# MERIDIAN RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT El Paso County, Colorado

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2017

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

Board of Directors

Meridian Ranch Metropolitan District
El Paso County, Colorado

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Meridian Ranch Metropolitan District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, 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 an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Meridian Ranch Metropolitan District as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

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

L. Paul Doedecke P.C.

L. Paul Goedecke, P.C. July 20, 2018



#### MERIDIAN RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET / STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2017

	General	Coi	nservation Trust		Debt Service	Go	Total overnmental Funds		Adjustments (Note 12)	atement of et Position
ASSETS	 			'						 
Cash and investments - unrestricted	\$ 386,697	\$	-	\$	-	\$	386,697	\$	-	\$ 386,697
Cash and investments - restricted	8,100		-		3,195,772		3,203,872		-	3,203,872
Prepaid expenditures	3,058		-		-		3,058		-	3,058
Receivable from county treasurer	2,650		-		10,601		13,251		-	13,251
Property taxes receivable	285,737				1,142,845		1,428,582			 1,428,582
Total assets	\$ 686,242	\$		\$	4,349,218	\$	5,035,460		-	 5,035,460
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable	\$ 7,126	\$	_	\$	_	\$	7,126	\$	_	\$ 7,126
Interest payable	-		-		-		-	·	110,394	110,394
Bonds and loans payable									,	
Due within one year	-		-		-		-		950,000	950,000
Due in more than one year	-		-		-		-		39,290,000	39,290,000
Total liabilities	7,126		-		-		7,126		40,350,394	40,357,520
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES										
Deferred property tax revenue	285,737		-		1,142,845		1,428,582		-	1,428,582
Total deferred inflows of resources	 285,737		-		1,142,845		1,428,582		-	1,428,582
FUND BALANCES										
Nonspendable fund balance										
Prepaid expenditures	3,058		-		-		3,058		-	-
Restricted for:										
Emergency reserves	8,100		-		-		8,100		(8,100)	-
Debt service	-		-		3,206,373		3,206,373		(3,206,373)	-
Unrestricted	 382,221		-				382,221		(382,221)	 -
Total fund balances	 393,379				3,206,373		3,599,752		(3,596,694)	 -
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS										
OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 686,242	\$	-	\$	4,349,218	\$	5,035,460			
NET POSITION Restricted for:										
Debt service									3,206,373	3,206,373
Emergencies									8,100	8,100
Unrestricted									(39,965,115)	(39,965,115)
Total net position								\$	(36,750,642)	\$ (36,750,642)

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

# MERIDIAN RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES / STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Year Ended December 31, 2017

				servation		Debt	Total Governmental		stments		atement of
	G	eneral		Trust		Service	Funds	(No	te 12)		Activities
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES											
<u>General</u>											
District management and accounting	\$	22,147	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 22,147	\$	-	\$	22,147
Audit		11,525		-		-	11,525		-		11,525
County treasurer fees		3,461		-		13,845	17,306		-		17,306
Directors fees		5,200		-		-	5,200		-		5,200
Dues and subscriptions		463		-		-	463		-		463
Insurance and bonds		3,301		-		-	3,301		-		3,301
Legal		2,050		-		-	2,050		-		2,050
Payroll taxes		398		-		-	398		-		398
Miscellaneous		11		-		569	580		-		580
Intergovernmental expense - Meridian Service											
Metropolitan District		140,000		26,866		3,972,299	4,139,165		-		4,139,165
Debt service											
Bond interest - Series 2008		-		-		420,000	420,000		6,520		426,520
Loan interest - Series 2013		-		-		945,894	945,894		(2,045)		943,849
Loan interest - Series 2014		-		-		107,509	107,509		(224)		107,285
Loan principal - Series 2013		-		-		810,000	810,000		(810,000)		-
Loan principal - Series 2014		-		-		85,000	85,000		(85,000)		_
Paying agent fees		-		-		200	200		-		200
Total expenditures/expenses		188,556		26,866		6,355,316	6,570,738		(890,749)		5,679,989
REVENUES											
Program revenues											
Facilities fees transferred from Meridian Service											
Metropolitan District		_		_		3,797,000	3,797,000		_		3,797,000
Conservation trust funds		_		26,866		5,777,000	26,866		_		26,866
General revenues				20,000			20,000				20,000
Property taxes		230,563		_		922,252	1,152,815		_		1,152,815
Specific ownership taxes		31,502		_		126,012	157,514				157,514
Interest		6,208		_		7,383	13,591				13,591
Total revenues		268,273		26,866		4,852,647	5,147,786				5,147,786
1 otal revenues		208,273	-	20,800		4,632,047	3,147,760				3,147,780
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		79,717				(1,502,669)	(1,422,952)		890,749		(532,203)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)											
Transfer (to) from other funds		(44,316)				44,316					
						44,316			<del></del>		
Total other financing sources (uses)		(44,316)		<del>-</del>		44,310					
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES / NET POSITION FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION		35,401		-		(1,458,353)	(1,422,952)		890,749		(532,203)
BEGINNING OF YEAR		357,978		_		4,664,726	5,022,704	(41	,241,143)		(36,218,439)
END OF YEAR	\$	393,379	\$	_	\$	3,206,373	\$ 3,599,752		(350,394)	\$	(36,750,642)
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# MERIDIAN RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GENERAL FUND

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

Year Ended December 31, 2017

		<b>D</b> 1					Fin	iance with al Budget
		Budger Original	Amou	nts Final		Actual Amounts		Positive Jegative)
REVENUES		Ji igiliai		Fillal		Amounts		(egative)
Property taxes	\$	230,809	\$	230,809	\$	230,563	\$	(246)
Specific ownership taxes	Ψ	19,171	Ψ	19,171	Ψ	31,502	Ψ	12,331
Interest		500		500		6,208		5,708
Total revenues		250,480		250,480		268,273		17,793
EXPENDITURES								
District management and accounting		35,000		35,000		22,147		12,853
Audit		5,000		5,000		11,525		(6,525)
County treasurer fees		3,462		3,462		3,461		1
Directors fees		7,000		7,000		5,200		1,800
Dues and subscriptions		1,500		1,500		463		1,037
Insurance and bonds		5,000		5,000		3,301		1,699
Legal		3,000		3,000		2,050		950
Miscellaneous		1,000		1,000		11		989
Payroll taxes		-		-		398		(398)
Intergovernmental expense - Meridian Service								
Metropolitan District		140,000		265,000		140,000		125,000
Emergency reserve		7,514		7,514		-		7,514
Total expenditures		208,476		333,476		188,556		144,920
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)								
EXPENDITURES		42,004	-	(82,996)		79,717		162,713
OTHER FINANCING USES								
Transfer to other funds		-		-		(44,316)		(44,316)
Total other financing uses		-		-		(44,316)		(44,316)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		42,004		(82,996)		35,401		118,397
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR		490,230		357,978		357,978		
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$	532,234	\$	274,982	\$	393,379	\$	118,397

# MERIDIAN RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT CONSERVATION TRUST FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

Year Ended December 31, 2017

		Budget A	Moui	nts		Actual	Final	nce with Budget sitive
	0	riginal		Final	A	mounts	(Neg	gative)
REVENUES								
Conservation trust funds	\$	15,500	\$	26,866	\$	26,866	\$	-
Total revenues		15,500		26,866		26,866		-
EXPENDITURES								
Intergovernmental expense - Meridian Service								
Metropolitan District		15,500		26,866		26,866		-
Total expenditures		15,500		26,866		26,866		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		-		-		-		-
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR		-		-				-
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

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

Meridian Ranch Metropolitan District (the District), a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado, was organized on May 5, 1998 concurrently with Meridian Service Metropolitan District (collectively, the Districts) to provide water and wastewater service, street improvements, safety protection, parks and recreation facilities, drainage, landscape, mosquito control, transportation and television relay for public and private purposes by any available means. The Districts also have limited fire protection powers in a cooperative manner with Falcon Fire Protection District. The Districts' service area is located in El Paso County, Colorado. The District is intended to be the financing district related to Meridian Service Metropolitan District (Meridian Service), the operating district (see Note 8).

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 has no employees and all operation and administrative functions are contracted.

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. 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 District. The difference between the assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources of the District is reported as net position.

#### **NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (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 the governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental and enterprise 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. Expenditures for property and equipment are shown as increased in assets and redemptions of bonds, notes and developer advances are recorded as 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 measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period. The major sources of revenue subject to accrual are property taxes and specific ownership taxes. Expenditures, other than interest on long-term obligations, are recorded when the liability is incurred or the long-term obligation is 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 General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Conservation Trust Fund is used to account for the receipt and spending of lottery proceeds.

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for principal, interest and other debt related costs of the governmental funds.

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

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

#### **Budgets**

In accordance with the Local Government Budget Law of Colorado, the District's Board of Directors holds public hearings in the fall of each year to approve the budget and appropriate the funds for the ensuing year. The 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.

Subsequent to December 31, 2017, the District modified the appropriation from \$208,476 to \$333,476 in the General Fund, from \$15,500 to \$26,866 in the Conservation Trust Fund, and from \$2,384,252 to \$6,356,552 in the Debt Service Fund.

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

The District follows the practice of pooling cash 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.

#### **Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied by the District 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 assess the property tax obligation of 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 at the taxpayers election, in equal installments in February and June. Delinquent taxpayers are notified in August and the sales of the resultant tax liens on delinquent properties are generally held in November or December. The county treasurer remits the taxes collected monthly to the District.

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 inflows of resources related to property tax revenues are recorded as revenue in the year they are available or collected.

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

#### **Fund Balances**

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

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

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

Committed fund balance – The portion of fund balance constrained for specific purposes according to limitations imposed by the District's highest level of decision making authority, the Board of Directors prior to the end of the current fiscal year. 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 above criteria.

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.

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

Cash and investments as of December 31, 2017 are classified in the accompanying financial statement as follows:

Statement of net position:

Cash and investments - unrestricted	\$ 386,697
Cash and investments - restricted	3,203,872
	\$ 3,590,569

Cash and investments as of December 31, 2017 consist of the following:

Deposits with financial institutions	\$ 3,201,851
Investments	388,718
	\$ 3,590,569

#### **Cash Deposits**

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

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

At December 31, 2017, the District's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$3,202,418 and a carrying balance of \$3,201,851.

#### **Investments**

#### **Credit Risk**

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

Colorado State statutes 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

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

- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Certain reverse repurchase agreements
- Certain securities and lending arrangements
- Certain corporate bonds
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts
- Local government investment pools

The District generally limits its concentration of investments to those noted with an asterisk (\*) above, which are believed to have minimal credit risk, minimal interest rate risk and no foreign currency risk. Additionally, the District is not subject to concentration of risk disclosure requirements or subject to investment custodial risk 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 Board of Directors. Such actions are generally associated with a debt service reserve or sinking fund requirements.

As of December 31, 2017 the District had the following investments:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Colorado Liquid Asset Trust	Less than one year	\$388,718

#### **COLOTRUST**

During 2017, 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 Commission 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 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 repurchase agreements collateralized by certain obligations of U.S. government agencies. A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for the Colotrust's portfolios pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for Colotrust'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 Colotrust. As of December 31, 2017, the District has \$388,718 invested in COLOTRUST PLUS+. ColoTrust is rated AAAm by S&P Global Ratings.

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

The following is an analysis of changes in long-term obligations for the year ended December 31, 2017:

	Balance at					Balance at		
	December 31,			Re	tirements/	December 31,	Dυ	e Within
	2016	Additi	ons	Co	nversions	2017	О	ne Year
Governmental Activities								
Subordinate general obligation								
bonds payable:								
Series 2008 Bonds	\$ 7,000,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 7,000,000	\$	-
Loans								
Series 2013	30,790,000		-		(810,000)	29,980,000		860,000
Series 2014	3,345,000		-		(85,000)	3,260,000		90,000
	\$ 41,135,000	\$	-	\$	(895,000)	\$40,240,000	\$	950,000

The details of the Districts long-term obligation are as follows:

# \$27,715,000 Subordinate General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2008, with remaining outstanding bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000 due December 15, 2037

On October 8, 2008, the District issued Subordinate General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds (Series 2008 Bonds) dated October 8, 2008. The Series 2008 Bonds are due December 1, 2037, with interest rates (as amended in 2012) of 5.00% through November 30, 2015; 6.00% from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2017 and 8.00% from December 1, 2017. Interest and principal payments are due annually on December 15. The Series 2008 Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, on any date, without redemption premium. The Series 2008 Bonds are also subject to mandatory sinking fund redemptions on December 1, 2012 and on each December 1 thereafter, prior to the maturity of the Series 2008 Bonds.

The Series 2008 Bonds are secured by and payable from pledged revenue consisting of monies derived by the District from the following sources, net of any collection costs: (1) the Required Mill Levy (as defined below), (2) the capital fees, (3) the portion of the specific ownership taxes which is collected as a result of the imposition of the Required Mill Levy and (4) any other legally available monies which the District determines to be treated as pledged revenue.

Required Mill Levy means an ad valorem mill levy imposed upon all taxable property of the District each year in an amount sufficient to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest on bonds as the same become due and payable. The maximum Required Mill Levy is 50.000 mills and the minimum Mill Levy is 20.000, adjusted for changes in the ratio of actual value to assessed value of property within the District. For collection year 2017, the District levied 20.000 mills for debt service.

#### **NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

\$33,500,000 Senior Tax-Exempt Loan, Refunding and Improvement Issue, Series 2013 and \$3,500,000 Senior Tax-Exempt Loan, Series 2014

On March 28, 2013, the District obtained a Tax-Free Loan Refunding and Improvement Issue, Series 2013 (Series 2013 Loan), the proceeds of which were used to cancel the Series 2009 and the Series 2011 bonds, partially pay the 2008 subordinate debt and provide new construction money. On November 18, 2014, the District obtained an additional loan of \$3,500,000 (Series 2014 Loan).

The Series 2013 and Series 2014 Loans are secured by and payable from pledged revenues consisting of monies derived by the District from the following sources, net of any collection costs: (1) the Required Mill Levy (as discussed above), (2) the portion of the specific ownership taxes which is collected as a result of the imposition of the Required Mill Levy, (3) facility fees transferred for Meridian Service (see Note 8 – Intergovernmental Agreements) and (4) any other legally available monies which the District determines to be treated as pledged revenue.

The custodian is required to apply pledged revenues and other collateral in the following order of priority: (1) to the credit of the loan payment fund, (2) to the credit of the reserve fund, (3) to the credit of such fund or account as may be designated by the lender and (4) to the credit of any other fund or account as may be designated by the District. The custodian is to hold and administer the loan payment fund, a trust fund held for the benefit of the owners of the loans, and the money in such fund is to be disbursed only in accordance with the custodial agreement. After making the required 2017 debt payments, the balance in the loan payment fund at December 31, 2017 was \$2,304,064.

The Series 2013 Loan agreement requires a reserve fund be held and administered by the custodian as long as the loan is outstanding in whole or in part. The reserve fund constitutes a trust fund held for the benefit of the lender and the owner of the loan and the money in such fund shall be disbursed only in accordance with the loan agreement. The current reserve fund requirement is \$890,000. The balance in the reserve fund as of December 31, 2017 was \$891,708.

The Series 2013 Loan has a fixed-rate of 3.03% for ten years and assumes a 5.5% rate thereafter with a 30-year amortization. Interest is payable on June 1 and December 1 with principal payments payable annually on December 1. The Series 2014 Loan has a 3.17% fixed rate with interest payable on June 1 and December 1. Principal payments are due annually on December 1 with a balloon maturity on March 28, 2023.

#### **NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS** (CONTINUED)

The District's long-term obligations will mature as follows:

	P	Principal		Interest	 Total
2018	\$	950,000	\$	1,585,788	\$ 2,535,788
2019		995,000		1,556,476	2,551,476
2020		1,060,000		1,528,419	2,588,419
2021		1,095,000		1,493,067	2,588,067
2022		1,170,000		1,459,279	2,629,279
2023-2027		6,915,000		9,252,421	16,167,421
2028-2032		7,190,000		7,744,500	14,934,500
2033-2037		10,600,000		5,021,816	15,621,816
2038-2042		10,265,000		1,876,385	 12,141,385
	\$	40,240,000	\$	31,518,151	\$ 71,758,151

#### **Authorized Debt**

On November 7, 2000, a majority of the qualified electors of the District authorized the issuance of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$170,000,000 at an interest rate not to exceed 16.00% per annum. At December 31, 2017, the District had authorized but unissued indebtedness in the following amounts allocated for the following purposes:

	Total Authorized	Remaining at December 31, 2017
Street improvements	\$ 29,435,000	\$ 15,073,437
Water	35,765,000	19,566,542
Sanitation	7,320,000	953,421
Safety protection	1,740,000	1,740,000
Park and recreation	7,620,000	2,194,707
Mosquito control	1,305,000	1,305,000
Television relay and translation	1,055,000	1,055,000
Transportation	260,000	260,000
Operations	500,000	235,193
Refunding	85,000,000	36,531,700
	\$ 170,000,000	\$ 78,915,000

#### **NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS** (CONTINUED)

Per the service plan, the District is limited to issuing \$85,000,000 in refunding debt. In addition, the debt service mill levy for the District is capped at 50.000 mills, with a minimum 16.345 mills, as adjusted for changes in the ratio of actual value to assessed value of property within the District. In the future, the District may issue a portion or all of the remaining authorized but unissued general obligation debt for purposes of providing public improvements to support development as it occurs within the Districts' service area.

#### **NOTE 5 – FUND EQUITY**

At December 31, 2017, the District reported the following classifications of fund equity.

#### Nonspendable Fund Balance

The nonspendable fund balance in the General Fund in the amount of \$3,058 represents prepaid expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year and is therefore not in a spendable form.

#### **Restricted Fund Balance**

The restricted fund balance in the General Fund in the amount of \$8,100 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 of \$3,206,373 in the Debt Service Fund is to be used exclusively for future payment of bond and loan principal, interest and related costs (see Note 4).

#### **Unrestricted Fund Balance**

The unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund is \$382,221.

#### **NOTE 6 – NET POSITION**

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

Restricted assets include net 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 District had restricted net assets as of December 31, 2017 as follows:

#### **NOTE 6 – NET POSITION** (CONTINUED)

Restricted net position:

TABOR emergency reserves (see Note 11)	\$	8,100
Debt service (see Note 4)	3,2	206,373
Total restricted net position	\$ 3,2	<u>214,473</u>

The District's unrestricted net deficit as of December 31, 2017, totaled \$39,965,115. This deficit amount is primarily as result of the District being responsible for the financing and repayment of bonds issued for public improvements constructed by Meridian Service pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement dated July 17, 2001.

#### **NOTE 7 – AGREEMENTS**

Pursuant to a facilities fee agreement dated January 18, 2006, entered into between the District and GTL Development, Inc. (the Land Owner), the Land Owner has agreed to guarantee the payment of any shortfall in scheduled collections of facilities fees by Meridian Service. Any shortfall not paid per the required payment date is subject to simple interest, from the due date, at a percentage rate of 12% per annum. During 2017, there were no payments received in connection with this agreement.

#### **NOTE 8- INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS**

The District entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Meridian Service on July 17, 2001, as amended on March 26, 2013, to set forth rights and obligations of the Districts pursuant to their respective service plans. The Districts agreed that the facilities described in the service plans were needed by the District and that such facilities would benefit the residents and property owners in both Districts in terms of cost, quality and level of service. Each of the Districts agreed that Meridian Service would own (subject to potential transfer to other governmental entities or authorities) operate, maintain and construct facilities benefiting both Districts and that the District would contribute to the costs of construction, operation and maintenance of such facilities.

In this regard, the District agreed to issue limited tax general obligation bonds, or if bonds were not issued, the District agreed to pledge its ad valorem tax revenue at the times and in the amounts required to meet its obligations subject to a 50.000 mill cap (2001 equivalency). Bonds were issued and the

District paid the proceeds of the bonds to Meridian Service. Any and all bond proceeds received by Meridian Service was to be applied to the payment of public infrastructure costs or was to be utilized to pay all or a portion of Meridian Service's outstanding debt.

To assist in the repayment of the District's debt, Meridian Service may transfer revenue collected from facilities fees and/or user fees to the District (except for Latigo Trails tap fees).

#### NOTE 8- INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

During 2017, the District recorded a total of \$3,797,000 (4 taps at \$14,000 and 258 taps at \$14,500 each) from Meridian Service to assist in the repayment of debt issued by the District.

The District also agreed to transfer Conservation Trust Fund collections to Meridian Service to be used by Meridian Service for eligible projects.

#### **NOTE 9 – RELATED PARTIES**

Some of the members of the Board of Directors are affiliated with or are employees of developers of land within the District. These members may have conflicts of interest with respect to certain transactions which come before the Board.

#### NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT

Except as provided in the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, the District may be exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets, errors or omissions, injuries to employees or acts of God.

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

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. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### **NOTE 11 – TAX, SPENDING AND DEBT LIMITATION**

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, except Enterprises.

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.

#### **NOTE 11 – TAX, SPENDING AND DEBT LIMITATION** (CONTINUED)

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 November 7, 2000, a majority of the District's electors authorized the District to collect and spend or retain in a reserve any and all revenues annually from any revenue sources other than ad valorem taxes of the District with regard to any limitations under TABOR.

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

# NOTE 12 – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Explanation of differences between the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

The Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position includes a reconciling column. Explanation of the adjustments included in the reconciling column is as follows:

Bonds and loans payable \$40,240,000 Bonds and loans interest payable \$110,394

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Interest is reflected on the accrual basis on the Statement of Net Position.

#### Explanation of differences between the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities

The Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities include a reconciling column. Explanation of the adjustments included in the reconciling column is as follows:

Bonds and loans principal \$ 895,000 Bonds and loans interest \$ 4,251

Governmental funds report principal payments as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities, principal payments are reflected as reduction of bonds and loans payable. Bonds and loans interest reflects the net change in interest accrual.

#### **NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On April 17, 2018, the District issued its \$24,000,000 Senior Tax-Exempt Loan, Series 2018 (2018 Loan). Interest on the 2018 Loan is payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 each year commencing on June 1, 2018. The payment of principal on the 2018 Loan begins on December 1, 2018 and the 2018 Loan matures on April 17, 2030. The interest rate on the 2018 Loan is 3.580% per annum. The 2018 Loan was issued for the purpose of: (i) paying, reimbursing or financing all or any part of the costs of acquiring, constructing and installing a portion of the facilities, improvements, etc. (as described in Note 1) for public and private purposes within the district; (ii) reimbursement of \$20,000,000 to Meridian Service for developer advances and accrued interest related to capital projects and improvements; and (iii) paying issuance and other costs in connection with the 2018 Loan.

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



# MERIDIAN RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DEBT SERVICE FUND

# SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

Year Ended December 31, 2017

								iance with al Budget
	<b>Budget Amounts</b>				Actual	Positive		
	Original			Final	Amounts		(Negative)	
REVENUES								
Property taxes	\$	923,236	\$	923,236	\$	922,252	\$	(984)
Specific ownership taxes		76,685		76,685		126,012		49,327
Facilities fees transferred from Meridian Service		2,175,000		3,797,300		3,797,000		(300)
Interest		500		500		7,383		6,883
Total revenues		3,175,421		4,797,721		4,852,647		54,926
EXPENDITURES								
General								
County treasurer fees		13,849		13,849		13,845		4
Miscellaneous		1,000		1,000		569		431
Debt Service								
Bond interest - Series 2008		420,000		420,000		420,000		-
Loan interest - Series 2013		945,894		945,894		945,894		-
Loan interest - Series 2014		107,509		107,509		107,509		-
Loan principal - Series 2013		810,000		810,000		810,000		-
Loan principal - Series 2014		85,000		85,000		85,000		-
Paying agent fees		1,000		1,000		200		800
IGA - Meridian Service				3,972,300		3,972,299		1
Total expenditures		2,384,252		6,356,552		6,355,316		1,236
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)								
EXPENDITURES		791,169		(1,558,831)		(1,502,669)		56,162
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES								
Transfers from other funds		-		-		44,316		44,316
Total other financing sources		-		-		44,316		44,316
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		791,169		(1,558,831)		(1,458,353)		100,478
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR		4,890,717		4,664,726		4,664,726		
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$	5,681,886	\$	3,105,895	\$	3,206,373	\$	100,478



# \$7,000,000 Series 2008 General Obligation Bonds Dated October 1, 2008 Interest Rate of 3.00% - 8.00% Principal and Interest Due December 15

	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ -	\$ 560,000	\$ 560,000
2019	-	560,000	560,000
2020	-	560,000	560,000
2021	-	560,000	560,000
2022	-	560,000	560,000
2023	-	560,000	560,000
2024	-	560,000	560,000
2025	40,000	560,000	600,000
2026	330,000	556,800	886,800
2027	360,000	530,400	890,400
2028	400,000	501,600	901,600
2029	435,000	469,600	904,600
2030	485,000	434,800	919,800
2031	530,000	396,000	926,000
2032	585,000	353,600	938,600
2033	635,000	306,800	941,800
2034	700,000	256,000	956,000
2035	760,000	200,000	960,000
2036	835,000	139,200	974,200
2037	905,000	72,400	977,400
	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 8,697,200	\$ 15,697,200

#### \$33,500,000

# Refunding and Improvement Issue, Series 2013 Dated March 28, 2013 Interest Rate 3.03% Fixed for 10 years Assumes 5.5% Thereafter Interest Due June 1 and December 1 Principal Due December 1

	Principal	Interest	Total		
2018	\$ 860,000	\$ 921,011	\$ 1,781,011		
2019	900,000	894,591	1,794,591		
2020	960,000	869,317	1,829,317		
2021	990,000	837,450	1,827,450		
2022	1,060,000	807,036	1,867,036		
2023	730,000	1,203,434	1,933,434		
2024	600,000	1,368,840	1,968,840		
2025	635,000	1,331,642	1,966,642		
2026	710,000	1,296,231	2,006,231		
2027	750,000	1,256,639	2,006,639		
2028	820,000	1,218,145	2,038,145		
2029	870,000	1,169,090	2,039,090		
2030	955,000	1,120,575	2,075,575		
2031	1,010,000	1,067,321	2,077,321		
2032	1,100,000	1,013,769	2,113,769		
2033	1,165,000	949,659	2,114,659		
2034	1,270,000	884,694	2,154,694		
2035	1,340,000	813,874	2,153,874		
2036	1,455,000	741,175	2,196,175		
2037	1,535,000	658,014	2,193,014		
2038	1,660,000	572,416	2,232,416		
2039	1,755,000	479,848	2,234,848		
2040	1,895,000	383,029	2,278,029		
2041	2,000,000	276,310	2,276,310		
2042	2,955,000	164,782	3,119,782		
	\$ 29,980,000	\$ 22,298,892	\$ 52,278,892		

#### \$3,500,000 Senior Tax-Exempt Loan, Series 2014 Dated November 18, 2014 Interest Rate 3.17% Fixed Throughout 3/28/2023 Balloon Maturity Interest Due June 1 and December 1

Principal Due December 1

	Principal		]	Interest	Total		
2018	\$	90,000	\$	104,777	\$	194,777	
2019		95,000		101,885		196,885	
2020		100,000		99,102		199,102	
2021		105,000		95,617		200,617	
2022		110,000		92,243		202,243	
2023		2,760,000		28,435		2,788,435	
	\$	3,260,000	\$	522,059	\$	3,782,059	

	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 950,000	\$ 1,585,788	\$ 2,535,788
2019	995,000	1,556,476	2,551,476
2020	1,060,000	1,528,419	2,588,419
2021	1,095,000	1,493,067	2,588,067
2022	1,170,000	1,459,279	2,629,279
2023	3,490,000	1,791,869	5,281,869
2024	600,000	1,928,840	2,528,840
2025	675,000	1,891,642	2,566,642
2026	1,040,000	1,853,031	2,893,031
2027	1,110,000	1,787,039	2,897,039
2028	1,220,000	1,719,745	2,939,745
2029	1,305,000	1,638,690	2,943,690
2030	1,440,000	1,555,375	2,995,375
2031	1,540,000	1,463,321	3,003,321
2032	1,685,000	1,367,369	3,052,369
2033	1,800,000	1,256,459	3,056,459
2034	1,970,000	1,140,694	3,110,694
2035	2,100,000	1,013,874	3,113,874
2036	2,290,000	880,375	3,170,375
2037	2,440,000	730,414	3,170,414
2038	1,660,000	572,416	2,232,416
2039	1,755,000	479,848	2,234,848
2040	1,895,000	383,029	2,278,029
2041	2,000,000	276,310	2,276,310
2042	2,955,000	164,782	3,119,782
	\$ 40,240,000	\$ 31,518,151	\$ 71,758,151

#### MERIDIAN RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATION, MILL LEVY AND PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED December 31, 2017

Prior
Year Assessed
Valuation
for Current

		Valuation							
	f	or Current							Percentage
Year Ended Year Property		ear Property	Mills Levied for		<b>Total Property Taxes</b>			Collected	
December 31,	Tax Levy		General	Debt Service		Levied Collection		Collected	to Levied
2011	\$	29,925,080	5.000	20.000	\$	748,127	\$	727,215	97.20%
2012	\$	28,468,560	5.000	20.000	\$	711,714	\$	710,932	99.89%
2013	\$	29,753,280	5.000	20.000	\$	743,832	\$	743,742	99.99%
2014	\$	31,142,120	5.000	20.000	\$	778,553	\$	778,385	99.98%
2015	\$	34,296,400	5.000	20.000	\$	857,410	\$	855,766	99.81%
2016	\$	40,482,280	5.000	20.000	\$	1,012,057	\$	1,011,847	99.98%
2017	\$	46,161,800	5.000	20.000	\$	1,154,045	\$	1,152,815	99.89%
Estimated for the year ending December 31, 2018	\$	51,952,220	5.500	21.998	\$	1,428,582			
2010	Ф	31,732,220	5.500	41.990	Ф	1,420,302			

#### NOTE:

Property taxes collected in any one year include collection of delinquent property taxes assessed in prior years, as well as reductions for property tax refunds or abatements. Information received from the County Treasurer does not permit identification of specific year of assessment.