



Town of Carefree, Arizona
Utilities Community Facilities District
(A Component Unit of the Town of Carefree, Arizona)
Financial Statements
Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District

Report on Audit of Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District (District), a component unit of the Town of Carefree, Arizona, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District, as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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. 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 Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit 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 the District's ability to continue as a going concern for one year 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 are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements. In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

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

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District's 2023 financial statements, and our report dated December 19, 2023, expressed an unmodified opinion on those audited financial statements. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2024, on our consideration of Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities 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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District's 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 Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Heinfeld Meech & Co. PC

Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C.
Scottsdale, Arizona
October 30, 2024

Town of Carefree, Arizona
Utilities Community Facilities District
Statements of Net Position
June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2023)

	2024	2023
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Cash and investments	\$ 2,904,565	\$ 3,671,959
Cash and investments - restricted	764,995	507,195
Accounts receivable	473,155	484,727
Inventory	208,126	179,889
Prepaid items	84,297	68,040
Total current assets	4,435,138	4,911,810
Noncurrent assets:		
Capital assets, non-depreciable	1,577,894	21,828,371
Capital assets, depreciable (net)	26,968,552	4,513,644
Intangible assets (net)	86,866	96,009
Total noncurrent assets	28,633,312	26,438,024
Total assets	33,068,450	31,349,834
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	442,374	866,425
Accrued payroll and employee benefits		128
Accrued interest payable	368,500	370,700
Advances from Town of Carefree	48,000	20,000
Due to other governments	38,088	35,504
Other current liabilities	22,157	19,187
Customer deposits	26,695	26,695
Compensated absences payable	33,581	33,780
Financed purchases payable	223,178	214,972
Bonds payable	370,000	110,000
Total current liabilities	1,572,573	1,697,391
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Advances from Town of Carefree	3,220,957	1,125,653
Financed purchases payable	453,744	676,922
Bonds payable	21,057,545	21,538,750
Total noncurrent liabilities	24,732,246	23,341,325
Total liabilities	26,304,819	25,038,716
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	3,173,021	3,590,777
Unrestricted	3,590,610	2,720,341
Total net position	\$ 6,763,631	\$ 6,311,118

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

Town of Carefree, Arizona
Utilities Community Facilities District
Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
for the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	2024	2023
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 4,653,617	\$ 3,780,003
Other	61,113	34,339
Total operating revenues	4,714,730	3,814,342
Operating expenses:		
Cost of sales and services	1,651,807	1,251,111
Salaries	584,567	522,364
Employee benefits	171,706	129,520
Services, supplies and other	536,132	567,404
Depreciation and amortization	683,248	600,283
Total operating expenses	3,627,460	3,070,682
Operating income (loss)	1,087,270	743,660
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Investment income	11,707	10,612
Gain (loss) on sale of property	(276)	
Interest expense and fiscal charges	(646,188)	(667,462)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(634,757)	(656,850)
Income (loss)	452,513	86,810
Capital contributions		655,812
Changes in net position	452,513	742,622
Total net position, beginning of year	6,311,118	5,568,496
Total net position, end of year	\$ 6,763,631	\$ 6,311,118

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Town of Carefree, Arizona
Utilities Community Facilities District
Statements of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2023)

	2024	2023
<u>Increase/Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>		
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers, service fees	\$ 4,665,189	\$ 3,704,109
Cash received from customers, other	61,113	34,339
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(2,650,930)	(3,814,471)
Cash payments to employees	(756,600)	(670,002)
Net cash provided by/used for operating activities	1,318,772	(746,025)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	11,707	10,612
Net cash provided by/used for investing activities	11,707	10,612
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Capital contributions		655,812
Purchase of capital assets	(2,736,230)	(12,354,400)
Principal paid on long-term debt	(344,972)	(621,408)
Interest paid	(759,593)	(407,788)
Issuance of advance	2,000,000	
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	722	
Net cash provided by/used for noncapital financing activities	(1,840,073)	(12,727,784)
Net increase/decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(509,594)	(13,463,197)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	4,179,154	17,642,351
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 3,669,560	\$ 4,179,154
<u>Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents to the Statement of Net Position</u>		
Cash and investments	\$ 2,904,565	\$ 3,671,959
Cash and investments - restricted	764,995	507,195
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,669,560	\$ 4,179,154
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Income/Loss to Net Cash Provided by/Used for Operating Activities</u>		
Operating income/loss	\$ 1,087,270	\$ 743,660
Adjustments to reconcile operating income/loss to net cash provided by/used for operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	683,248	600,283
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase/decrease in customer deposits		(4,650)
Increase/decrease in accounts receivable	11,572	(71,244)
Increase/decrease in inventory	(28,237)	72,979
Increase/decrease in prepaid items	(16,257)	7,181
Increase/decrease in payables	(421,467)	(2,137,433)
Increase/decrease in accrued liabilities	(128)	(1,874)
Increase/decrease in compensated absences payable	(199)	(16,244)
Increase/decrease in due to other funds		57,790
Increase/decrease in other liabilities	2,970	3,527
Total adjustments	231,502	(1,489,685)
Net cash provided by/used for operating activities	\$ 1,318,772	\$ (746,025)

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

Town of Carefree, Arizona
Utilities Community Facilities District
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District (District), a component unit of the Town of Carefree, Arizona (Town) 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 District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The District was organized in July 1998 as a special purpose community facilities district pursuant to the laws of the State of Arizona and is administered by a board of seven directors, who also serve as elected members of the Town of Carefree, Arizona Town Council.

The District provides water utility services for most of the Town and the surrounding areas. Revenues received by the District are primarily from charges for services of delivered water. The District's financial statements are comprised of a single enterprise fund.

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

Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made and determines when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The financial statements of the District are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

The District distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the District's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are water service, installation, delivery and capacity fees. Operating expenses for the District include costs of sales, salaries, employee benefits, service and supplies costs, and depreciation and amortization of capital and intangible assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

C. Cash and Investments

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Arizona Revised Statutes authorize the District to invest public monies in the State Treasurer's local government investment pools, the County Treasurer's investment pool, obligations of the U.S. Government and its agencies, obligations of the state and certain local government subdivisions, interest-bearing savings accounts and certificates of deposit, collateralized repurchase agreements, certain obligations of U.S. corporations, and certain other securities. All investments are stated at fair value.

Certain resources set aside for the repayment of customer deposits are classified as restricted cash and investments on the statement of net position, because the sources can be returned to customers.

D. Investment Income

Investment income is composed of interest and net changes in the fair market value of applicable investments. Investment income is included in nonoperating revenues.

E. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are uncollateralized customer obligations, due under normal trade terms, requiring payment within 30 days from the invoice date. Interest on accounts receivable is recognized as income when billed. Accounts receivable are stated at the amount billed to the customer. Payments of accounts receivable are allocated to the specific invoices identified on a customer's bill or, if unspecified, are applied to the earliest unpaid invoices.

The carrying amount of accounts receivable may be reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of uncollectible amounts. Management reviews all accounts receivable balances monthly and estimates whether a portion, if any, of the balances will not be collected based on the assessment of the customers' credit worthiness. Due to the nature of the accounts receivable, management does not consider an allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable material or necessary. Therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is presented.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

F. Inventory

All inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for water infrastructure repairs and maintenance. Inventories are recorded as expenses when consumed on the financial statements.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of \$1,000 for machinery/equipment and \$5,000 for infrastructure and an estimated useful life of more than one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated acquisition 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 the life of the asset are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. Intangible right-to-use assets are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the underlying asset's useful life. The estimated useful lives and amortization periods are as follows:

Water plant	28-50 years
Machinery and equipment	7-28 years

H. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are determined based upon the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net position being acquired. Intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the respective assets.

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position may report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position may report 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 does not have any items that qualify for reporting in either section.

J. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences consist of vacation and personnel leave earned by employees based on services already rendered. District employees can accrue up to a maximum of 320 hours. Upon separation, the District will distribute unused leave to employees.

K. Long-term Obligations

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities on the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Deferred amounts on refunding result from the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

L. Net Position Flow Assumption

In the financial statements the District applies restricted resources first when outlays are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted amounts are available.

M. Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

N. Prior Year Summarized Comparative Information

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's statements for the year ended June 30, 2023, from which the information is derived.

Note 2 – Cash And Investments

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure the District's deposits may not be returned to the District. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At year end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$3,669,560, and the bank balance was \$3,181,705. At year end, \$1,793,492 of the District's deposits were covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the District's name and \$162,569 of the District's deposits were uninsured and uncollateralized.

Interest Rate Risk. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Note 3 – Intangible Assets

The intangible asset balance at June 30, 2024 consisted of the following goodwill and associated amortization:

Customer lists	\$ 260,582
Less: Accumulated amortization	<u>(173,716)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 86,866</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements
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Note 4 – Capital Assets

A summary of capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 follows:

Capital Assets	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 245,960	\$ 181,060	\$	\$ 427,020
Water allocation rights	1,125,605			1,125,605
Construction in progress	20,456,806	2,689,327	23,120,864	25,269
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>21,828,371</u>	<u>2,870,387</u>	<u>23,120,864</u>	<u>1,577,894</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Machinery and equipment	652,610	21,720	3,499	670,831
Water plant	15,405,110	23,108,291	188,551	38,324,850
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>16,057,720</u>	<u>23,130,011</u>	<u>192,050</u>	<u>38,995,681</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Machinery and equipment	(474,705)	(38,759)	(3,499)	(509,965)
Water plant	(11,069,371)	(635,347)	(187,554)	(11,517,164)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(11,544,076)</u>	<u>(674,106)</u>	<u>(191,053)</u>	<u>(12,027,129)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>4,513,644</u>	<u>22,455,905</u>	<u>997</u>	<u>26,968,552</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 26,342,015</u>	<u>\$ 25,326,292</u>	<u>\$23,121,861</u>	<u>\$28,546,446</u>

At year end, the District had contractual commitments related to improvement of the water system. At year end, the District had spent \$25,269 on the projects. The estimated remaining contractual commitments were \$2,000,000 and are being funded with bond proceeds.

Note 5 – Capital Advance

The Town transferred water facilities to the District under the provisions of a long-term agreement classified as a capital advance with a zero percent interest rate. The agreement qualifies as a capital advance for accounting purposes and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of its future minimum payments as of the inception date. Charges for services from users are used to repay the capital advance. Amortization of assets acquired under the capital advance is included with depreciation expense.

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Note 5 – Capital Advance

The future minimum capital advance obligations and the net present value of these minimum capital advance payments at year end were as follows:

Year Ending June 30:			
	2025	\$	48,000
	2026		48,000
	2027		48,000
	2028		300,000
	2029		300,000
	2030-34		1,500,000
	2035-38		1,024,957
Total			<u>\$ 3,268,957</u>
	Due within one year	\$	<u>48,000</u>

Note 6 – Financed Purchase

The District has acquired a high-capacity water tank under the provisions of a contract classified as a financed purchase payable with an interest rate of 3.75 percent. Charges for services are used to pay the debt obligation.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity on financed purchases payable at year end are summarized as follows:

Year ending June 30:	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 223,178	\$ 21,586
2026	231,697	13,067
2027	222,047	4,223
Total	<u>\$ 676,922</u>	<u>\$ 38,876</u>

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June 30, 2024

Note 7 – Revenue Bonds Payable

Bonds payable at June 30, 2024, consisted of the following. The District has pledged to repay \$18,535,000 of water system revenue bonds issued in 2021 and payable through 2052. The bonds are collateralized by water utility revenue. In 2024, net revenues of \$1.8 million were pledged and used for repayment. Interest for the current year was \$737,000. The coverage ratio (pledged revenues to debt service) for 2024 is 2.14, which exceeds the minimum required coverage of 1.2.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Original Amount Issued</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Remaining Maturities</u>	<u>Outstanding Principal June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Business-type activities:					
Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021	\$ 18,535,000	4.00%	7/1/24-51	\$ 18,425,000	\$ 370,000

Annual debt service requirements to maturity on Revenue bonds at year end are summarized as follows:

Year ending June 30:	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	\$ 370,000	\$ 729,600
2026	385,000	714,500
2027	400,000	698,800
2028	415,000	682,500
2029	430,000	665,600
2030-34	2,430,000	3,049,600
2035-39	2,955,000	2,513,100
2040-44	3,595,000	1,859,500
2045-49	4,375,000	1,065,500
2050-52	3,070,000	187,400
Total	<u>\$ 18,425,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,166,100</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

Note 8 – Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Bonds payable:					
Revenue bonds	\$ 18,535,000	\$	\$ 110,000	\$ 18,425,000	\$ 370,000
Premium	3,113,750		111,205	3,002,545	
Total bonds payable	<u>21,648,750</u>		<u>221,205</u>	<u>21,427,545</u>	<u>370,000</u>
Compensated absences payable	33,780	13,336	13,535	33,581	33,581
Capital advance	1,145,653	2,143,304	20,000	3,268,957	48,000
Financed purchases payable	891,894		214,972	676,922	223,178
Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 23,720,077</u>	<u>\$ 2,156,640</u>	<u>\$ 469,712</u>	<u>\$ 25,407,005</u>	<u>\$ 674,759</u>

Note 9 – Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; error and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. The District carries commercial insurance for all risks of loss, including property and liability, workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 10 – Contingent Liabilities

Lawsuits – The District is a party to a number of various types of lawsuits, many of which normally occur in governmental operations. The ultimate outcome of the actions is not determinable, however, District management believes that the outcome of these proceedings, either individually or in the aggregate, will not have a materially adverse effect on the accompanying financial statements.

Note 11 – Retirement Plans

The District and its employees participate in a SIMPLE Individual Retirement Account. Employee contributions up to three percent of the employees pay are matched by the District. The District withholds the employee contributions and remits it along with the matching contribution to a third party custodian for the retirement accounts. The SIMPLE IRA belongs to the employee and is fully vested at the time the third party custodian credits to the receipt of the contribution to each employee's account. Matching contributions made by the District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$55,051, \$59,973, and \$63,342, respectively.

Bond Disclosure Requirements

Town of Carefree, Arizona
Utilities Community Facilities District
Bond Disclosure Requirements
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Organizational Overview

The Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District (the “District”) is the sole shareholder in the Carefree Water Company (the “Company”). This structure was established during the original formation of the District in 1998 as the legal mechanism for the purchase of the Company, a private provider, from the then existing shareholders. Since its purchase by the District in 1998, the Company has been tasked by the District with the responsibility of delivering water to the residents and customers within the Town of Carefree (“Carefree”) service area.

At the time of the District formation, a Board of Directors (the “Board”) was established pursuant to state statutes. In order to facilitate a close but separate relationship between Carefree, the District, and the Company, the membership of the Board for both the District and the Company was established as the members of the Carefree Town Council.

Community and Water System Overview

Carefree is located in the far northeast portion of the Phoenix metropolitan area, bordering Scottsdale on the south and east, Cave Creek on the west, and unincorporated property within Maricopa County on the north. Carefree consistently maintains one of the highest rankings for median and average household income within the State of Arizona.

Since the acquisition of all Carefree residents, previously served potable water by the Town of Cave Creek, the District has undertaken significant infrastructure improvements to facilitate the transition of these customers. By the end of fiscal year 2023-24, all of the customers have been transferred over to the Carefree water system, bringing the total customer base to 2,565 accounts. This has increased the Carefree Water service area to approximately 8 square miles, serving an estimated population (both full time and part time) of 3,912.

As the entity responsible for day-to-day operations and water deliveries within the majority of Carefree, the Company owns the water delivery system and performs all normal operations, maintenance, repair, and replacement functions. Contractual relationships related to water deliveries, such as the subcontract for Central Arizona Project (“CAP”) water and Treatment and Transportation Agreements with Scottsdale and Cave Creek, are held by the Company.

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**Table CD-1
Schedule of Ten Largest Customers
for Fiscal Year 2023-24 by Industry**

<u>Industry of Customer</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Percentage of Total</u>
Hotel/Resort	\$ 92,642	26.85%
Home Owners Association	57,260	16.60%
Hotel/Resort	29,806	8.64%
Home Owners Association	29,408	8.52%
Home Owners Association	28,890	8.37%
Hotel/Resort	27,778	8.05%
Hotel/Resort	25,668	7.44%
Grocery Store	23,326	6.76%
Apartment Building	16,272	4.72%
Home Owners Association	13,930	4.04%
Total	<u>\$ 344,980</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Source: The District

**Table CD-2
Number of Meters Connected During Each Fiscal Year**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of New Meters Connected</u>	<u>Running Total Number of Connected Meters</u>
2011-12	2	1,824
2012-13	2	1,826
2013-14	8	1,834
2014-15	68	1,902
2015-16	1	1,903
2016-17	17	1,920
2017-18	49	1,969
2018-19	8	1,977
2019-20	9	1,986
2020-21	13	1,999
2021-22	27	2,026
2022-23	507	2,533
2023-24	32	2,565

Source: The District

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Water Rates

The following rates for fiscal year 2024-25, plus the applicable proportionate part of any taxes or any governmental impositions which are assessed on water sales currently apply to all individually metered water services:

**Table CD-3
 Current Water Rates**

Meter Type	Meter Size	Monthly Base Fee
Residential	5/8 x 3/4 inch	\$ 57.40
	1 inch	57.40
Commercial	1 inch	103.32
	1 1/2 inch	256.42
	2 inch	614.60
	3 inch	819.32
Master Meters	Master Meter 1	436.14
	Master Meter 2	219.12
	Master Meter 3	436.14
	Master Meter 4	327.13
	Master Meter 5	667.80
	Master Meter 6	2,071.70
	Master Meter 7	981.37
	Master Meter 8	599.70
	Master Meter 9	599.70
	Master Meter 10	599.70
Stand Pipe	N/A – Volumetric only	
Fire Hydrant Meter		\$ 180.38

Source: The District

Note: Customers are also billed monthly based on water consumption (i.e. commodity or volumetric rate). Commodity rates are billed on a 5-tiered system with rates increasing with increased usage to encourage water conservation. Tier breakdowns vary by meter type and meter size and can be found online at carefreewaterco.com. Residential and Commercial monthly base fees for properties in the acquisition areas include an additional \$20.00 bond offset fee.

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Water Rate Increases

In the past ten years, water rate increases have been implemented as indicated in the chart below:

**Table CD-4
 Water Rate Increases**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>
2010/11	1.8% CO
2011/12	6.5%/ \$0.20 (B/C)
2012/13	2%/2.9% (B/C)
2013/14	2% B&C
2014/15	2% B&C
2015/16	1.5% B&C
2016/17	2% B&C
2017/18	2% B&C
2018/19	3% B&C
2019/20	4.4% B&C
2020/21	4.4% B&C
2021/22	4.4% B&C
2022/23	4.4% B&C
2023/24	4.4% B&C
2024/25	4.4% B&C

Source: The District

B&C = Base and Commodity
 (B/C) = Base/Commodity
 CO = Commodity only

Report on Internal Control and on Compliance

**Independent Auditor’s 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***

Board of Directors
Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District

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 Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District, a component unit of the Town of Carefree, Arizona, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities District’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities 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 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. 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Carefree, Arizona Utilities Community Facilities 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 financial statements. 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*.

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.

Heinfeld Meech & Co. PC

Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C.
Scottsdale, Arizona
October 30, 2024