayment of bonds issued for public improvements conveyed to other governmental entities.

#### **NOTE 9 – RELATED PARTIES**

The property with the District is being developed by the Developer. During 2020, a majority of the members of the Board of Directors were officers or employees for, or otherwise associated with the Developer and may have conflicts of interest in matters involving the District.

#### **NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District 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 District is a member of the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool (Pool) as of December 31, 2020. The Pool is an organization created by intergovernmental agreement to provide property, liability, public officials' liability, boiler and machinery and workers compensation coverage to its members. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District pays annual premiums to the Pool for liability, property, public officials' liability and workers compensation 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 11 - 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 that 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.

On May 8, 2018, the District's electors authorized the District to increase taxes \$100,000 annually or by a lesser annual amount as may be necessary to pay the District's operations and maintenance and other expenses without limitation of rate. Further the District's electors authorized the District to collect, keep and expend all District revenues received in 2018 and each year thereafter, of the District without regard to any limitations under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.

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.

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



# EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL DEBT SERVICE FUND

Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original Budgeted Amounts		Final Budgeted Amounts		Actual		Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	
REVENUES				<u> </u>				
Property taxes	\$	85,412	\$	85,412	\$	85,412	\$	-
Specific ownership taxes		5,125		5,125		6,053		928
Net investment income		4,000		4,000		4,607		607
Intergovernmental revenue - District No. 2		15,369		15,369		15,370		1
Total Revenues		109,906	•	109,906		111,442		1,536
EXPENDITURES  Bond interest  Paying agent and other fees  County treasurer's fees  Contingency  Total Expenditures		105,263 1,500 1,281 - 108,044		210,525 7,500 1,281 30,694 250,000		210,525 7,488 1,281 - 219,294		- 12 - 30,694 30,706
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		1,862		(140,094)		(107,852)		32,242
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$	662,009 663,871	\$	662,009 521,915	\$	656,121 548,269	\$	(5,888)

# EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND Year Ended December 31, 2020

	an Bu	riginal d Final dgeted nounts	Actual	Fina F	iance with al Budget - Positive legative)
REVENUES					
Net investment income	\$	1,000	\$ 3,413	\$	2,413
Total Revenues		1,000	3,413		2,413
EXPENDITURES					
Miscellaneous		469,000	358		468,642
Total Expenditures		469,000	358		468,642
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(	(468,000)	3,055		471,055
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR		468,000	 467,615		(385)
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$		\$ 470,670	\$	470,670



# EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATION, MILL LEVY AND PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED Year Ended December 31, 2020

Year Ended	fo	Prior Year Assessed Valuation or Current ear Property		Mills Le	evied		Property	/ Tax	es	Percentage Collected
December 31,		Tax Levy	General	Debt	ARI	Total	Levied	С	ollected	to Levied
2019	\$	480,625	65.277	0.000	0.000	65.277	\$ 31,374	\$	31,374	100.0%
2020	\$	1,534,415	11.132	55.664	1.113	67.909	\$ 104,201	\$	102,493	98.4%
Estimated for year ending December 31, 2021	\$	3,008,028	11.132	55.664	1.113	67.909	\$ 204,272			

**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.

### EAST CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS TO MATURITY December 31, 2020

## \$4,010,000 General Obligation Limited Tax (Convertible to Unlimited Tax) Bonds, Series 2019A Dated April 10, 2019 Interest Rate of 5.250%

### Interest Rate of 5.250% Principal Due December 1

Year Ending	Interest Due June 1 and December 1								
December 31,	Prir	ncipal			Interest		Total		
2021	\$	-		\$	210,525	\$	210,525		
2022		15,000	*		210,525		225,525		
2023		40,000	*		209,738		249,738		
2024		50,000	*		207,638		257,638		
2025		50,000	*		205,013		255,013		
2026		60,000	*		202,386		262,386		
2027		60,000	*		199,237		259,237		
2028		70,000	*		196,088		266,088		
2029		75,000	*		192,412		267,412		
2030		85,000	*		188,475		273,475		
2031		90,000	*		184,012		274,012		
2032		100,000	*		179,287		279,287		
2033		105,000	*		174,038		279,038		
2034		115,000	*		168,525		283,525		
2035		120,000	*		162,487		282,487		
2036		135,000	*		156,187		291,187		
2037		140,000	*		149,100		289,100		
2038		155,000	*		141,750		296,750		
2039		160,000	*		133,612		293,612		
2040		175,000	*		125,213		300,213		
2041		185,000	*		116,025		301,025		
2042		200,000	*		106,313		306,313		
2043		210,000	*		95,813		305,813		
2044		230,000	*		84,788		314,788		
2045		240,000	*		72,713		312,713		
2046		260,000	*		60,112		320,112		
2047		270,000	*		46,463		316,463		
2048		615,000			32,287		647,287		
:	\$ 4,	010,000	= :	\$	4,210,762	\$	8,220,762		

<sup>\*</sup> sinking fund redemptions