

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**  
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**AND**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
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**DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 2021**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Meeker Sanitation District

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Meeker Sanitation District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Meeker Sanitation District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Meeker Sanitation District, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Meeker Sanitation District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Meeker Sanitation District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Meeker Sanitation District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Meeker Sanitation District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of the District's contributions – PERA Pension Plan, schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, and schedule of the District's contributions – PERA OPEB Plan be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises of the budgetary comparison schedule but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Rangely, Colorado  
June 29, 2022

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The discussion and analysis of the Meeker Sanitation District's (the "District") financial performance provides readers with an overall review of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2021. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$5,883,638 at December 31, 2021.
- Total District's cash and investments increased by \$48,052 or 4 percent from 2020.
- The December 31, 2021 Net Position balance is \$154,003 less than the previous year.

### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This Annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are prepared and organized so the reader can understand the District as a financial whole. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at our specific financial conditions.

### OVERVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all District assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows, with the difference between them 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 District is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position* presents information showing how net position changed during the current year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected service charges and earned but unused vacation leave).

The *Statement of Cash Flows* presents information about the cash receipts and cash payments of the District during the current year. When used with related disclosures and information in the other financial statements, the information provided in this statement should help financial report users assess the District's ability to generate future net cash flows, its ability to meet its obligations as they come due and its need for external financing. It also provides insight into the reasons for differences between operating income and associated cash receipts and payments; and the effects on the District's financial position of its cash and its non-cash investing, capital and related financing transactions during the year.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 13 through 38 of this report.

**Budgetary Comparisons.** The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for the Sanitation Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the Sanitation Fund on page 47 through 48 of this report.

## REPORTING THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

**Net Position.** As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position.

The following table provides a summary of the District's net position for 2020 and 2021.

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	2020	2021
<b>Assets</b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 1,319,885	\$ 1,430,357
Capital assets	5,358,100	5,138,554
Total assets	<u>6,677,985</u>	<u>6,568,911</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows</b>	<u>58,296</u>	<u>115,329</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current and other liabilities	49,331	66,710
Long-term liabilities	362,470	268,166
Total liabilities	<u>411,801</u>	<u>334,876</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows</b>	<u>286,838</u>	<u>465,726</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	5,358,100	5,138,554
Restricted	25,256	26,236
Unrestricted	654,286	718,848
Total net position	<u>\$ 6,037,642</u>	<u>\$ 5,883,638</u>

A significant portion of the District's position represents unrestricted net position of \$718,848 which may be used to meet the ongoing obligations to patrons and creditors.

Another significant portion of the District's net position reflects its net investment in capital assets. These assets include land, buildings, plant, equipment and construction in progress. These capital assets are used to provide services to patrons; consequently, they are not available for future spending.

An additional \$26,236 of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The restriction is for the TABOR emergency reserve.

The following table indicates the changes in net position for 2020 and 2021.

	2020	2021
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 653,082	\$ 687,234
<b>General revenues:</b>		
General property taxes	143,202	142,502
Specific ownership tax	5,299	5,769
Investment earnings	7,037	541
Other	33,260	38,488
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>841,880</u>	<u>874,534</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Administration	244,885	262,038
Sewage collection and treatment	753,652	766,499
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>998,537</u>	<u>1,028,537</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>\$ (156,657)</u>	<u>\$ (154,003)</u>

The District's net position decreased by \$154,003 in 2021. Key elements of this decrease are as follows:

Expenses increased by \$30,000 from 2020.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUND

Information about the District's operations begins on page 9. This fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting.

As of December 31, 2021, the total fund net position balance of the District's proprietary fund was \$5,883,638. Approximately 12 percent of this consists of unrestricted fund equity, which is available as working capital and for current spending in accordance with the purposes of the District. The remainder of the fund equity is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it is committed for the following purpose: (1) a State-Constitution mandated emergency reserve (\$26,236) and (2) net investment in capital assets (\$5,138,554). The District had revenues of \$874,534 and expenses of \$1,028,537.

**BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The District’s budget is prepared according to Colorado statutes.

**2021 Sanitation Fund Budget**

	<b><u>Original Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Amend- ments</u></b>	<b><u>Final Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 1,024,393	\$ -	\$ 1,024,393	\$ 6,037,641
Revenue and other financing sources	1,626,754	-	1,626,754	882,035
Expenditures and other financing uses	<u>(1,893,754)</u>	-	<u>(1,893,754)</u>	<u>(816,493)</u>
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$ 757,393</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 757,393</u>	<u>\$ 6,103,183</u>

Actual revenue and other financing sources were \$744,719 less than budgeted revenue and other financing sources. Actual grants were \$750,000 less than budgeted and was the main contributor of the difference.

Actual expenditures and other financing uses were \$1,077,261 less than budgeted expenditures and other financing uses. Capital outlay was \$1,006,423 less than budgeted and was the main contributor for the difference.

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets.** The District’s net investment in capital assets for its business activities as of December 31, 2021 totaled \$5,138,554 (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This investment includes all land, buildings, plant, equipment, and construction in progress. The total decrease in investment in capital assets for the current year was \$219,546 or 4 percent.

The District uses the straight-line depreciation method under GASB 34 for its capital assets, except for land which is not depreciated.

**Long-term Debt.** The District had no long-term debt.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND OTHER MATTERS**

**Other Matters.** The following factors are expected to have a significant effect on the District’s financial position and results of operations and were taken into account in developing the 2022 budget:

- Anticipated funds from a SRF loan.
- Anticipated increase in property taxes received.
- Capital improvements of \$1,485,500.

**REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District’s finances for all those with an interest in the District’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided or for additional financial information should be addressed to the District, P.O. Box 417, Meeker, CO 81641.



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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
December 31, 2021

## ASSETS

## CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,099,771
Accounts receivable	9,329
Property taxes receivable	204,909
Prepaid expenses	61,910
Restricted cash and investments	<u>54,438</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 1,430,357

## NONCURRENT ASSETS

Capital assets, nondepreciable	265,045
Capital assets, net	<u>4,873,509</u>

TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS 5,138,554

## DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows related to pensions	111,689
Deferred outflows related to post employment benefit (OPEB)	<u>3,640</u>

TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES 115,329

TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES 6,684,240

## LIABILITIES

## CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	33,907
Prepaid revenues	7,655
Employee compensated absences	<u>25,148</u>

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES 66,710

## NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

Net pension liability	235,405
Net OPEB liability	<u>32,761</u>

TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES 268,166

## DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Unearned revenue - property taxes	204,909
Deferred inflows related to pensions	250,240
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	<u>10,577</u>

TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES 465,726

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES 800,602

## NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	5,138,554
Restricted for Tabor emergencies	26,236
Unrestricted	<u>718,848</u>

TOTAL NET POSITION \$ 5,883,638

The accompanying "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of this statement.

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

OPERATING REVENUE	
Sewer service	\$ 687,234
	<u>687,234</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	<u>687,234</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Plant operations	
Salaries and wages	197,926
Employee benefits	116,192
Professional services	18,053
Utilities	90,383
Insurance	24,994
Vehicle operation and repair	5,715
Plant chemicals and supplies	3,291
Repairs and maintenance	41,882
Miscellaneous	31,151
Depreciation	236,912
Total Plant Operations	<u>766,499</u>
Administration	
Directors' fees	4,500
Office salaries	108,821
Employee benefits	75,859
Professional services	27,080
Insurance	2,551
Office supplies	15,770
Telephone	3,139
Utilities	1,623
Miscellaneous	16,485
Depreciation	6,210
Total Administration	<u>262,038</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,028,537</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(341,303)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Property taxes (net)	142,502
Specific ownership tax	5,769
Interest income	541
Miscellaneous	38,488
NET NON-OPERATING REVENUES	<u>187,300</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(154,003)
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>6,037,641</u>
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 5,883,638</u>

The accompanying "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of this statement.

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 686,206
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(272,584)
Cash payments to employees for services	<u>(529,293)</u>
NET CASH (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(115,671)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Property tax (net of treasurer fees)	142,502
Specific ownership tax	5,769
Miscellaneous non-operating revenue	<u>38,488</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>186,759</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of capital assets	<u>(23,577)</u>
NET CASH (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(23,577)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Net increase in restricted cash	(26)
Investment income	<u>541</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>515</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	48,026
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,051,745</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,099,771</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (341,303)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to Net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	243,122
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(167)
Decrease (increase) in prepaids	(8,003)
Decrease (increase) in deferred outflows	(57,033)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	17,536
Increase (decrease) in prepaid revenue	(861)
Increase (decrease) in employee compensated absences	703
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(88,895)
Increase (decrease) in net OPEB liability	(5,409)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows	<u>124,639</u>
NET CASH (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ (115,671)</u>

The accompanying "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of this statement.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2021

### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Meeker Sanitation District (the District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to government units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies consistently used in the preparation of the financial statements.

#### **A. Financial Reporting Entity**

An elected five member Board of Directors governs the District. No additional separate government units, agencies, or nonprofit corporations are included in the financial statements of the District as component units. Component units are legally separate entities for which the District is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the ability to appoint a voting majority of the organization's governing body and either (1) the District's ability to impose its will over the organization or (2) the potential that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on the District.

The District provides sewer service to the Town of Meeker, Colorado and surrounding areas.

#### **B. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The District uses the accounting principles applicable to enterprise funds. The Enterprise Fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Its revenues are recognized when they are earned, and its expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

The District distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are charges to customers for sales and services. The District recognizes the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system as operating revenue. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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

#### **C. Fixed Assets**

Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable.

Interest is capitalized on proprietary fund assets acquired with tax-exempt debt. The amount of interest to be capitalized is calculated by offsetting interest expense incurred from the date of the borrowing until completion of the project with interest earned on invested proceeds over the same period. In 2019 no interest was capitalized.

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2021

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

**C. Fixed Assets, continued**

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

	<u>Years</u>
Sewage Treatment	50
Sewer Collection System	50
Building	30
Equipment	5-10

**D. Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied on December 22 of each year and attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are due as of January 1 of the following year and are payable in full by June 15 if paid in installments, or April 30 with a single payment. Taxes are delinquent as of June 16. If the taxes are not paid within subsequent statutory periods, the property will be sold at public auction. The County bills and collects the property taxes and remits collections to the District on a monthly basis. No provision has been made for uncollected taxes, in that the District's experience indicates that all material amounts will be collected and paid to the District.

**E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The District's directors follow these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

Prior to October 15, the office manager submits to the District's directors a proposed operating budget for the year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

Public hearings are conducted to obtain the taxpayers' comments.

Prior to December 15 the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.

The budget for the Enterprise Fund is adopted on a basis which differs from GAAP in that outlays for debt retirement principal and acquisitions of fixed assets are included as expenses, and depreciation is excluded from expenses.

Appropriations lapse at the end of each calendar year.

The District's directors may authorize supplemental appropriations during the year. No supplemental appropriations were made during the year ended December 31, 2021.

**F. Compensated Absences**

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave, which will be taken after year-end or paid upon separation from service. A liability for accrued vacation and sick leave benefits has been recorded in the Proprietary Fund.

**G. Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows the District considers all investments in highly liquid debt instruments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less, to be cash equivalents.



**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
December 31, 2021

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

**H. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**I. Prepaid Items**

Payments made to vendors for services representing costs applicable to future accounting periods are recorded as prepaid items.

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The District's bank accounts and certificates of deposit at year-end were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the Authority's custodial banks under provisions of the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act.

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act requires financial institutions to pledge collateral having a market value of at least 102% of the aggregate public deposits not insured by federal depository insurance. Eligible collateral included municipal bonds, U.S. government securities, mortgage, and deeds of trust.

State statutes authorized the District to invest in obligation of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, obligations of the State of Colorado or of any county, Local Government, authority, and certain towns and cities therein, notes or bonds secured by insured mortgages or trust deeds, obligations of national mortgage associations, and certain repurchase agreements.

The District's investment policy is not more restrictive than State statutes. The District's investments are concentrated in local government investment pools, U.S. government and agency securities, and bank CDs.

Colorado Revised Statutes limit investment maturities to five years or less from the date of purchase. This limit on investment maturities is a means of limiting exposure to fair value arising from increasing interest rates.

Investments for the District are reported at market value. Investments held are as follows:

<u>December 31, 2021</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
COLOTRUST	<u>\$ 1,093,150</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,150</u>

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2021

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS, Continued**

Included in cash and cash equivalents are amounts held in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (the Trust), and investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The Trust offer shared in three portfolios, COLOTRUST Prime, COLOTRUST Plus+, and COLOTRUST EDGE. COLOTRUST Prime and COLOTRUST Plus+ operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. COLOTRUST EDGE is a variable NAV fund managed to approximate a \$10.00 transactional share price, calculated and publishing a fair value NAV on a daily basis. Investments of COLOTRUST consist of U.S. Treasury bills, notes and note strips and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services to COLOTRUST in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal function of COLOTRUST. Substantially all securities owned by COLOTRUST are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian's internal records identify the investments owned by COLOTRUST. At December 31, 2021, the District invested \$1,093,150 in COLOTRUST Plus+. The District's investment in the COLOTRUST Plus+ is rated AAAM by S&P Global Ratings and COLOTRUST EDGE is rated AAAf/S1 by FitchRatings.

A summary of cash and investments is as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	
Cash on hand	\$ 190
Cash with County	474
Cash deposits in bank	60,394
COLOTRUST	<u>1,038,713</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,099,771
Restricted cash and investments – COLOTRUST (**)	<u>54,438</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$1,154,209</u>

\*\* Board designated for sewer improvements

**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Management has elected to record bad debts using the direct write-off method. Generally accepted accounting principles require that the allowance method be used to reflect bad debts. However, the effect of the use of the direct write-off method is not materially different from the results that would have been obtained had the allowance method been followed.

**NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAXES**

**Revenue Recognized in 2021**

Local property taxes levied in 2020 and collected in 2021 are recognized as revenue in these financial statements as shown below:

	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Mill Levy</u>	<u>Amount of Taxes Levied</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percent Collected</u>
Enterprise Fund	\$ 20,168,740	7.47	\$ 150,660	\$ 148,221	98.38%

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**NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAXES, Continued**

**Property Taxes Receivable and Deferred Revenues**

Local Property taxes levied in 2021 but not collectible until 2022 are shown as property taxes receivable and deferred revenue.

	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Mill Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Percent Collectible</u>	<u>Property Taxes Receivable</u>	<u>Deferred Revenue</u>
Enterprise Fund	\$ 21,637,740	9.47	100.0%	\$ 204,909	\$ 204,909

**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2021 is as follows:

	<u>January 1, 2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 265,045	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265,045
Total assets not being depreciated	<u>265,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>265,045</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Administration	224,162	-	-	224,162
Sewage collection and treatment	<u>11,296,875</u>	<u>23,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,320,452</u>
Total assets being depreciated	<u>11,521,037</u>	<u>23,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,544,614</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Administration	(195,079)	(6,210)	-	(201,289)
Sewage collection and treatment	<u>(6,232,903)</u>	<u>(236,913)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,469,816)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,427,982)</u>	<u>(243,123)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,671,105)</u>
Total assets being depreciated, net	<u>5,093,055</u>	<u>(219,546)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,873,509</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,358,100</u>	<u>\$ (219,546)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,138,554</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to function/programs of the primary government as follows:

Business-type activities:	
Administration	\$ 6,210
Sewage collection and treatment	<u>236,913</u>
Total depreciation expense – business-type activities	<u>\$ 243,123</u>

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**NOTE 6 - BUDGETARY - GAAP REPORTING RECONCILIATION**

The accompanying schedule presents comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data on a budgetary basis for the Enterprise Fund. Because accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ significantly from those used to present financial statements in conformity with GAAP, a reconciliation of resultant basis, timing, perspective and entity differences in the revenues under expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2021, is presented as follows:

	<u>Sanitation</u>
Revenues over expenses (NON-GAAP basis) (Page 48)	\$ 65,542
Less	
Depreciation	(243,122)
Add	
Capital outlay	<u>23,577</u>
Revenues under expenses (GAAP basis) (Page 10)	<u>\$(154,003)</u>

**NOTE 7 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The District has contracted for the administration of a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The deferred compensation is not available to the employee until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. The assets of this plan are not in the name of the District and are not included in these financial statements.

**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Pensions.* Meeker Sanitation District participates in the Local Government Division Trust Fund (LGDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the LGDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

The Colorado General Assembly passed significant pension reform through Senate Bill (SB) 18-200: *Concerning Modifications To the Public Employees' Retirement Association Hybrid Defined Benefit Plan Necessary to Eliminate with a High Probability the Unfunded Liability of the Plan Within the Next Thirty Years.* The bill was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper on June 4, 2018. SB 18-200 makes changes to certain benefit provisions. Most of these changes were in effect as of December 31, 2021.

**General Information about the Pension Plan**

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the Meeker Sanitation District are provided with pensions through the Local Government Division Trust Fund (LGDTF)—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial (Annual Report) report that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2021

### **NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

#### **General Information about the Pension Plan, continued**

*Benefits provided as of December 31, 2020.* PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA Benefit Structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5 percent and then multiplied by years of service credit
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100 percent match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Benefit Structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5 percent and then multiplied by years of service credit
- \$15 times the first 10 years of service credit plus \$20 times service credit over 10 years plus a monthly amount equal to the annuitized member contribution account balance based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

In all cases the service retirement benefit is limited to 100 percent of highest average salary and also cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50 percent or 100 percent on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether 5 years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

As of December 31, 2020, benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit are generally eligible to receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S., once certain criteria are met. Pursuant to SB 18-200, PERA benefit structure who began membership before January 1, 2007, and all benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure will receive an annual increase of 1.25 percent unless adjusted by the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-51-413. Eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership on or after January 1, 2007 will receive the lessor of an annual increase of 1.25 percent or the average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed 10 percent of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the LGDTF. The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned annual increase by up to 0.25 percent based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-413.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the lifetime retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

**General Information about the Pension Plan, continued**

*Contributions as of December 31, 2021.* Eligible employees and Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center are required to contribute to the LGDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, *et seq.* and § 24-51-413. Employee contribution rates for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 are summarized in the table below:

	January 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2021	July 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2021
Employee contribution (all employees except State Troopers)	8.50%	8.50%
State Troopers Only	12.00%	12.50%

\*\*Contribution rates for the LGDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

The employer contribution requirements for all employees other than State Troopers are summarized in the table below:

	January 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2021	July 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2021
Employer contribution rate	10.00%	10.50%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02)%	(1.02)%
Amount apportioned to the LGDTF	9.48%	9.48%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	2.20%	2.20%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	1.50%	1.50%
Defined Contribution Supplement as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-415	0.02%	0.02%
<b>Total employer contribution rate to the LGDTF</b>	<b>13.20%</b>	<b>13.20%</b>

\*\*Contribution rates for the LGDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

**General Information about the Pension Plan, continued**

The employer contribution requirements for State Troopers are summarized in the table below:

	January 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2021	July 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2021
Employer contribution rate	13.60%	13.6%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02)%	(1.02)%
Amount apportioned to the LGDTF	12.58%	12.58%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	2.20%	2.20%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	1.50%	1.50%
Defined Contribution Supplement as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-415	0.02%	0.02%
<b>Total employer contribution rate to the LGDTF</b>	<b>16.30%</b>	<b>16.30%</b>

\*\*Contribution rates for the LGDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

Employer contributions are recognized by the LGDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Meeker Sanitation District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the LGDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the LGDTF from Meeker Sanitation District were \$43,504 for the year ended December 31, 2021

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At December 31, 2021, the Meeker Sanitation District reported a liability of \$235,405 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability for the LGDTF was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2020. The Meeker Sanitation District proportion of the net pension liability was based on Meeker Sanitation District contributions to the LGDTF for the calendar year 2020 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the LGDTF.

At December 31, 2020, the Meeker Sanitation District proportion was 0.045 percent, which was an increase of 0.001 from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2019.

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, continued**

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Meeker Sanitation District recognized pension income of \$24,056. At December 31, 2020, the Meeker Sanitation District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	11,382	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	56,888	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	254,577
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	(85)	(4,337)
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	43,504	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,689</b>	<b>250,240</b>

\$43,504 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense (income) as follows:

<b>Year ended December 31:</b>	
2022	(27,079)
2023	(29,056)
2024	(85,743)
2025	(40,177)
2026	-
Thereafter	-



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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, continued**

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.40%
Real wage growth	1.10%
Wage inflation	3.50%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.50% – 10.45%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA Benefit Structure hired prior to 1/1/07; and DPS Benefit Structure (compounded annually)	1.25%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 <sup>1</sup>	Financed by the AIR

<sup>1</sup> Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members reflect the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions reflect the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 73 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 108 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- **Females:** Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 78 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 109 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

The mortality assumption for disabled retirees is based on 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019, valuations were based on the results of the 2016 experience analysis for the periods January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2015, as well as, the October 28, 2016, actuarial assumptions workshop and were adopted by the PERA Board during the November 18, 2016, Board meeting.

Based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 20, 2020, and were effective as of December 31, 2020. The assumptions shown below were reflected in the roll forward calculation of the total pension liability from December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2020.

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, continued**

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation:	
Members other than State Troopers	3.20%-11.30%
State Troopers <sup>1</sup>	3.20%-12.40%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07 and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)	1.25%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 <sup>2</sup>	Financed by the AIR

<sup>1</sup> C.R.S. § 24-51-101 (46), as amended, expanded the definition of "State Troopers" to include certain employees within the LGDTF, effective January 1, 2020. See Note 4 of the Notes to the Financial Statements in PERA's 2020 Annual Report for more information.

<sup>2</sup> Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

Salary scale assumptions were revised to align with revised economic assumptions and to more closely reflect actual experience.

Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for Members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubG-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the PubS-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for Members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubG-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 94 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 90 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 87 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 107 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, continued**

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 97 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 105 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for Members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99 percent of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The mortality tables described above are generational mortality tables on a benefit-weighted basis.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four to five years for PERA. Recently this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020. As a result of the November 20, 2020, PERA Board meeting, the following economic assumptions were changed, effective December 31, 2020:

- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.40 percent per year to 2.30 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses to 4.95 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.50 percent per year to 3.00 percent per year.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation.

The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25 percent long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the Board's November 15, 2019, meeting, to be effective January 1, 2020. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</b>
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives <sup>1</sup>	6.00%	4.70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The Opportunity Fund's name changed to Alternatives, effective January 1, 2020.

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### NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued

#### **Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, continued**

In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected rate of return assumption of 7.25 percent.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.50 percent.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103 percent, at which point, the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50 percent every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process used by the plan to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial fiduciary net position, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriated. AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and method, the LGDTF's FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25 percent. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

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**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, continued**

*Sensitivity of the Meeker Sanitation District proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	542,279	235,405	(20,795)

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the LGDTF’s fiduciary net position is available in PERA’s Annual Report which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

**NOTE 9 – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN**

Voluntary Investment Program

*Plan Description* – Employees of the Meeker Sanitation District that are also members of the LGDTF may voluntarily contribute to the Voluntary Investment Program, and Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) defined contribution plan administered by PERA. Title 24, Article 51, Part 14 of the C.R.S., as amended, assigns the authority to establish the Plan provision to the PERA Board of Trustees. PERA issues a publicly available CAFR which includes additional information on the Voluntary Investment Program. That report can be obtained at [www.copera.or/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.or/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Funding Policy* – The Voluntary Investment Program is funded by voluntary member contributions up to the maximum limits set by the Internal Revenue Service, as established under Title 24, Article 51, Section, 1402 of the C.R.S., as amended. Employees are immediately vested in their own contributions, employer contributions and investment earnings. For the year ended December 31, 2021, program members contributed \$4,749.

**NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN**

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*OPEB.* Meeker Sanitation District participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees’ Retirement Association of Colorado (“PERA”). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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### **NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN, Continued**

#### **General Information about the OPEB Plan**

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the Meeker Sanitation District are provided with OPEB through the HCTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by PERA. The HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), as amended. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the C.R.S., as amended, sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure, and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of the premium subsidies. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report (Annual Report) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Benefits provided.* The HCTF provides a health care premium subsidy to eligible participating PERA benefit recipients and retirees who choose to enroll in one of the PERA health care plans, however, the subsidy is not available if only enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s). The health care premium subsidy is based upon the benefit structure under which the member retires and the member's years of service credit. For members who retire having service credit with employers in the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Division and one or more of the other four Divisions (State, School, Local Government and Judicial), the premium subsidy is allocated between the HCTF and the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF). The basis for the amount of the premium subsidy funded by each trust fund is the percentage of the member contribution account balance from each division as it relates to the total member contribution account balance from which the retirement benefit is paid.

C.R.S. § 24-51-1202 et seq. specifies the eligibility for enrollment in the health care plans offered by PERA and the amount of the premium subsidy. The law governing a benefit recipient's eligibility for the subsidy and the amount of the subsidy differs slightly depending under which benefit structure the benefits are calculated. All benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure and all retirees under the DPS benefit structure are eligible for a premium subsidy, if enrolled in a health care plan under PERACare. Upon the death of a DPS benefit structure retiree, no further subsidy is paid.

Enrollment in the PERACare is voluntary and is available to benefit recipients and their eligible dependents, certain surviving spouses, and divorced spouses and guardians, among others. Eligible benefit recipients may enroll into the program upon retirement, upon the occurrence of certain life events, or on an annual basis during an open enrollment period.

#### *PERA Benefit Structure*

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for benefit recipients who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for benefit recipients who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The basis for the maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for benefit recipients with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5 percent reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For benefit recipients who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, C.R.S. § 24-51-1206(4) provides an additional subsidy. According to the statute, PERA cannot charge premiums to benefit recipients without Medicare Part A that are greater than premiums charged to benefit recipients with Part A for the same plan option, coverage level, and service credit. Currently, for each individual PERACare enrollee, the total premium for Medicare coverage is determined assuming plan participants have both Medicare Part A and Part B and the difference in premium cost is paid by the HCTF or the DPS HCTF on behalf of benefit recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

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### **NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT (OPEB) PLAN, Continued**

#### **General Information about the OPEB Plan, continued**

##### *DPS Benefit Structure*

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for retirees who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for retirees who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The basis for the maximum subsidy, in each case, is for retirees with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5 percent reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The retiree pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For retirees who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, the HCTF or the DPS HCTF pays an alternate service-based premium subsidy. Each individual retiree meeting these conditions receives the maximum \$230 per month subsidy reduced appropriately for service less than 20 years, as described above. Retirees who do not have Medicare Part A pay the difference between the total premium and the monthly subsidy.

*Contributions.* Pursuant to Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1)(f) of the C.R.S., as amended, certain contributions are apportioned to the HCTF. PERA-affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions are required to contribute at a rate of 1.02 percent of PERA-includable salary into the HCTF.

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center were \$3,362 for the year ended December 31, 2021.

#### **OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

At December 31, 2021, the Meeker Sanitation District reported a liability of \$32,761 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total OPEB liability to December 31, 2020. The Meeker Sanitation District proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on Meeker Sanitation District contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2020 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2020, the Meeker Sanitation District proportion was 0.003 percent, which was an increase of 0.000 from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2019.

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**NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT (OPEB) PLAN, Continued**

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB, continued**

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Meeker Sanitation District recognized OPEB income of \$2,643. At December 31, 2021, the Meeker Sanitation District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	87	7,202
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	245	2,009
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	1,339
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	(54)	27
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,362	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,640</b>	<b>10,577</b>

\$3,362 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended December 31, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<b>Year ended December 31:</b>	
2022	(2,448)
2023	(2,261)
2024	(2,672)
2025	(2,123)
2026	(749)
Thereafter	(46)



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**NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT (OPEB) PLAN, Continued**

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB, continued**

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.40%
Real wage growth	1.10%
Wage inflation	3.50%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.50% in aggregate
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Health care cost trend rates	
PERA benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans decreasing to 4.50% in 2029	8.10% in 2020, gradually
Medicare Part A premiums increasing to 4.50% in 2029	3.50% in 2020, gradually
DPS benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans	N/A
Medicare Part A premiums	N/A

In determining the additional liability for PERACare enrollees who are age 65 or older and who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A in the December 31, 2019, valuation, the following monthly costs/premiums (actual dollars) are assumed for 2020 for the PERA Benefit Structure:

<b>Medicare Plan</b>	<b>Initial Costs for Members Without Medicare Part A</b>		
	<b>Monthly Cost</b>	<b>Monthly Premium</b>	<b>Monthly Cost Adjusted to Age 65</b>
Medicare Advantage/Self-Insured Rx	\$588	\$227	\$550
Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage HMO	621	232	586

The 2020 Medicare Part A premium is \$458 (actual dollars) per month.

All costs are subject to the health care cost trend rates, as discussed below.

Health care cost trend rates reflect the change in per capita health costs over time due to factors such as medical inflation, utilization, plan design, and technology improvements. For the PERA benefit structure, health care cost trend rates are needed to project the future costs associated with providing benefits to those PERACare enrollees not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A.

Health care cost trend rates for the PERA benefit structure are based on published annual health care inflation surveys in conjunction with actual plan experience (if credible), building block models and heuristics developed by health plan actuaries and administrators, and projected trends for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Medicare Part A premiums) provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Effective December 31, 2019, the health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

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**NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT (OPEB) PLAN, Continued**

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB, continued**

The PERA benefit structure health care cost trend rates that were used to measure the total OPEB liability are summarized in the table below:

Year	PERACare Medicare Plans	Medicare Part A Premiums
2020	8.10%	3.50%
2021	6.40%	3.75%
2022	6.00%	3.75%
2023	5.70%	3.75%
2024	5.50%	4.00%
2025	5.30%	4.00%
2026	5.10%	4.00%
2027	4.90%	4.25%
2028	4.70%	4.25%
2029+	4.50%	4.50%

Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2019 valuation for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below were applied, as applicable, in the determination of the total OPEB liability for the HCTF. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members were based on the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 73 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 108 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- **Females:** Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 78 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 109 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the School and Judicial Divisions were based on the RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 93 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 113 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- **Females:** Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 68 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 106 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

The mortality assumption for disabled retirees, was based on 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

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**NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT (OPEB) PLAN, Continued**

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB, continued**

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019, valuation were based on the results of the 2016 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2015, as well as the October 28, 2016, actuarial assumptions workshop and were adopted by PERA’s Board during the November 18, 2016, Board meeting.

Based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, and November 4, 2020, for the period of January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA’s Board on November 20, 2020, and were effective as of December 31, 2020. The assumptions shown below were reflected in the roll forward calculation of the total OPEB liability from December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2020.

	<b>Trust Fund</b>			
	<b>State Division</b>	<b>School Division</b>	<b>Local Government Division</b>	<b>Judicial Division</b>
Actuarial cost method	Entry age	Entry age	Entry age	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation:				
Members other than State Troopers	3.30%-10.90%	3.40%-11.00%	3.20%-11.30%	2.80%-5.30%
State Troopers	3.20%-12.40%	N/A	3.20%-12.40% <sup>1</sup>	N/A

<sup>1</sup> C.R.S. § 24-51-101 (46), as amended, expanded the definition of “State Troopers” to include certain employees within the Local Government Division, effective January 1, 2020. See Note 4 of the Notes to the Financial Statements in PERA’s 2020 Annual Report for more information.

The long-term rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation and discount rate assumptions were 7.25 percent.

Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.

Mortality assumptions used in the roll forward calculations for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below were applied, as applicable, in the roll forward calculation for the HCTF, using a headcount-weighted basis.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions (Members other than State Troopers) were based upon the PubG-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the PubS-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the Judicial Division were based upon the PubG-2010(A) Above-Median Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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### NOTE 10 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT (OPEB) PLAN, Continued

#### OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB, continued

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions (Members other than State Troopers) were based upon the PubG-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 94 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 90 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 87 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 107 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 112 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 94 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 83 percent of the rates prior to age 80 and 106 percent of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the Judicial Division were based upon the unadjusted PubG-2010(A) Above-Median Healthy Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 97 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 105 percent of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for Members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99 percent of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The mortality tables described above are generational mortality tables on a head-count weighted basis.

The following health care cost assumptions were updated and used in the measurement of the obligations for the HCTF:

- Initial per capita health care costs for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to attain age 65 and older ages and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits were updated to reflect the change in costs for the 2020 plan year.
- The health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the then-current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

Actuarial assumptions pertaining to per capita health care costs and their related trend rates are analyzed and updated annually by the Board's actuary, as discussed above.

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**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB, continued**

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four to five years for PERA. Recently this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020. As a result of the November 20, 2020, PERA Board meeting, the following economic assumptions were changed, effective December 31, 2020:

- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.40 percent per year to 2.30 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses to 4.95 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.50 percent per year to 3.00 percent per year.

Several factors were considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption for the HCTF, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation.

The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25 percent long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the Board's November 15, 2019, meeting, to be effective January 1, 2020. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</b>
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives <sup>1</sup>	6.00%	4.70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The Opportunity Fund's name changed to Alternatives, effective January 1, 2020.

In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected rate of return assumption of 7.25 percent.

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**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB, continued**

*Sensitivity of the Meeker Sanitation District proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates.* The following presents the net OPEB liability using the current health care cost trend rates applicable to the PERA benefit structure, as well as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rates:

	1% Decrease in Trend Rates	Current Trend Rates	1% Increase in Trend Rates
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate	7.10%	8.10%	9.10%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate	2.50%	3.50%	4.50%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	31,914	32,761	33,747

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Updated health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums as of the December 31, 2020, measurement date.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00 percent.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process used by the plan to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- Estimated transfers of dollars into the HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the HCTF's FNP was projected to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25 percent.

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**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB, continued**

*Sensitivity of Meeker Sanitation District proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	37,529	32,761	28,688

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the HCTF's fiduciary net position is available in PERA's Annual Report which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

**NOTE 11 – CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities:

	1/1/2021 Balance	Additions	Deductions	12/31/2021 Balance	Due in One Year
Net pension liability	\$ 324,300	\$ -	\$ 88,895	\$ 235,405	\$ -
Net OPEB liability	38,170	-	5,409	32,761	-
Total	\$ 362,470	\$ -	\$ 94,304	\$ 268,166	\$ -

**NOTE 12 - CONTINGENCIES**

In November 1992, Colorado voters amended Article X of the Colorado Constitution by adding Section 20, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). TABOR contains revenue, spending, tax and debt limitations which apply to the State of Colorado and local governments. TABOR requires, with certain exceptions, voter approval for any increase in mill levy or tax rates, new taxes, or creation of multi-year debt. Revenue in excess of the fiscal year spending limit must be refunded in the next fiscal year unless voters approve retention of such revenue. The amendment also requires that reserves be established for declared emergencies, with 3% of fiscal year spending required in 1995 and thereafter.

The District has no authorized but unissued debt subject to the amendment's limitation. Based on fiscal year spending for 2021, \$26,236 of the year end fund equity in the Proprietary Fund has been reserved for emergencies.

The District's management believes it is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of its provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate fiscal year spending limits, will require judicial interpretation.

On May 7, 1996, a majority of the District's electors authorized the District to collect and spend or retain in a reserve all currently levied taxes and other revenue of the District without regard to any limitations under TABOR. The election is effective only for years beginning January 1, 1996, and thereafter.

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**NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. Claims made against the Meeker Sanitation District and losses incurred by the District are covered by commercial insurance for all major areas. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the current year and settlement amounts, if any, have not exceeded insurance coverage for the last three years.

**NOTE 14 – REPORTING FOR PENSIONS**

Beginning in 2015, financial reporting information pertaining to the District's participation in Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA) is prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*.

**NOTE 15 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The District has evaluated subsequent events through June 29, 2022, the date at which the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that an event has occurred that require disclosure. The District passed a resolution to create 2 funds, a General Fund and an Enterprise Fund in order to seek funding for sewer improvements.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
PERA PENSION PLAN  
Last 10 Fiscal Years

Year Ended*	Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Actual Covered Payroll	Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Fiduciary Net Position as Percentage of Total Pension Liability
12/31/2014	0.050%	\$ 412,768	\$ 267,602	154%	81.78%
12/31/2015	0.045%	406,274	248,374	164%	80.72%
12/31/2016	0.044%	489,924	252,581	194%	76.90%
12/31/2017	0.045%	610,437	283,275	215%	73.60%
12/31/2018	0.046%	517,160	284,256	182%	79.40%
12/31/2019	0.043%	545,979	304,696	179%	75.96%
12/31/2020	0.044%	324,300	329,933	98%	86.26%
12/31/2021	0.045%	235,405	329,574	71%	90.88%

Note: This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

\* The data provided in the schedule is based as of the measurement date of PERA's net pension liability, which is as of the calendar year end that occurred before the District's fiscal year end.

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**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS  
PERA PENSION PLAN  
Last 10 Fiscal Years

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Statutorily Required Contributions</u>	<u>Actual Employer Contributions</u>	<u>Contributions Excess/ Deficiency</u>	<u>Actual Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u>
12/31/2013	\$ 33,932	\$ 33,932	\$ -	\$ 267,602	12.68%
12/31/2014	31,494	31,494	-	248,374	12.68%
12/31/2015	32,027	32,027	-	252,581	12.68%
12/31/2016	34,744	34,744	-	274,005	12.68%
12/31/2017	35,919	35,919	-	283,275	12.68%
12/31/2018	36,044	36,044	-	284,256	12.68%
12/31/2019	38,636	38,636	-	304,696	12.68%
12/31/2020	42,642	42,642	-	329,933	12.92%
12/31/2021	43,504	43,504	-	329,574	13.20%

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**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY  
PERA OPEB PLAN  
Last 10 Fiscal Years

Year Ended*	Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	Actual Covered Payroll	Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Fiduciary Net Position as Percentage of Total OPEB Liability
12/31/2017	0.003%	\$ 44,992	\$ 283,275	16%	16.72%
12/31/2018	0.004%	46,932	284,256	17%	17.53%
12/31/2019	0.003%	45,821	304,696	15%	17.03%
12/31/2020	0.003%	38,170	329,933	12%	24.49%
12/31/2021	0.003%	32,761	329,574	10%	32.78%

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**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS  
PERA OPEB PLAN  
Last 10 Fiscal Years**

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Statutorily Required Contributions</u>	<u>Actual Employer Contributions</u>	<u>Contributions Excess/ Deficiency</u>	<u>Actual Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u>
12/31/2017	\$ 2,889	\$ 2,889	\$ -	\$ 283,275	1.02%
12/31/2018	2,889	2,889	-	284,256	1.02%
12/31/2019	3,108	3,108	-	304,696	1.02%
12/31/2020	3,365	3,365	-	329,933	1.02%
12/31/2021	3,362	3,362	-	329,574	1.02%

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**



**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT**

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
SANITATION FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Budget	
	Original	Final
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Sewer service	\$ 678,293	\$ 678,293
Dumping fees	5,000	5,000
Property taxes	150,461	150,461
Specific ownership tax	6,000	6,000
Interest income	15,000	15,000
Grants	750,000	750,000
Miscellaneous	22,000	22,000
TOTAL REVENUES	1,626,754	1,626,754
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Plant operations		
Salaries and wages	191,264	191,264
Employee benefits	127,360	127,360
Professional services	20,000	20,000
Utilities	112,200	112,200
Insurance	25,895	25,895
Vehicle operation and repair	9,000	9,000
Plant chemicals and supplies	4,000	4,000
Repairs and maintenance	50,000	50,000
Miscellaneous	34,650	34,650
Total Plant operations	574,369	574,369
Administration		
Directors' fees	4,500	4,500
Office salaries	106,459	106,459
Employee benefits	86,098	86,098
Professional services	23,900	23,900
Insurance	2,631	2,631
Office supplies	18,000	18,000
Telephone	3,000	3,000
Utilities	1,710	1,710
Miscellaneous	5,150	5,150
Treasurers fees	7,512	7,512
Total Administration	258,960	258,960
Capital Outlay	1,030,000	1,030,000
Contingency	30,425	30,425
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,893,754	1,893,754
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(267,000)	(267,000)
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,024,393	1,024,393
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$ 757,393	\$ 757,393
<b>RECONCILIATION FROM BUDGET BASIS EXPENDITURES (NON-GAAP) TO GAAP</b>		
Add:		
Capital outlay		
Subtract:		
Depreciation		
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR GAAP BASIS		

Actual Amounts	Variance from final budget
\$ 687,234	\$ 8,941
-	(5,000)
150,003	(458)
5,769	(231)
541	(14,459)
-	(750,000)
<u>38,488</u>	<u>16,488</u>
<u>882,035</u>	<u>(744,719)</u>
197,926	(6,662)
116,192	11,168
18,053	1,947
90,383	21,817
24,994	901
5,715	3,285
3,291	709
41,882	8,118
29,501	5,149
<u>527,937</u>	<u>46,432</u>
4,500	-
108,821	(2,362)
75,859	10,239
27,080	(3,180)
2,551	80
15,770	2,230
3,139	(139)
1,623	87
9,185	(4,035)
7,501	11
<u>256,029</u>	<u>2,931</u>
<u>23,577</u>	<u>1,006,423</u>
<u>8,950</u>	<u>21,475</u>
<u>816,493</u>	<u>1,077,261</u>
65,542	332,542
<u>6,037,641</u>	<u>5,013,248</u>
6,103,183	<u>\$ 5,345,790</u>
23,577	
<u>(243,122)</u>	
<u>\$ 5,883,638</u>	

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