

**HESS RANCH METROPOITAN  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
Douglas County, Colorado**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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*INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

Board of Directors  
Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 4  
Douglas County, Colorado

*Opinion*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 4, Douglas County, Colorado, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 4's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 4, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). 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 Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 4 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 opinion.

*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 Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 4'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 GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 4'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 Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 4'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***

Management has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial

statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basis financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

### *Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 4's basic financial statements. The supplemental information listed in the table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and was not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplemental schedule of Debt Service Fund - Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Debt Service Fund - Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

### *Other Information*

The Schedule of Assessed Valuation, Mill Levy and Property Taxes Collected have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express any opinion or provide any assurance on them.

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Watson Coon Ryan, LLC  
August 12, 2024  
Centennial, Colorado

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Receivable - County Treasurer	\$ 5,168
Property Taxes Receivable	<u>1,738,554</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,743,722</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Due to District No. 6	<u>5,168</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>5,168</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Property Tax Revenue	<u>1,738,554</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,738,554</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Unrestricted	<u>-</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Program Revenues			Net Revenues (Expenses) and Change in Net Position
	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
<b>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</b>				
Primary Government:				
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$ 941,631	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (941,631)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 941,631	\$ -	\$ -	(941,631)
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>				
Property Taxes				861,650
Specific Ownership Taxes				79,905
Net Interest Income				76
Total General Revenues				941,631
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>				-
Net Position - Beginning of Year				-
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>				\$ -

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.



**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4  
BALANCE SHEET –  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Receivable - County Treasurer	\$ 671	\$ 4,497	\$ 5,168
Property Taxes Receivable	<u>225,772</u>	<u>1,512,782</u>	<u>1,738,554</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 226,443</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,517,279</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,743,722</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Due to District No. 6	\$ 671	\$ 4,497	\$ 5,168
Total Liabilities	<u>671</u>	<u>4,497</u>	<u>5,168</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Property Tax Revenues	<u>225,772</u>	<u>1,512,782</u>	<u>1,738,554</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u><u>225,772</u></u>	<u><u>1,512,782</u></u>	<u><u>1,738,554</u></u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Unassigned	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u><u>\$ 226,443</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,517,279</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,743,722</u></u>

There are no reconciling differences between the fund balances of governmental funds and the net position of governmental activities.

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 111,902	\$ -	\$ 111,902
Property Taxes - Capital Pledge	-	637,846	637,846
Property Taxes - Regional Infrastructure	-	55,951	55,951
Property Taxes - Town Infrastructure	-	55,951	55,951
Specific Ownership Taxes	10,377	-	10,377
Specific Ownership Taxes - Capital Pledge	-	59,150	59,150
Specific Ownership Taxes - Regional Infrastructure	-	5,189	5,189
Specific Ownership Taxes - Town Infrastructure	-	5,189	5,189
Net Interest Income	10	66	76
Total Revenues	<u>122,289</u>	<u>819,342</u>	<u>941,631</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
County Treasurer's Fees	1,679	-	1,679
County Treasurer's Fees - Capital Pledge	-	9,570	9,570
County Treasurer's Fees - Regional Infrastructure	-	839	839
County Treasurer's Fees - Town Infrastructure	-	839	839
Transfers to District No. 6	120,610	808,094	928,704
Total Expenditures	<u>122,289</u>	<u>819,342</u>	<u>941,631</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	-	-	-
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

There are no reconciling differences between the net change in fund balances of governmental funds and the change in net position of governmental activities.

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4  
GENERAL FUND –  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Original and Final Budgets	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 111,902	\$ 111,902	\$ -
Specific Ownership Taxes	10,071	10,377	306
Net Interest Income	-	10	10
Other Revenue	4,027	-	(4,027)
Total Revenues	<u>126,000</u>	<u>122,289</u>	<u>(3,711)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
County Treasurer's Fees	1,679	1,679	-
Contingency	4,027	-	4,027
Transfers to District No. 6	120,294	120,610	(316)
Total Expenditures	<u>126,000</u>	<u>122,289</u>	<u>3,711</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 1    DEFINITION OF REPORTING ENTITY**

Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 4 a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the state of Colorado, was organized by order and decree of the District Court on May 23, 2016 and is governed pursuant to provisions of Colorado Special District Act (Title 32, Article 1, Colorado Revised Statutes). The District's service area is located south of Hess Road and west of Motsenbocker Road in the Town of Parker in Douglas County, Colorado. The District was established to provide construction, installation, financing, and operation of public improvements, including street improvements, park and recreation, water, sanitation, public transportation, mosquito control, traffic and safety control, fire protection, television relay and translation, and security. Under the amended service plan, the District was organized in conjunction with four other related districts, Hess Ranch No. 5, Hess Ranch No. 6, Hess Ranch No. 7, and Hess Ranch No. 8. The District serves as a Taxing District for Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 6.

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

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

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

**NOTE 2    SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The more significant accounting policies of the District are described as follows:

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These financial statements include all of the activities of the District. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of net position reports all financial and capital resources of the District. The difference between the sum of assets and deferred outflows and the sum of liabilities and deferred inflows is reported as net position.

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct and indirect expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. The major sources of revenue susceptible to accrual are property taxes and specific ownership taxes. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District. Expenditures, other than interest on long-term obligations, are recorded when the liability is incurred or the long-term obligation is due.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Debt Service Fund accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of the governmental funds.

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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

**Budgets**

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

**Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied by the District's Board of Directors. The levy is based on assessed valuations determined by the County Assessor generally as of January 1 of each year. The levy is normally set by December 15 by certification to the County Commissioners to put the tax lien on the individual properties as of January 1 of the following year. The County Treasurer collects the determined taxes during the ensuing calendar year. The taxes are payable by April or if in equal installments, at the taxpayer's election, in February and June. Delinquent taxpayers are notified in August and, generally, sale of the tax liens on delinquent properties are held in November or December. The County Treasurer remits the taxes collected monthly to the District.

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

**Deferred Inflows of Resources**

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *deferred property tax revenue*, is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available.

**Equity**

**Net Position**

For government-wide presentation purposes, when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's practice to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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

**Equity (Continued)**

**Fund Balance**

Fund balance for governmental funds should be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which spending can occur. Governmental funds report up to five classifications of fund balance: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. Because circumstances differ among governments, not every government or every governmental fund will present all of these components. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

*Nonspendable Fund Balance* – The portion of fund balance that cannot be spent because it is either not in spendable form (such as prepaid amounts or inventory) or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

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

*Committed Fund Balance* – The portion of fund balance 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 Board of Directors. The constraint may be removed or changed only through formal action of the Board of Directors.

*Assigned Fund Balance* – The portion of fund balance that is constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes but is neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the Board of Directors to be used for a specific purpose. Constraints imposed on the use of assigned amounts are more easily removed or modified than those imposed on amounts that are classified as committed.

*Unassigned Fund Balance* – The residual portion of fund balance that does not meet any of the criteria described above.

If more than one classification of fund balance is available for use when an expenditure is incurred, it is the District's practice to use the most restrictive classification first.

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 3 DEBT AUTHORIZATION**

On November 3, 2015, a majority of the qualified electors of the District authorized the issuance of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$1,589,380,000 at an interest rate not to exceed 18% per annum. At December 31, 2022, the District had authorized but unissued indebtedness in the following amounts allocated for the following purposes:

	Authorized at November 3, 2015 Election *
Public Improvements	\$ 1,222,600,000
Operations and Maintenance	122,260,000
Intergovernmental Agreements	122,260,000
Refunding	122,260,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,589,380,000</u>

\* Pursuant to C.R.S. 32-1-1101(2), the District may no longer issue new debt against the amounts authorized at the November 3, 2015 Election.

**NOTE 4 RELATED PARTIES**

The Developer of the property which constitutes the District is JEN Colorado 18 LLC. (the Developer). The majority members of the Board of Directors are employees of, owners of, or otherwise associated with the Developer, and may have conflicts of interest in dealing with the District.

**NOTE 5 AGREEMENTS**

**The Taxing Districts**

The District was organized simultaneously with Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 5 (District No. 5), Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 6 (District No. 6), Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 7 (District No. 7), and Hess Ranch Metropolitan District No. 8 (District No. 8). District No. 6 is the Operating District. The District, District No. 5, District No. 7, and District No. 8, together with District No. 6, are referred to herein as the Taxing Districts. The District, District No. 5, District No. 6, and District No. 7 are residential districts and District No. 8 is a commercial district. The District, District No. 5, District No. 7, and District No. 8 are required to transfer proceeds from their debt service mill levies to District No. 6, or to the Trustee in accordance with the Pledge Agreements, to be applied to debt service.



**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 5    AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Town Intergovernmental Agreements**

Each of the Taxing Districts has entered into a separate intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Parker (collectively, the Town IGAs). The Town IGAs provide that the Taxing Districts impose the Infrastructure Capital Mill Levy (5.000 mills, subject to adjustment) and use the proceeds for Regional Infrastructure. The Town IGAs require that the proceeds of the Infrastructure Capital Mill Levy be paid by the Taxing Districts to the Town; however, the Taxing Districts are permitted to retain revenues from the Infrastructure Capital Mill Levy to the extent needed to pay debt service on obligations repayable in whole or in part from such mill levy (which includes the Bonds). The Town IGAs also provide that the Districts impose the Town Capital and Maintenance Mill Levy (5.000 mills, subject to adjustment) and use the proceeds for the planning, design, constructions and/or maintenance of Town infrastructure. The Town IGAs require that the proceeds of the Infrastructure Capital Mill Levy be paid by the Districts to the Town.

**NOTE 6    RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or acts of God.

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

The District pays annual premiums to the Pool for liability, workers' compensation, property and public officials' liability coverage. In the event aggregated losses incurred by the Pool exceed amounts recoverable from reinsurance contracts and funds accumulated by the Pool, the Pool may require additional contributions from the Pool members. Any excess funds which the Pool determines are not needed for purposes of the Pool may be returned to the members pursuant to a distribution formula.

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 7 TAX, SPENDING, AND DEBT LIMITATIONS**

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, referred to as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), contains tax, spending, revenue, and debt limitations which apply to the state of Colorado and all local governments.

Spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's Fiscal Year Spending adjusted for allowable increases based upon inflation and local growth. Fiscal Year Spending is generally defined as expenditures plus reserve increases with certain exceptions. Revenue in excess of the Fiscal Year Spending limits must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

On November 3, 2015, a majority of the District's electors authorized the District to collect and spend or retain any revenue from fees other than ad valorem property taxes of the District without regard to any limitations under TABOR.

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of Fiscal Year Spending (excluding bonded debt service). Local governments are not allowed to use the Emergency Reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases.

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

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4  
DEBT SERVICE FUND –  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Original and Final Budgets	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxes - Capital Pledge	\$ 637,844	\$ 637,846	\$ 2
Property Taxes - Regional Infrastructure	55,951	55,951	-
Property Taxes - Town Infrastructure	55,951	55,951	-
Specific Ownership Taxes - Capital Pledge	57,406	59,150	1,744
Specific Ownership Taxes - Regional Infrastructure	5,036	5,189	153
Specific Ownership Taxes - Town Infrastructure	5,036	5,189	153
Net Interest Income	-	66	66
Other Revenue	7,776	-	(7,776)
Total Revenues	825,000	819,342	(5,658)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
County Treasurer's Fees - Capital Pledge	9,568	9,570	(2)
County Treasurer's Fees - Regional Infrastructure	839	839	-
County Treasurer's Fees - Town Infrastructure	839	839	-
Contingency	7,776	-	7,776
Transfers to District No. 6	805,978	808,094	(2,116)
Total Expenditures	825,000	819,342	5,658
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	-	-	-
<b>FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

**HESS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**  
**SCHEDULE OF ASSESSED VALUATION, MILL LEVY, AND PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Year Ended December 31,	Prior Year Assessed Valuation for Current Year Tax Levy	Mills Levied	Total Property Taxes		Percent Collected to Levied
			Levied	Collected	
2019	\$ -	0.000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2020	-	10.069	-	-	0.00
2021	4,050	77.000	312	312	100.00
2022	10,250,110	77.000	789,259	731,920	92.74
2023	11,190,240	77.000	861,648	861,650	100.00
Estimated for the					
Year Ending					
December 31, 2024	\$ 20,968,920	82.911	\$ 1,738,554		

NOTE: Property taxes shown as collected in any one year include collection of delinquent property taxes or abatements of property taxes assessed in prior years. This presentation does not attempt to identify specific years of assessment.