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City of Grand Junction / Mesa County, Colorado Joint Sewer System
Grand Junction, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the City of Grand Junction / Mesa County, Colorado Joint Sewer System (the "Joint Sewer System") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Joint Sewer System'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 business-type activities of the Joint Sewer System, as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

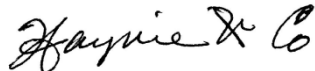
Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted

in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Joint Sewer System's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental summary of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund net position – budget (non-GAAP budgetary basis) and actual, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary summary of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund net position – budget (non-GAAP budgetary basis) and actual are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic 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 basic financial statements as a whole.



Littleton, Colorado
June 28, 2019

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the City of Grand Junction/Mesa County Joint Sewer System's (Joint Sewer System's) financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. This information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Joint Sewer System remains in strong financial condition.
- The assets of the Joint Sewer System exceeded its liabilities at the close of 2018 by \$113.8 million (net position). Of this amount, \$25.4 million, or 22.3%, is unrestricted and may be used to meet the ongoing obligations to customers and creditors. During 2018, the net position increased by \$6.6 million due to an increase in cash and short-term investments as well as a delay in planned major capital projects until 2019.
- The Joint Sewer System invested over \$1.9 million in sewer collection and treatment system improvements.
- Sewer rates in 2018 remained at \$22.40 for a single-family equivalent.
- The Joint Sewer System continues to operate a biogas condition system and pipeline that produces fuel from the wastewater treatment plant's digester gas. This system was completed in 2015 and has earned nation-wide recognition for innovation. Currently, the equivalent of 400 gallons of gasoline are produced onsite daily and has offset the same volume use in diesel fuel which has resulted in a carbon emission reduction of approximately 3 million pounds per year.

OVERVIEW OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Joint Sewer System's basic financial statements. The MD&A represents management's examination and analysis of the Joint Sewer System's financial condition and performance. The financial statements report information about the Joint Sewer System using full accrual accounting methods as utilized by similar business activities in the private sector. The financial statements include a statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position; a statement of cash flows; and notes to the financial statements.

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

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position presents information showing how the Joint Sewer System's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses reported in this statement for some items will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., billed but uncollected sewer charges and earned but unused paid time off).

The statement of cash flows presents changes in cash and cash equivalents, resulting from operational, financing, and investing activities. This statement presents cash receipts and cash disbursement information, without consideration of the earnings event, when an obligation arises or capital assets are depreciated.

The notes to the financial statements provide required disclosures and other information that are essential to a full understanding of material data provided in the statements. The notes present information about the Joint Sewer System's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, commitments, contingencies, and subsequent events, if any.

Supplementary information comparing the budget to actual expenses is presented as a summary following the notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Joint Sewer System, net position increased by \$6.6 million during fiscal year 2018.

By far, the largest portion of the Joint Sewer System's net position (77.7%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, infrastructure assets, and machinery and equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Joint Sewer System uses these capital assets to provide direct wastewater services to citizens in the Joint Sewer System boundary as well as indirect services to many additional citizens in the Grand Junction area. Consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Joint Sewer System's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

	2018	2017
Current and other assets	\$ 27,660,060	\$ 21,367,234
Capital assets	92,610,155	91,527,655
Total assets	<u>120,270,215</u>	<u>112,894,889</u>
Long-term debt outstanding	2,690,900	4,201,148
Other liabilities	3,777,935	1,509,180
Total liabilities	<u>6,468,835</u>	<u>5,710,328</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	88,409,007	86,364,388
Unrestricted	25,392,373	20,820,173
Total net position	<u>\$ 113,801,380</u>	<u>\$ 107,184,561</u>

Changes in Net Position

The Joint Sewer System's total revenues of \$17.6 million, including capital contributions, exceeded program expenses of \$11.0 million for an increase in net position of \$6.6 million in 2018.

Sewer service charges continue to be the main source of revenue for the Joint Sewer System and represent 78.4% of total 2018 revenues.

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	2018	2017
Revenues:		
Charges for sales and services	\$ 13,831,802	\$ 13,536,415
Fines and forfeitures	5,486	-
Investment income	426,735	152,625
Intergovernmental revenues	22,972	29,931
Miscellaneous	19,454	21,584
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	-	(126,125)
Total revenues	<u>14,306,449</u>	<u>13,614,430</u>
Expenses:		
Personnel services	3,475,265	3,509,133
Costs of sales and services	3,654,747	2,630,493
Depreciation and amortization	3,690,372	3,574,416
Debt service	199,076	236,471
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	5,906	-
Total expenses	<u>11,025,366</u>	<u>9,950,513</u>

Capital contributions	<u>3,335,736</u>	<u>3,356,786</u>
Increase in net position	6,616,819	7,020,703
Net position, beginning	<u>107,184,561</u>	<u>100,163,858</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 113,801,380</u>	<u>\$ 107,184,561</u>

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the fiscal year, the Joint Sewer System’s budgeted expenditures did not increase from an original budget total of \$17.8 million. All recommended amendments for budget changes come through the Finance Department and City Manager to City Council and Mesa County Commissioners via ordinance as required. Ordinance enactment requires a public hearing and the opportunity for public discussion. The City does allow small intra-departmental budget changes that modify line items within departments in the same fund. In 2018, actual expenditures were \$12.7 million, which is less than the final budget of \$17.8 million largely due to the delay of budgeted major capital projects that will be completed in 2019. For the Joint Sewer System, the original and final budget for revenues was \$16.6 million.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2018, the Joint Sewer System had invested in a broad range of capital assets, including building improvements, equipment, and other infrastructure.

The table below provides a summary of total capital assets at December 31, 2018 and 2017:

CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END		
(net of depreciation)		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Land	\$ 180,891	\$ 180,891
Buildings and improvements	1,108,169	1,173,532
Vehicles, machinery, and equipment	2,509,900	2,742,659
Construction in process	2,786,504	62,538
Intangible assets	77,389	77,389
Infrastructure	85,947,302	87,290,646
Total	<u>\$ 92,610,155</u>	<u>\$ 91,527,655</u>

Major capital additions during 2018 include:

	<u>2018</u>
Sewer line replacement and extensions	\$ 1,536,647
Biological nutrient removal	<u>2,728,542</u>

The Joint Sewer System remains committed to the upkeep and maintenance of its largest assets. More detailed information about the Joint Sewer System’s capital assets is presented in Note 3 to the financial statements.

Debt Administration

The Joint Sewer System had total debt outstanding of \$4.2 million. See Note 4 to the financial statements. The note provides a summary of the Joint Sewer System’s long-term debt.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Joint Sewer System is in a strong financial position. Reserves are at levels currently directed by the City Council/County Commissioners. During 2019, the sewer rate will remain at \$22.40 per single family equivalent unit. The Plant Investment Fee (PIF) will increase from \$4,637 to \$4,776 per single family equivalent unit effective January 1, 2019. The PIF increase will fund necessary growth-related plant and collection system expansion projects. The 2019 budget reflects the Joint Sewer System's ongoing commitment to the community and environment.

CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the City/County Joint Sewer System's finances and to show the accountability for the funds and assets it receives. If you have questions about this report, or should you need additional financial information, contact the City's Finance Department at City of Grand Junction, 250 N. 5th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

City of Grand Junction/Mesa County, Colorado
Joint Sewer System
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and investments	\$ 26,023,164	\$ 19,833,982
Restricted cash and investments	10	10
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$441	1,609,657	1,493,475
Special assessments receivable	9,470	10,493
Total current assets	27,642,301	21,337,960
Noncurrent assets:		
Special assessments receivable	17,759	29,274
Capital assets		
Land	180,891	180,891
Buildings, improvements, plant and system	141,405,252	139,501,805
Equipment	5,051,337	4,930,073
Construction in process	2,786,504	62,538
Intangible assets	77,389	77,389
Less accumulated depreciation	(56,891,218)	(53,225,041)
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	92,610,155	91,527,655
Total noncurrent assets	92,627,914	91,556,929
Total assets	120,270,215	112,894,889
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	1,628,763	225,015
Retainages payable	194,229	-
Accrued liabilities	141,045	-
Accrued interest payable	63,689	73,291
Current portion loan premium amortization	20,248	22,119
Current maturities of long-term debt	1,490,000	940,000
Compensated absences payable	15,909	14,955
Total current liabilities	3,553,883	1,275,380
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Compensated absences payable	224,052	233,800
Long-term debt including premium	2,690,900	4,201,148
Total noncurrent liabilities	2,914,952	4,434,948
Total liabilities	6,468,835	5,710,328
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	88,409,007	86,364,388
Unrestricted	25,392,373	20,820,173
Total net position	\$ 113,801,380	\$ 107,184,561

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

City of Grand Junction/Mesa County, Colorado
Joint Sewer System

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION

For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
Operating revenues:		
Charges for sales and services	\$ 13,831,802	\$ 13,536,415
Fines and forfeitures	5,486	-
Total operating revenues	13,837,288	13,536,415
Operating expenses:		
Personnel services	3,475,265	3,509,133
Costs of sales and services	3,654,747	2,630,493
Depreciation and amortization	3,690,372	3,574,416
Total operating expenses	10,820,384	9,714,042
Operating income	3,016,904	3,822,373
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Investment income	426,735	152,625
Intergovernmental revenues	22,972	29,931
Miscellaneous	19,454	21,584
Gain (loss) on disposition of property and equipment	(5,906)	(126,125)
Interest expense	(199,076)	(236,471)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	264,179	(158,456)
Income before contributions and transfers	3,281,083	3,663,917
Capital contributions	3,335,736	3,356,786
Change in net position	6,616,819	7,020,703
Net position - beginning	107,184,561	100,163,858
Net position - ending	\$ 113,801,380	\$ 107,184,561

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

City of Grand Junction/Mesa County, Colorado
Joint Sewer System
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 13,721,106	\$ 13,543,361
Cash paid to suppliers	(3,585,563)	(2,711,020)
Cash paid to employees	(3,343,014)	(3,517,088)
Miscellaneous receipts	19,454	21,584
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,811,983	7,336,837
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Contributed capital - tap fees	2,939,858	2,591,981
Contributed capital - special assessments	11,515	32,497
Principal payments - bonds	(940,000)	(910,000)
Interest paid	(230,797)	(265,657)
Intergovernmental receipts	22,972	29,931
Purchase of capital assets	(2,853,084)	(5,864,838)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(1,049,536)	(4,386,086)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income received	426,735	152,625
Net cash provided by investing activities	426,735	152,625
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	6,189,182	3,103,376
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	19,833,992	16,730,616
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	\$ 26,023,174	\$ 19,833,992
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities		
Operating income	\$ 3,016,904	\$ 3,822,373
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	3,690,372	3,574,416
Miscellaneous receipts	19,454	21,584
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(116,182)	6,946
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	1,403,748	147,658
Increase (decrease) in retainages payable	194,229	-
Increase (decrease) in accrued wages and compensated absences payable	132,251	(7,955)
(Increase) decrease in accounts payable/retainages due to the purchase of capital assets on account	(1,528,793)	(228,185)
Total adjustments	3,795,079	3,514,464
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 6,811,983	\$ 7,336,837
Noncash investing, capital and financing activities		
Purchase of capital assets on account	\$ 1,666,111	\$ 137,318
Noncash capital asset contributions	396,900	758,900

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

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City of Grand Junction/Mesa County, Colorado
Joint Sewer System

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2018 and 2017

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of the City of Grand Junction/Mesa County, Colorado Joint Sewer System (Joint Sewer System) is presented to assist in understanding the Joint Sewer System's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Joint Sewer System's management, which is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

History and Activity

The Joint Sewer System was organized under several agreements, the most recent being dated May 1, 1980, between the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado (the City) and the Board of County Commissioners of Mesa County, Colorado (the County). The Joint Sewer System was organized to provide sewer collection and treatment facilities for the metropolitan area in the Grand Valley. The City contributed certain assets, which were included in its Sewer Fund, while the County contributed its name through the issuance of revenue bonds. Both the City and the County approve the Joint Sewer System's annual appropriation budget, and the City's utility department operates and manages the system. Per the May 1, 1980 agreement, upon dissolution of the system, ownership of the assets of the system shall be determined by mutual agreement between the City and the County.

On July 17, 1992, the Ridges Metropolitan District, a special district which provided its residents with municipal water, irrigation, and sanitary sewer services, was effectively dissolved and annexed into the City. The sewer service portion of the Ridges Metropolitan District was contributed to the Joint Sewer System upon annexation.

On January 1, 1993, the Grand Junction West Water and Sanitation District, a special district which provided its residents with sanitary sewer services, was effectively dissolved and annexed into the City. The sewer service portion of the Grand Junction West Water and Sanitation District was contributed to the Joint Sewer System upon annexation.

On January 1, 2009, the Fruitvale Sanitation District, a special district which provided its residents with sanitary sewer services, was effectively dissolved and annexed into the City. The sewer service portion of the Fruitvale Sanitation District was contributed to the Joint Sewer System upon annexation.

On December 31, 2012, the Central Grand Valley Sanitation District, a special district which provided its residents with sanitary sewer services, was effectively dissolved and annexed into the City. The sewer service portion of the Central Grand Valley Sanitation District was contributed to the Joint Sewer System upon annexation.

On December 29, 2016, the Orchard Mesa Sanitation District, a special district which provided its residents with sanitary sewer services, was effectively dissolved and annexed into the City. The sewer service portion of the Orchard Mesa Sanitation District was contributed to the Joint Sewer System upon annexation.

Reporting Entity and Fund Type

The Joint Sewer System has no component units using the criteria as set forth in GAAP. The Joint Sewer System is accounted for as an enterprise fund.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Since the Joint Sewer Service is a special purpose government engaged only in a business-type activity, only enterprise fund financial statements are presented.

Budget and Budgetary Accounting

An annual budget is adopted for the Joint Sewer System. The budget is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting modified to include tap fees and bond proceeds as budgeted revenues and capital expenditures, debt issuance costs, and debt service principal payments as budgeted expenditures and to exclude depreciation, amortization, and adjustments for accrued compensated absences from budget expenditures. The budget is approved by both the City Council of the City and the Board of County Commissioners of the County.

Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment are carried at cost. Depreciation of property, plant, and equipment is provided on the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Estimated lives</u>
Plant and system	10-50 years
Equipment	3-10 years

Maintenance, repairs, and renewals that neither materially add to the value of the property nor appreciably prolong its life are charged to expense as incurred. Gains or losses on dispositions of property, plant, and equipment are included in income.

Net Position

Investment in capital assets (net of related debt) is intended to reflect the portion of net position that is associated with non-liquid capital assets less outstanding capital related debt.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for expenditure are recorded during the year as an extension of formal budgetary integration to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not included for financial reporting purposes at year end because unused appropriations and encumbrances lapse at year end and must be reappropriated in the following year to be expended.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Joint Sewer System and the City consider all highly liquid investments, including restricted assets with a maturity of three months or less when purchased, to be cash equivalents. Cash in the City's common cash and investment pool is also considered to be cash or a cash equivalent.

Special Assessments Receivable

Special assessments receivable are recorded for a property owner's share of the cost of utility improvements within special improvement districts. The property owner's share of the cost of these improvements has been recorded as contributed capital.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments at December 31, 2018 and 2017 consisted of the following:

	2018	2017
Equity in pooled cash and investments with the City of Grand Junction, Colorado	\$ 26,023,174	\$ 19,833,992

Substantially all the Joint Sewer System's cash and investments are part of the City's sponsored cash pool, which includes both internal and external participants. The pool is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company. Authority to manage the investment program is granted to the General Services Director (Investment Officer). The Investment Officer shall act in accordance with established written procedures and internal controls for the operation of the investment program consistent with the City's Investment Policy. The Investment Officer carries out his/her responsibilities through the issuance of procedures and internal controls that are established by the Finance Director.

Cash and investments held for the City of Grand Junction/Mesa County, Colorado Joint Sewer System are included in and inseparable from the City's pooled cash and investments. Since the Joint Sewer System is not part of the City's reporting entity, they are considered involuntary external participants of the City's cash pool. Under GASB Statement No. 31, the Joint Sewer System's pool share value is reported as an Investment Trust Fund in the City's financial statements.

Cash Deposits

Custodial credit risk – deposits. In the case of deposits, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned. Colorado State Statutes require that all deposits be secured by federal deposit insurance or secured by collateral. Statutes require a financial institution to deposit collateral with another financial institution securing 102% of the market value of public funds held which exceed the amount insured by federal deposit insurance. All deposits of the City are insured or collateralized with government securities held by or for the entity.

The Colorado Divisions of Banking and Financial Services are required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

The composition of all cash held by the City cash pool at December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	Bank Balance	Carrying Balance
Cash on hand	\$ -	\$ 10,976
Insured deposits	250,000	250,000
Deposits collateralized in single institutional pools	4,030,329	5,112,059
	\$ 4,280,329	\$ 5,373,035

Interest rate risk. In accordance with its investment policy, the City manages its exposure to declines in fair value by maintaining a minimum of 30% of the portfolio in short-term securities (less than one year) and employing a buy-and-hold strategy.

The City voluntarily participates in the state investment pools. The state investment pools exist under the laws of the State of Colorado and are registered with the Securities Commissioner of the State of Colorado. The state investment pools and mutual funds are similar to money market funds, with each share valued at \$1. The designated custodial banks provide safekeeping and depository services, and securities owned by the trusts are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the accounts maintained for the custodian banks. Investments consist of U.S. Treasury bills and notes and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. Investments in

state investment pools and mutual funds are not categorized by risk because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The fair value of the position in the state investment pools approximate the value of the City’s investment in the pools.

As of December 31, 2018, the City had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>S&P Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity (Months)</u>
Federal agency securities	AA+	\$ 33,552,821	26.50
Treasury coupon securities	AAA	13,281,040	26.04
Certificates of deposit	NR	4,635,000	24.46
Municipal securities	AA+	498,300	14.47
Corporate holdings	AA-	2,997,225	20.85
Pass through securities (GNMA/CMO)	AA+	4,835	49.43
State investment pools	AAA _m	24,446,190	0.00
Total		\$ 79,415,411	17.86

Credit risk. The City’s investment practices are governed by the City of Grand Junction Charter, Article IX paragraph 72, the Colorado Revised Statutes 24-75-601 to 605, and the City’s investment policy as approved by the City Manager. These controls limit investments to U.S. Government and Agency obligations, collateralized deposits, and commercial paper with the highest rating issued by one of the nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSRO’s).

Concentration of credit risk. The City’s investment policy dictates diversification and does not allow for an investment in any one issuer that is in excess of five percent of the City’s total investments.

Custodial credit risk. State law requires financial institutions to collateralize deposits of government funds. By City policy, all marketable securities shall be deposited in a safe keeping account with an independent third-party state or national bank having an office in Colorado.

Foreign Currency Risk. The City’s investment policy, excluding the FPPA pension plans, does not allow for investment in foreign currency.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 180,891	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180,891
Construction in progress	62,538	2,744,984	21,018	2,786,504
Intangible assets	77,389	-	-	77,389
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	320,818	2,744,984	21,018	3,044,784
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Improvements other than buildings	11,524	-	-	11,524
Equipment	4,930,073	121,264	-	5,051,337
Buildings and systems	139,490,281	1,933,547	30,100	141,393,728
Total capital assets, being depreciated	144,431,878	2,054,811	30,100	146,456,589

<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Improvements other than buildings	11,524	-	-	11,524
Equipment	2,187,415	354,023	-	2,541,438
Buildings and systems	51,026,102	3,336,348	24,194	54,338,256
Total accumulated depreciation	53,225,041	3,690,371	24,194	56,891,218
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	91,206,837	(1,635,560)	5,906	89,565,371
Joint Sewer Fund capital assets, net	\$ 91,527,655	\$ 1,109,424	\$ 26,924	\$ 92,610,155

NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of long-term liability of the Joint Sewer System for the year ended December 31, 2018:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Business-type Activities					
Loan payable					
<i>CWRPDA</i>	\$ 3,520,000	\$ -	\$ 435,000	\$ 3,085,000	\$ 450,000
Plus deferred amounts:					
For loan premium	98,267	-	22,119	76,148	20,248
Bonds payable:					
<i>Build America Bonds</i>	1,545,000	-	505,000	1,040,000	1,040,000
Compensated absences	248,755	6,161	14,955	239,961	15,909
Business-type activity long-term liabilities	\$ 5,412,022	\$ 6,161	\$ 977,074	\$ 4,441,109	\$ 1,526,157

In prior years, the Joint Sewer System defeased certain bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in irrevocable trusts to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account's assets and liabilities for the defeased bonds is not included in the financial statements of the Joint Sewer System.

Bonds and loans payable, as of December 31, 2018, are comprised of the following:

Loan Payable

The Joint Sewer System entered into a loan agreement dated April 1, 2002 with the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to finance the elimination of combined storm and sanitary sewer lines and septic system elimination. The original principal amount was \$13,490,000 at a net effective interest rate of 3.62%, payable February 1 and August 1 annually through 2024. The sewer system net revenues are pledged as security for the loan. The loan proceeds are held by a trustee on behalf of the Joint Sewer System with disbursements occurring upon receipt of a requisition executed by the City/County. The unpaid principal at December 31, 2018 was \$3,085,000 payable over the following term from Business activities:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 450,000	\$ 145,591	\$ 595,591
2020	465,000	131,884	596,884
2021	480,000	117,802	597,802
2022	520,000	82,071	602,071
2023	565,000	55,091	620,091
2024	605,000	15,104	620,104
	\$ 3,085,000	\$ 547,543	\$ 3,632,543

Bonds Payable

The Joint Sewer System issued \$5,200,000 of approved revenue bonds (Direct Pay Build America Bonds Series 2009) bearing interest at 3.99%, payable June 1 and December 1 annually through December 2019. The revenue bonds were issued to extend, better, otherwise improve and equip the joint wastewater system. The unpaid principal at December 31, 2018 was \$1,040,000, payable over the following term from *Business activities*:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 48,807	\$ 1,088,807
	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 48,807	\$ 1,088,807

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT PLAN

Defined Contribution Plan

All full-time employees of the Joint Sewer System participate in a mandatory defined contribution retirement plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed on the plan participant’s behalf to the plan plus investment earnings. The plan is administered by the International City Manager’s Association Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC) with the City of Grand Junction General Employees Retirement Plan Board having the option to alter, amend, or terminate the plan. The plan provides for retirement benefits based upon an employee’s vested account. A participant becomes 100% vested on completion of five years of service. Amounts forfeited by employees who leave employment before becoming fully vested are used to pay for administrative expenses of the plan. The Joint Sewer System matches employees’ required contributions of 6% of base salary. An employee may make voluntary contributions of up to an additional 10%. In 2018, covered wages in the Joint Sewer System under this plan were \$2,488,671, employer contributions were \$149,320, and employee contributions were \$149,320. Total payroll for the Joint Sewer System for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$2,526,590. At December 31, 2018, there were no amounts due from the City to the plan.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE

The Joint Sewer System is exposed to various risks of loss related to employee health claims; torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Joint Sewer System is included in the City’s risk financing. The City has established the Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund to account for and finance its uninsured risks of loss. Under this program, the Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund provides coverage for up to a maximum of \$150,000 per occurrence on each worker’s compensation claim and up to \$150,000 for each general liability or property damage claim. The City purchases an excess policy for claims above the self-insured retention for worker’s compensation and participates in the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) for claims in excess of coverage for general liability, crime, police professional liability, E & O, and property. The City’s share of surplus contributions held by CIRSA at December 31, 2018 was \$173,797. There were no settlements in excess of the insurance coverage in any of the three prior fiscal years.

The Joint Sewer System and all funds of the City participate in the program and make payments to the Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund at amounts that approximate amounts which would have been paid to outside insurance providers. The claims liability of \$1,797,959 in the Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund at December 31, 2018 includes estimated ultimate losses for claims made and claims incurred but not reported, where information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The result of the process to estimate the claims liability is not an exact amount as it depends on many complex factors, such as inflation, changes in legal doctrines, and damage awards. Accordingly, claims are reevaluated periodically to consider these factors. Changes in the City’s Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund claims liability amount in 2017 and 2018 were:

	January 1		Claims and		December 31
	Claims		Changes in		Claims
	Payable		Estimates		Payable
2017	\$ 1,956,906	\$	2,454,852	\$ (1,110,860)	\$ 3,300,898
2018	\$ 3,300,898	\$	(286,356)	\$ (1,216,583)	\$ 1,797,959

NOTE 7 – TAX, SPENDING AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

In November 1992, the voters of Colorado approved Amendment 1, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), which added a new Section 20 to Article X of the Colorado Constitution. TABOR contains tax, spending, revenue and debt limitations, and certain election requirements, which apply to the State of Colorado and all local governments.

TABOR requires local governments to establish emergency reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of fiscal year spending, excluding bonded debt service. Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases. **The City of Grand Junction/Mesa County Joint Sewer System is considered an “enterprise” by definition, and therefore, is exempt from TABOR and the establishment of an emergency reserve.**

TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. The Joint Sewer System’s management believes the Joint Sewer System is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR, as it is understood from judicial interpretations, legal opinions, and commonly accepted practices.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

City of Grand Junction/Mesa County, Colorado

Joint Sewer System

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
BUDGET (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) AND ACTUAL**

Year ended December 31, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Charges for sales and services	\$ 13,612,091	\$ 13,612,091	\$ 13,831,802	\$ 219,711
Fines and forfeitures	1,000	1,000	5,486	4,486
Sewer tap fees and system development	2,691,131	2,691,131	2,951,373	260,242
Investment income	200,000	200,000	458,022	258,022
Intergovernmental revenues	26,112	26,112	22,972	(3,140)
Miscellaneous	24,000	24,000	19,454	(4,546)
	<u>16,554,334</u>	<u>16,554,334</u>	<u>17,289,109</u>	<u>734,775</u>
Expenditures:				
Personnel services	3,618,759	3,603,759	3,484,059	119,700
Costs of sales and services	3,727,283	3,828,195	3,654,747	173,448
Debt retirement and interest expense	1,170,797	1,170,797	1,170,797	-
Capital outlay	9,230,759	9,144,847	4,381,877	4,762,970
	<u>17,747,598</u>	<u>17,747,598</u>	<u>12,691,480</u>	<u>5,056,118</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ <u>(1,193,264)</u>	\$ <u>(1,193,264)</u>	\$ <u>4,597,629</u>	\$ <u>5,790,893</u>
Adjustments:				
Add:				
Capital outlay			4,381,877	
Gain on disposition of capital assets			(5,906)	
Debt principal			940,000	
Accrued interest			9,602	
			<u>5,325,573</u>	
Less:				
Sewer tap fees and system development			(2,951,373)	
Depreciation expense			(3,668,253)	
Accrued compensated absences			8,794	
Investment fair market value adjustment			(31,287)	
			<u>(6,642,119)</u>	
Net income before contributions and transfers			\$ <u>3,281,083</u>	

Note: The budget basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis as shown above.