



Morton County Water Resource District

Mandan, North Dakota

(A Component Unit of Morton County)

Audit Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

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MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

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MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

At December 31, 2017

LIST OF OFFICIALS

Wade Bachmeier	Chairman
Jamie Wetsch	Vice Chairman
George Saxowsky	Manager
Ray Christensen	Manager
Jim Schmidt	Manager
Brenda Winckler	Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Kemnitz	Manager, Missouri West Water System
Karin Brooks	Office Manager, Missouri West Water System

AUDITOR PERSONNEL

Dave Mix	Audit Manager
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
Morton County Water Resource District
Mandan, North Dakota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Morton County Water Resource District, a component unit of Morton County, Mandan, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Water Resource District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Morton County Water Resource District, a component unit of Morton County, Mandan, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2017, 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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *budgetary comparison information and notes to the required supplementary information* on pages 25-26 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 30, 2018 on our consideration of the Morton County Water Resource District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Morton County Water Resource District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

/s/

Joshua C. Gallion
State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota
May 30, 2018

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2017

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash	\$ 1,026,681	\$ 844,120	\$ 1,870,801
Investment	118,808	1,276,854	1,395,662
Restricted Investment	-	170,603	170,603
Accounts Receivable	-	138,496	138,496
Due from County	596	-	596
Taxes Receivable	2,546	-	2,546
Special Assessments Receivable	2,823	-	2,823
Uncertified Special Assessments	86,989	-	86,989
Intangible Assets (net of accumulated amortization):			
Right to Purchase Water	-	599,721	599,721
Capital Assets not being depreciated:			
Land	1,051,788	1,100	1,052,888
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):			
Infrastructure	6,245,911	10,216,523	16,462,434
Buildings	195,772	4,247	200,019
Equipment/Vehicles	74,275	91,958	166,233
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 7,567,746</u>	<u>\$ 10,313,828</u>	<u>\$ 17,881,574</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,806,189</u>	<u>\$ 13,343,622</u>	<u>\$ 22,149,811</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 46,513	\$ 44,183	\$ 90,696
Payroll Liability	-	1,399	1,399
Interest Payable	999	54,912	55,911
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year:			
Bonds Payable	8,794	81,563	90,357
Loans Payable	-	6,000	6,000
Special Assessment Loan Payable	15,000	-	15,000
Compensated Absences Payable	-	22,225	22,225
Due After One Year:			
Bonds Payable	74,775	2,522,247	2,597,022
Loans Payable	-	206,000	206,000
Special Assessment Loan Payable	62,000	-	62,000
Compensated Absences Payable	-	51,859	51,859
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 208,081</u>	<u>\$ 2,990,388</u>	<u>\$ 3,198,469</u>
NET POSITION:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 7,407,177	\$ 7,498,018	\$ 14,905,195
Restricted for:			
Intangible Assets	-	599,721	599,721
Debt Service	-	170,603	170,603
Dam Maintenance	105,821	-	105,821
Unrestricted	<u>1,085,110</u>	<u>2,084,892</u>	<u>3,170,002</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 8,598,108</u>	<u>\$ 10,353,234</u>	<u>\$ 18,951,342</u>

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

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		Total	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities		Business- Type Activities
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>							
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 458,627	\$ -	\$ 30,092	\$ 34,606	\$ (393,929)	\$ -	\$ (393,929)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	7,055	-	-	-	(7,055)	-	(7,055)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 465,682	\$ -	\$ 30,092	\$ 34,606	\$ (400,984)	-	(400,984)
<u>Business-Type Activities:</u>							
Water System	\$ 2,187,293	\$ 1,888,329	\$ -	\$ 17,430	\$ -	\$ (281,534)	\$ (281,534)
Total Primary Government	\$ 2,652,975	\$ 1,888,329	\$ 30,092	\$ 52,036	\$ (400,984)	\$ (281,534)	\$ (682,518)
<u>General Revenues:</u>							
Taxes:							
Property taxes; levied for general purposes					\$ 137,453	\$ -	\$ 137,453
Property taxes; levied for debt service					9,548	-	9,548
Earnings on Investments					1,466	5,662	7,128
Miscellaneous Revenue					4,022	22,486	26,508
Gain on Sale of Assets					-	24,850	24,850
Excavation					-	113,348	113,348
Total General Revenues					\$ 152,489	\$ 166,346	\$ 318,835
Change in Net Position					\$ (248,495)	\$ (115,188)	\$ (363,683)
Net Position - January 1					\$ 8,846,603	\$ 10,460,196	\$ 19,306,799
Prior Period Adjustment					-	8,226	8,226
Net Position - January 1, as restated					\$ 8,846,603	\$ 10,468,422	\$ 19,315,025
Net Position - December 31					\$ 8,598,108	\$ 10,353,234	\$ 18,951,342

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MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2017

	<u>General Fund</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	\$ 1,026,681
Investments	118,808
Due from County	596
Receivables:	
Taxes Receivable	2,546
Special Assessments Receivable	2,823
Uncertified Special Assessments Receivable	<u>86,989</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,238,443</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</u>	
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 46,513</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</u>	
Taxes Receivable	\$ 2,546
Uncollected Special Assessments Receivable	2,823
Uncertified Special Assessments Receivable	<u>86,989</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 92,358</u>
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 138,871</u>
<u>Fund Balances:</u>	
Committed for:	
Dam Maintenance	\$ 105,821
Unassigned	<u>993,751</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,099,572</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,238,443</u>

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MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2017

Total <i>Fund Balances</i> for Governmental Funds		\$ 1,099,572
Total <i>net position</i> reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost of Capital Assets	\$ 9,085,758	
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,518,012)</u>	7,567,746
Property taxes will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are reported as deferred revenues in the funds.		
		2,546
Special assessments will be collected after year-end and in future years, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
		89,812
Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities- both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2017 are:		
Special Assessment Loan	\$ (77,000)	
Loan Payable	(83,569)	
Interest Payable	<u>(999)</u>	<u>(161,568)</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 8,598,108</u>

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MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	General Fund
<u>Revenues:</u>	
Taxes	\$ 138,567
Special Assessments	27,412
Intergovernmental Revenue	64,698
Interest Income	1,466
Miscellaneous-Rent/Contributions	4,022
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Total Revenues	\$ 236,165
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Current:	
<u>Conservation of Natural Resources:</u>	
Salaries	\$ 27,500
Payroll Expense	2,104
Travel	2,712
Dues and Registration	3,090
Insurance	898
Audit	3,500
Consultant Fees	3,163
Legal and Engineering Fees	22,511
Misc. Projects	61,498
Otter Creek Monitor Costs	145,660
Dam Site 6	56,135
Bank Services	95
Miscellaneous/ Office Rent/ Supplies	3,675
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Total Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 332,541
<u>Debt Service:</u>	
Principal	\$ 22,374
Interest	7,181
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Total Debt Service	\$ 29,555
Total Expenditures	\$ 362,096
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	<hr/> \$ (125,931) <hr/>
Fund Balance - January 1	<hr/> \$ 1,225,503 <hr/>
Fund Balance - December 31	<hr/> <u>\$ 1,099,572</u> <hr/>

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MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Net Change in *Fund Balances* - Total Governmental Funds \$ (125,931)

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays and capital contributions in the current year.

Current Year Depreciation Expense	\$ (186,080)	
Capital Asset Additions	25,388	
Capital Contributions	<u>34,606</u>	(126,086)

The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount of debt repayment.

Repayment of Debt - Loans	\$ 8,374	
Repayment of Debt - Special Assessment Loans	<u>14,000</u>	22,374

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This consists of the net decrease in interest payable. 126

Some revenues reported on the statement of activities are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds since they do not represent available resources to pay current expenditures. This consists of the changes in taxes and special assessments receivable.

Net Increase in Taxes Receivable	\$ (1,114)	
Net Decrease in Special Assessments Receivable	<u>(17,864)</u>	<u>(18,978)</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ (248,495)

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MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
December 31, 2017

	ENTERPRISE FUND
	Water System
<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>Current Assets:</u>	
Cash	\$ 844,120
Investments	1,276,854
Accounts Receivable	138,496
	\$ 2,259,470
<u>Noncurrent Assets:</u>	
<u>Restricted Assets:</u>	
Investments	\$ 170,603
Intangible Assets (net of accumulated amortization):	
Right to Purchase Water	599,721
<u>Capital Assets (not being depreciated):</u>	
Land	1,100
<u>Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):</u>	
Buildings	4,247
Infrastructure	10,216,523
Vehicles and Equipment	91,958
Total Capital Assets	\$ 10,313,828
Total Noncurrent Assets	\$ 11,084,152
Total Assets	\$ 13,343,622
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 44,183
Payroll Liability	1,399
Interest Payable	54,912
Bonds Payable	81,563
Loans Payable	6,000
Compensated Absences Payable	22,225
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 210,282
<u>Noncurrent Liabilities:</u>	
Bonds Payable	\$ 2,522,247
Loans Payable	206,000
Compensated Absences Payable	51,859
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	\$ 2,780,106
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,990,388
<u>Net Position:</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 7,498,018
Restricted for Intangible Assets	599,721
Restricted for Debt Service	170,603
Unrestricted	2,084,892
Total Net Position	\$ 10,353,234

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

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	ENTERPRISE FUND <u>Water System</u>
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>	
Charges for Services	<u>\$ 1,888,329</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	
General and Administrative	\$ 88,925
Payroll	602,780
Insurance	20,192
Operations and Maintenance	679,137
Projects	290,448
Depreciation - Building	327
Depreciation - Water System	327,356
Depreciation - Vehicles and Equipment	38,812
Amortization - Connect Fee	<u>31,564</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 2,079,541</u>
Operating Income	<u>\$ (191,212)</u>
<u>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):</u>	
Interest Income	\$ 5,662
Gain on Sale of Asset	24,850
Grant Income	17,430
Miscellaneous Revenue	22,486
Excavation	113,348
Interest and Fees	<u>(107,752)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>\$ 76,024</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (115,188)</u>
Net Position - January 1	\$ 10,460,196
Prior Period Adjustments	<u>8,226</u>
Net Position - January 1, as restated	<u>\$ 10,468,422</u>
Net Position - December 31	<u><u>\$ 10,353,234</u></u>

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MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	ENTERPRISE FUND
	Water System
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>	
Received from Customers	\$ 1,885,821
Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(1,125,031)
Payments to Employees	(609,972)
	\$ 150,818
<u>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</u>	<u>\$ 150,818</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Non-capital Financing Activities:</u>	
Other Non-Operating Proceeds	\$ 135,834
	<u>\$ 135,834</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:</u>	
Acquisition of Capital Assets	\$ (82,903)
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	24,850
Grants and Subsidies	17,430
Principal Paid on Loan	(84,888)
Interest Paid on Loan	(101,746)
	(227,257)
<u>Net Cash (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities</u>	<u>\$ (227,257)</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</u>	
Purchase of Investments	\$ (1,447,457)
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	1,242,119
Interest Income	5,662
	(199,676)
<u>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities</u>	<u>\$ (199,676)</u>
<u>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>	<u>\$ (140,281)</u>
<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents - January 1</u>	<u>\$ 984,401</u>
<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 844,120</u>
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</u>	
Operating Income	\$ (191,212)
<u>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</u>	
Depreciation	\$ 366,495
Amortization	31,564
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
Accounts Receivable	(2,508)
Accounts Payable	(16,329)
Salaries Payable	(16,490)
Retainage Payable	(30,000)
Payroll Liability	(541)
Compensated Absences	9,839
	342,030
<u>Total Adjustments</u>	<u>\$ 342,030</u>
<u>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</u>	<u>\$ 150,818</u>

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

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Morton County Water Resource District, a component unit of Morton County, Mandan, North Dakota, have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the Morton County Water Resource District, a component unit of Morton County, Mandan, North Dakota. The District has considered all potential component units for which the District is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the District are such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of Morton County Water Resource District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on Morton County Water Resource District.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units to be included within the Morton County Water Resource District as a reporting entity and the Morton County Water Resource District is a component unit within Morton County, Mandan, North Dakota as a reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, Morton County Water Resource District. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business type activities of the District and for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds. Separate statements for each fund category - governmental and proprietary are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and the enterprise fund, each displayed in a separate column.

The Water Resource District reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund. This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government.

Additionally, the Water Resource District reports the following major enterprise fund:

Water System. This fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the Missouri West Water System.

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

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from non-exchange transactions or ancillary activities.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. All revenues are susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net positions available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, and then by general revenues.

D. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, money market accounts and highly liquid short-term investments with original maturities of 3 months or less. The investments consist of certificates of deposit stated at cost with maturities in excess of 3 months.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets include plant and equipment. Assets are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$1,500 or more if acquired prior to 2003, \$3,000 or more if acquired in 2003 to 2010 and \$7,500 or more if acquired in 2010 or later. Such assets are recorded at 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 assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Land	Indefinite
Buildings	40
Infrastructure	40
Machinery	5 - 15
Vehicles	3 - 5
Office Equipment	3 - 5

F. Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation leave is reported on the government wide financial statements. Upon retirement or leaving employment, employees with ten years of continuous employment shall be paid for unused sick leave at 25% of current base salary. Employees may carry over 240 hours of annual leave at year end. Upon termination of employment, employees will be paid for vacation benefits that have accrued. The District estimates that 30% of total compensated absence will be due within one year.

G. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are recognized in the current period since the amounts are not material.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

H. Fund Balances / Net Position

Fund Balance

GASB Statement No. 54 established fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints (restrictions or limitations) imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

Fund Balance Spending Policy:

It is the policy of Morton County Water Resource District to spend restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources. It is also the policy of the Board to spend unrestricted resources of funds in the following order: committed, assigned and then unassigned.

Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below.

CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES
Non-spendable	Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.	Inventories, prepaid amounts (expenses), long-term receivables (loans), endowment funds.
Restricted	Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either (a) Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. (b) Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.	Funds restricted by State Statute, unspent bond proceeds, grants earned but not spent, debt covenants, taxes raised for a specific purpose.
Committed	A committed fund balance includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the governing board. Formal action is required to be taken to establish, modify or rescind a fund balance commitment.	By board action, construction, claims and judgments, retirements of loans and notes payable, capital expenditures and self-insurance.
Assigned	Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are under the direction of the board and the business manager.	By board action, construction, claims and judgments, retirements of loans and notes payable, capital expenditures and self-insurance.
Unassigned	Unassigned fund balance is the lowest classification for the General Fund. This is fund balance that has not been reported in any other classification. (a) The General Fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance; (b) A negative unassigned fund balance may be reported in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes;	Available for any remaining general fund expenditure.

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Morton County Water Resource District did not have any non-spendable balances, restricted, or assigned fund balances reported in the balance sheet at December 31, 2017.

Committed Fund Balances consist of the following item at December 31, 2017

Morton County Water Resource District does have a committed amount of general fund balance by the District's board for the operation and maintenance of the Harmon Lake Dam. The District set up a savings account and makes annual transfers to the account through a board action. Funds in this account can only be used for operation and maintenance of the Harmon Lake Dam totaling \$105,821.

Unassigned fund balance consists of the remaining general fund balance totaling \$993,751.

Net Position

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

Net investment in capital assets is reported for capital assets less accumulated depreciation, and less any related debt to purchase/finance the construction of those capital assets. These assets are not available for future spending.

Restrictions of net position shown in the statement of net position include \$170,603 restricted by debt covenants, \$599,721 restricted for intangible assets in the form of water rights in the enterprise fund, and \$105,821 in the governmental fund restricted for dam maintenance.

Unrestricted net position consists of activity related to both the general fund and the water system fund. All the District's general fund balance is considered unrestricted. The unrestricted net position is available to meet the District's ongoing obligations.

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, Morton County Water Resource District maintains deposits at the depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institution situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal land bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any water resource district, city, township, school, park, or other political subdivision of the state of North Dakota. Whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by any other state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

At year ended December 31, 2017, the Morton County Water Resource District's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,347,047 and the bank balances were \$3,451,169. Of the bank balances, \$1,694,369 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining balances were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

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Credit Risk:

The Water Resource District and Missouri West Water System may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- (a) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of congress.
- (b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are the type listed above.
- (c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (d) Obligations of the state.

As of December 31, 2017, the Water Resource District held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$1,566,265, which are considered deposits.

Concentration of Credit Risk:

The Water Resource District and Missouri West Water System does not have a limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

NOTE 3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consists of amounts for water sales. No allowance has been established for estimated uncollectible accounts receivable.

NOTE 4: DUE FROM COUNTY TREASURER

Due from county treasurer represents the amount of taxes collected prior to year-end by Morton County that remain on hand at the county, until they are distributed to the water resource district shortly after December 31, 2017.

NOTE 5: TAXES RECEIVABLE

The taxes receivable represents the past two years of delinquent uncollected taxes. No allowance has been established for uncollectible taxes receivable.

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property taxes levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Any material collections are distributed after the end of the month.

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. The tax levy may be paid in two installments: the first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all the special assessments; the second installment is the balance of the real estate taxes. The first installment is due by March 1 and the second installment is due by October 15. A 5% discount is allowed if all taxes and special assessments are paid by February 15. After the due dates, the bill becomes delinquent and penalties are assessed.

Most property owners choose to pay property taxes and special assessments in a single payment on or before February 15 and receive the 5% discount on the property taxes.

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Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

NOTE 6: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RECEIVABLE

Special assessment receivable in the governmental fund statements represent the past three years of delinquent uncollected special assessments. The government-wide financial statements include the amount of uncertified special assessments. No allowance has been established for uncollectible special assessments.

NOTE 7: UNCERTIFIED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE

Long-term uncertified special assessments receivable in the governmental fund statements represent the amount of uncertified special assessments to be certified in upcoming years for various projects.

NOTE 8: CAPITAL ASSETS & INTANGIBLE ASSET

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Governmental Activities:	Balance 1-1-17	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-17
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 1,051,788	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,051,788
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	\$ 1,051,788	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,051,788
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings	\$ 206,124	\$ 46,141	\$ -	\$ 252,265
Equipment/Vehicles	102,691	13,853	-	116,544
Infrastructure	7,665,161	-	-	7,665,161
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ 7,973,976	\$ 59,994	\$ -	\$ 8,033,970
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings	\$ 45,955	\$ 10,538	\$ -	\$ 56,493
Equipment/Vehicles	31,707	10,562	-	42,269
Infrastructure	1,254,270	164,980	-	1,419,250
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 1,331,932	\$ 186,080	\$ -	\$ 1,518,012
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$ 6,642,044	\$ (126,086)	\$ -	\$ 6,515,958
Governmental Activities-Capital Assets, Net	\$ 7,693,832	\$ (126,086)	\$ -	\$ 7,567,746

Depreciation expense of \$186,080 was charged to the conservation of natural resources function.

Amortization of Intangible Asset (enterprise fund/activities):

Business Type Activities:	Balance 1-1-17	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-17
<i>Intangible Assets, being amortized:</i>				
Right to Purchase Water	\$ 1,371,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,371,300
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Right to Purchase Water	\$ 740,015	\$ 31,564	\$ -	\$ 771,579
Business-Type Activities-Intangible Asset, Net	\$ 631,285	\$ (31,564)	\$ -	\$ 599,721

Right to purchase water consists of the water resource district's cost to secure the right to purchase water from the City of Mandan for 40 years. This amount is being amortized over the 40-year life of the agreement.

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Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

Business-Type Activities:	Balance 1-1-17	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-17
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Construction in Progress	197,577	2,177	199,754	-
Total Capital Assets, Not Being	\$ 198,677	\$ 2,177	\$ 199,754	\$ 1,100
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings	\$ 9,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,800
Equipment/Vehicles	461,747	80,726	21,500	520,973
Infrastructure	16,168,064	199,754	-	16,367,818
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ 16,639,611	\$ 280,480	\$ 21,500	\$ 16,898,591
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings	\$ 5,227	\$ 326	\$ -	\$ 5,553
Equipment/Vehicles	411,703	38,812	21,500	429,015
Infrastructure	5,823,939	327,356	-	6,151,295
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 6,240,869	\$ 366,494	\$ 21,500	\$ 6,585,863
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated,	\$ 10,398,742	\$ (86,014)	\$ -	\$ 10,312,728
Business Type Activities-Capital Assets,	\$ 10,597,419	\$ (83,837)	\$ 199,754	\$ 10,313,828

NOTE 9: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consists of amounts on open account for goods and services received prior to December 31, 2017 and chargeable to the water system fund for the year then ended, but paid for subsequent to that date.

NOTE 10: SALARIES AND PAYROLL LIABILITIES

Payroll liability consists of amounts owed for withholdings to various taxing entities as of year-end but paid subsequent to that date.

Salaries payable consists of a liability account reflecting amounts owing to employees for work provided on behalf of the county prior to December 31 of each year-end.

NOTE 11: INTEREST PAYABLE

Interest payable consists of the portion of interest accrued on loans payable balances in the water system fund outstanding at December 31, 2017.

NOTE 12: DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows of resources on the balance sheet represent the amount of uncollected taxes receivable, uncollected special assessments receivable, and long-term uncertified special assessments receivable in the fund financial statements for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, those uncollected amounts are measurable but not available.

NOTE 13: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities - During the year ended December 31, 2017, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in long-term liabilities:

Governmental Activities:

Governmental Activities:	Balance 1-1-17	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-17	Due Within One Year
Special Assessments Loan	\$ 91,000	\$ -	\$ 14,000	\$ 77,000	\$ 15,000
Loan - 2010	91,943	-	8,374	83,569	8,794
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 182,943	\$ -	\$ 22,374	\$ 160,569	\$ 23,794

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Outstanding governmental activities debt at December 31, 2017 is comprised of the following:

Special Assessment Loan:

\$253,000 Municipal Bond Bank Revolving Fund Loan due in semi-annual installments of \$11,000 to \$16,000 plus interest through September 1, 2022; with interest at 2.5% \$ 77,000

Loans Payable:

2010 Loan \$134,133.53 loan with a fixed interest rate of 4.8% due in annual Installments of \$12,860 beginning 11-1-2011 through 11-1-2025. \$ 83,569

Debt service requirements on long-term debt for governmental activities at December 31, 2017 are as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL TYPE ACTIVITIES				
Year Ending 12-31-17	Special Assessments		Loan Payable	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2018	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,925	\$ 8,794	\$ 4,066
2019	15,000	1,550	9,222	3,639
2020	15,000	1,175	9,662	3,198
2021	16,000	800	10,141	2,720
2022	16,000	400	10,634	2,226
2023-2025	-	-	35,116	3,463
Total	\$ 77,000	\$ 5,850	\$ 83,569	\$ 19,312

Business-Type Activities:

Business Type Activities:	Balance 1-1-17	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-17	Due Within One Year
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds	\$ 2,682,698	\$ -	\$ 78,888	\$ 2,603,810	\$ 81,563
USDA-RD RUS Loans	218,000	-	6,000	212,000	6,000
Compensated Absences *	64,245	9,840	-	74,085	22,225
Total Business Type Activities	\$ 2,964,943	\$ 9,840	\$ 84,888	\$ 2,889,895	\$ 109,788

* - The change in compensated absences is shown as a net change because changes in salary prohibit exact calculations of additions and reductions at a reasonable cost.

Outstanding business-type activities debt at December 31, 2017 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Bonds Payable:

Water Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2016

The water resource district received a bond for \$2,759,000 for a water supply system in Morton County. The loan will be repaid over a period of 15 years and bears an interest rate of 3.390%. Payments of \$169,832 including interest are due annually on June 1 with final payment on June 30, 2030 for \$1,468,435. \$ 2,603,810

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

Loans Payable:

USDARD - RUS Loan

The water resource district received a \$2,990,300 loan for expansion of a water supply system in Morton County. With payments of \$6,000 to \$14,000 due annually through October 1, 2039; interest at 4.375%.

\$ 212,000

Debt service requirements on business-type activity long-term debt at December 31, 2017 are as follows:

BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES				
Year Ending 12-31-17	Water Revenue Refunding Bond		USDA-RD Loan	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2018	\$ 81,563	\$ 88,269	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,275
2019	84,328	85,504	6,000	9,013
2020	87,186	82,645	7,000	8,750
2021	90,142	79,690	7,000	8,444
2022	93,198	76,634	7,000	8,138
2023-2027	515,577	333,582	42,000	35,613
2028-2032	1,651,816	156,282	51,000	25,725
2033-2037	-	-	64,000	13,431
2038-2042	-	-	22,000	1,311
Total	\$ 2,603,810	\$ 902,606	\$ 212,000	\$ 119,700

NOTE 14: RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Morton County Water Resource District's grant/loan covenants require certain reservations of Missouri West Water System's net position. This amount is classified as restricted assets on the Net Position Statement because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. The restricted portion is as follows:

Restriction:	Amounts
Restricted for Debt Service (Enterprise)	\$170,603

NOTE 15: RISK MANAGEMENT

Morton County Water Resource District is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986 state agencies and political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The Morton County Water Resource District pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, auto, and inland marine insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of two million dollars per occurrence for general liability and automobile and \$155,052 for public assets coverage.

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Morton County Water Resource District also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. Morton County Water Resource District pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third-party insurance carrier for losses in excess of one million dollars per occurrence during a 12-month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides Morton County Water Resource District with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$318,000 (\$982,000 for the Missouri West Water System) for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

Morton County Water Resource District has workers compensation with the North Dakota Workforce, Safety and Insurance and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance.

NOTE 16: PENSION PLAN

North Dakota Public Employees' Retirement System

The Morton County Water Resource District contributes to the North Dakota Public Employees' Retirement System (NDPERS); a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Dakota for its non-certified staff. NDPERS provides for retirement, disability and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit and contribution provisions are administered in accordance with chapter 54-52 of the North Dakota Century Code. NDPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for NDPERS. That report may be obtained by writing to NDPERS, 400 E Broadway, Suite 505, P.O. Box 1214, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58502-1214.

Plan members are not required to contribute; however, the Water Resource District contributes 8% of the employee's annual salary for 1 – 3 years of service, 10% of the employee's annual salary for 4 – 10 years of service, and 11% of the employee's annual salary for 11 and over years of service. The Water Resource's contributions to NDPERS for the years ending December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$13,017, \$7,178, and \$6,727, respectively.

Nation Wide Retirement

The Morton County Water Resource District contributes to Nation Wide Retirement. Plan members are not required to contribute; however, the Water Resource District contributes 8% of the employee's annual salary for 1 – 3 years of service, 10% of the employee's annual salary for 4 – 10 years of service, and 11% of the employee's annual salary for 11 and over years of service. The Water Resource District's contributions to Nation Wide Retirement for the years ending December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$38,554, \$35,270, and \$35,228, respectively.

NOTE 17: JOINT VENTURES

Under authorization of state statutes the Morton County Water Resource District joined the water resource districts of Burleigh County, Dunn County, Emmons County, Mercer County, Mountrail County, Oliver County and Sioux County to establish and operate a joint exercise of powers agreement for water management districts located along the Missouri River. The joint agreement created Missouri River Joint Water Board. The agreement was established for the mutual advantage of the governments. One member of the directors for the joint venture is appointed by each government. The operating and capital expenses are funded by contributions from each government. Each participating district's share of the cost of operations is determined by the number of river miles in each district.

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Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

Unaudited summary financial information for the year ended December 31, 2017 is as follows:

Cash and Investments	\$ 12,967
Total Revenues	\$ 46,821
Total Expenses	(53,135)
Net Change in Equity	\$ (6,314)

Complete financial information can be obtained from Missouri River Joint Water Board, P.O. Box 488, Hazen, ND 58545.

NOTE 18: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

Prior period adjustment was necessary to properly restate the beginning net position. There was an adjustment for \$7,443 to reflect 2016 interest expense recorded on Missouri West's financials after the 2016 audit. There was also an adjustment of \$783 to increase the beginning fund balance for a 2016 check that was voided after the 2016 audit:

Business-Type Activities:	Amounts
Beginning Net Position, as previously reported	\$10,460,196
Adjustments to restate the January 1, 2017 Net Position:	
Adjustment for 2016 interest expense recorded after audit - increase	7,443
Fund balance adjustment for voided check– increase	783
Net Position January 1, as restated	\$10,468,422

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes/Special Assessments	\$ 254,000	\$ 248,800	\$ 165,979	\$ (82,821)
Intergovernmental	57,400	-	64,698	64,698
Interest Income	1,000	1,000	1,466	466
Miscellaneous-Rent/Contributions	1,600	-	4,022	4,022
Total Revenues	\$ 314,000	\$ 249,800	\$ 236,165	\$ (13,635)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
<u>Conservation of Natural Resources:</u>				
Salaries	\$ 30,000	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500	\$ -
Payroll Expenses	2,500	2,103	2,104	(1)
Travel	3,000	2,712	2,712	-
Office Supplies	1,500	2,070	-	2,070
Dues and Registration	3,000	3,090	3,090	-
Insurance	1,000	897	898	(1)
Audit	4,000	3,500	3,500	-
Consultant Fees	5,000	3,163	3,163	-
Legal and Engineering Fees	12,000	22,611	22,511	100
Otter Creek Monitor Costs	15,000	139,472	145,660	(6,188)
Dam Site 6 (Harmon Lake)	34,392	65,329	56,135	9,194
Breach Zone Mapping	-	4,706	-	4,706
Willow Road/Schmeling Maintenance	12,000	195	-	195
Equipment Purchases	500	-	-	-
Flasher Flood Control	1,500	-	-	-
Zachmeier CAT	35,000	21,675	-	21,675
Misc. Projects	-	-	61,498	(61,498)
Miscellaneous/ Office Rent	2,400	2,075	3,675	(1,600)
Bank Services	-	-	95	(95)
Total Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 162,792	\$ 301,098	\$ 332,541	\$ (31,443)
Debt Service:				
Total Debt Service - Principal	\$ 19,000	\$ 16,695	\$ 22,374	\$ -
Total Debt Service - Interest & Service Costs	15,000	4,486	7,181	(2,695)
Total Debt Service	\$ 34,000	\$ 21,181	\$ 29,555	\$ (2,695)
Total Expenditures	\$ 196,792	\$ 322,279	\$ 362,096	\$ (34,138)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 117,208	\$ (72,479)	\$ (125,931)	\$ (47,773)
Fund Balance - January 1	\$1,225,503	\$1,225,503	\$1,225,503	\$ -
Fund Balance - December 31	\$1,342,711	\$1,153,024	\$1,099,572	\$ (47,773)

The accompanying required supplementary information notes are an integral part of this schedule.

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
December 31, 2017

NOTE 1: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The water resource district adopts a budget for the general fund.

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- The water resource district prepares a budget on or before October 7th. The budget includes proposed expenditures and a means of financing them.
- The budget must be filed with the county auditor by October 10th. The county commission may disapprove the budget, amend and approve the budget as amended, or approve the budget as submitted.
- No disbursements shall be made or liability incurred in excess of the total appropriation. However, the water board may amend the budget during the year for any receipts and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared. The budget amendments must be approved by the board and the approval must be noted in the proceedings of the board.
- All appropriations lapse at year-end.

NOTE 2: LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS

BUDGETS

Based upon available financial information and requests by the governing board, the director prepares the preliminary budget. The budget is prepared for the general and enterprise funds by function and activity on the cash basis of accounting. The preliminary budget includes the proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The Water Resource District amended the 2017 budgets on December 31, 2017 as follows:

Fund	REVENUE		
	Original Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
Major Fund: General Fund	\$314,000	\$(64,200)	\$249,800

Fund	EXPENDITURES		
	Original Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
Major Fund: General Fund	\$196,792	\$125,487	\$322,279



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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Governing Board
Morton County Water Resource District
Mandan, North Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the major funds of the Morton County Water Resource District, a component unit of Morton County, Mandan, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Morton County Water Resource District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 30, 2018.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Morton County Water Resource District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Morton County Water Resource District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Morton County Water Resource District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify one deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and questioned costs* that we consider to be a significant deficiency [2017-001].

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* - Continued

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Morton County Water Resource District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Morton County Water Resource District's Response to Findings

Morton County Water Resource District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and questioned costs*. Morton County Water Resource District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

/s/

Joshua C. Gallion
State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota
May 30, 2018

MORTON COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of Report Issued:	
Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Business-Type Activities	Unmodified
Major Funds	Unmodified

Internal Control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified?	<u> </u> Yes	<u> X </u> None reported
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<u> </u> Yes	<u> X </u> None reported

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

2017-001 - SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Condition:

The Morton County Water Resource District has one employee responsible for most accounting functions.

Effect:

There is no segregation of duties as one employee is responsible to collect monies, deposit monies, issue checks, send checks to vendors, record receipts and disbursements in journals, maintain the general ledger, and prepare financial statements. This increases the risk of misstatement of the water resource district's financial condition.

Cause:

Due to the client's size, complexity, organizational structure and the economic realities the Morton County Water Resource District faces, it is presently not economically feasible to have more than one person responsible for certain accounting functions.

Criteria:

Proper internal control surrounding custody of assets, the recording of transactions, reconciling bank accounts and preparation of financial statements dictates that there should be sufficient accounting personnel so duties of employees are properly segregated. The segregation of duties would provide better control over the assets of the Water Resource District.

Recommendation:

Due to the size and funding limitations of the Water Resource District, we understand that it may not be feasible to obtain proper separation of duties. However, if at any time, it becomes economically feasible and appropriate to add sufficient staff to segregate duties, we recommend that the Water Resource District do so. We further recommend that the Water Resource District implement any controls possible to separate the functions of approval, posting of transactions, reconciliation, and custody of assets.

Views of Responsible Officials:

I agree with the recommendation. While we agree that there is a lack of segregation of duties, it is not feasible to obtain proper segregation of duties due to financial constraints. Morton County Water Resource District will develop procedures to implement controls to help mitigate the lack of segregation of duties.

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Morton County
Water Resource District
Mandan, North Dakota

(A Component Unit of Morton County)

Management's Letter

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

**JOSHUA C. GALLION
STATE AUDITOR**

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Governing Board
Morton County Water Resource District
Mandan, North Dakota

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and the major funds of the Morton County Water Resource District, a component unit of Morton County, Mandan, North Dakota, for the year ended December 31, 2017 which collectively comprise the Water Resource District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 30, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America, Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated March 1, 2018, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Because of the concept of reasonable assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud, or other illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Morton County Water Resource District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Morton County Water Resource District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Morton County Water Resource District's internal control over financial reporting.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Morton County Water Resource District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.

Significant Accounting Policies/Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Morton County Water Resource District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. Application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements presented by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements is useful lives of capital assets.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and report them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The schedules below titled "Audit Adjustments" lists all misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management:

AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS			
Governmental			
Due from County	\$	596	
Revenue			\$ 596
Expenditures		46,491	
Accounts Payable			46,491
Business-Type			
Accounts Receivable	\$	138,496	
Revenue			\$ 138,496
Expenses		44,183	
Accounts Payable			44,183
Depreciation		18,071	
Construction in Progress		2,177	
Expenses			20,248

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, or reporting matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated May 30, 2018.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. Communication with the independent accountant was through the District's Office Manager, Karin Brooks. All information conveyed to and from the independent accountant appeared to be proper and relevant.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

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SALES TAX PAID ON CREDIT CARD EXPENDITURES

Per review of an electronic check on May 10, 2017 to Visa for \$1,110.65, sales tax amounting to \$15.09 was paid. Per review of check #14998 on July 11, 2017 to MAC's Inc. for \$83.61, sales tax amounting to \$5.11 was paid. When these costs are extrapolated with the entire population of expenditures, the questioned cost amounts to \$77.07.

NDCC 57-39.2-04, subsection 6, states that . . .*gross receipts from all sales otherwise taxable under this chapter made to the United States, an Indian tribe, or to any state, including the state of North Dakota, or any of the subdivisions, departments, agencies, or institutions of any state are exempted from the provisions of this chapter and from computation of the amount of tax imposed by it.*

We recommend that Morton County Water Resource District (Missouri West Water System) use tax exempt status for all purchases/reimbursements to comply with NDCC section 57-39.2-04.

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This information is intended solely for the use of the Governing Board and management of the Morton County Water Resource District's and is not intended to be and should not be used for any other purpose. We would be happy to meet with you and any member of your staff to discuss any of the items in this letter in more detail if you so desire.

Thank you and the employees of the Morton County Water Resource District for the courteous and friendly assistance we received during the course of our audit. It is a pleasure for us to be able to serve the Morton County Water Resource District.

/s/
Joshua C. Gallion
State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota
May 30, 2018