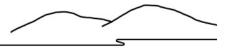
Scotts Valley Fire Protection District FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT REPORT

June 30, 2023



October 30, 2023

Scotts Valley Fire Protection District

Scotts Valley, CA

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Scotts Valley Fire Protection District as of and for the year-ended June 30, 2023, 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 of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental 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 of 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 our audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Scotts Valley Fire Protection District as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information and Budget VS. Actual comparison 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 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 principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information for consistency with managements 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 assurances on the information or provide an assurance.

z

Zach Pehling, CPA

Audit Report June 30, 2023

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	<u>Page</u>
Independent Auditor's Report	1
Management's Discussion and Analysis	4
Financial Statements	
Government Funds Financial Statements	
Fund Balance Sheet	9
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures	10
Government-Wide Financial Statements	
Statement of Net Position	12
Statement of Activities	14
Fiduciary Funds Financial Statements	
Fiduciary Fund Statement of Net Position	17
Fiduciary Fund Statement of Activities	18
Notes to Financial Statements	19
Supplemental Information	
Funds –Budget versus Actual - General	43
Funds –Budget versus Actual – Capital	44
Funds –Budget versus Actual - SCHMIT	45



SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

7 Erba Lane, Scotts Valley, California 95066 (831) 438-0211 Fax (831) 438-0383

Mark Correira Fire Chief

October 30, 2023

The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (SVFPD) provides fire protection services to approximately twenty-four square mile area of Santa Cruz County from the Santa Cruz city limits to Spanish Oaks and from Henry Cowell State Park to Glen Canyon/Vine Hill Roads and includes all of the City of Scotts Valley. The population of the SVFPD is approximately twenty thousand, including about twelve thousand within the city limits. The SVFPD is a separate government body, not part of the City of Scotts Valley, known as a California Special District and is governed by an elected board of five citizens. This section of the SVFPD financial report presents the discussion and analysis of the SVFPD financial performance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Description of the Basic Financial Statements The financial statements consist of the following parts: Management discussion and analysis; the basic financial statements consisting of government-wide financial statements, and fund financial statements (governmental and fiduciary); notes to the financial statements; and required supplementary information.

The basic government-wide and fund financial statements present the financial results on different methods of accounting. Included in the financial statements are reconciliations that explain the difference between the two methods.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus. The required financial statements are: Statement of Net Position (Statement A) and Statement of Activities. The Statement of Net Position reports all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term, of the SVFPD. The Statement of Activities reports all revenue and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash was received or paid.

Governmental Funds financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting and current financial resources focus. This is the traditional form for our financial statements. The required financial statements are Balance Sheet, and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances. The Balance Sheet shows only assets and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities are included. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances reports revenue for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during or soon after the end of the year.

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position explains the differences between the two balance sheets. Reconciliation of the Statement Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities traces the change in fund balances to the change in net position.

Governmental Fiduciary financial statements for the Hazardous Materials Interagency Team are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus. The required financial statements are: Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Statement of Activities and Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. The Statement of Net Position reports all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term of the fund. The Statement of Activities reports all revenue and expenses of the fund during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

The Government-Wide and Governmental Funds financial statements show the results of the following funds:

General Fund - This fund is used to finance the operations of the SVFPD. Tax revenues are placed in the General Fund and regular operating expenses are charged here. For the 2023/2024 FY, Capital Structure and Improvements was budgeted in the General Fund to eliminate the needs to borrow money from the County prior to the first property tax distribution in December.

Capital Outlay/Zone A Fund - A legally formed zone of benefits established in 1969 that receives revenues and expenditures are budgeted for capital projects.

The fiduciary fund financial statements show the results of the following:

Santa Cruz Hazardous Materials Interagency Team (SCHMIT) - The SVFPD reports the resources held and administered by the SVFPD in acting in a fiduciary capacity for other agencies involved in the Team. Operational funding is received through a memorandum of understanding with Santa Cruz County, UCSC, City of Scotts Valley, City of Capitola, City of Santa Cruz, City of Watsonville, and the California State Parks. When available, additional funding had been received from grants.

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

Net Position - The SVFPD net change in net position was \$1,453,273 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The adoption of GASB 68 put the SVFPD in a negative net position with further negative net position from the adoption of GASB 74/75. The negative net position will not adversely affect the SVFPD as the positive fund balance will allow the SVFPD to continue to offer services to the public. Approximately 25 percent of the \$16,789,541 in assets, \$4,166,707 are invested in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt).

Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

Governmental fund balances increased by \$316,340. The main reason for the difference between the \$1,408,506 increase in SVFPD net position and the \$316,340 increase in fund balances is timing differences in accounting for expenditures, principal payments made on long-term liabilities, and the difference in accounting for fixed asset purchases and depreciation.

Budgetary Highlights

General Fund revenue was 10.18% better than budgeted at \$914,665, mainly due to strike team reimbursement and residual distribution due to the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) with tax revenue 2.55% better, at \$205,189.

Salaries and benefits were \$548,707 (6.25%) under budget. Services and supplies were \$363,129 (50.78%) under budget. This was due to the differences both favorable and unfavorable between budgeted and actual expenditures in the thirty separate accounts that make up this category.

Total General Fund expenditures were \$8,943,663 (9.48%) less than the amount budgeted, including contingency appropriation, which did not need to be used during the year.

Capital Outlay/Zone A expenditures were under budget by \$1,158,904 (58.94%).

Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2023, the SVFPD had invested \$7,928,532 in a broad range of capital assets including land, structures and improvements, equipment, and construction in progress.

Long-Term Liabilities

At June 30, 2023 the SVFPD had \$18,477,480 in long-term liabilities which consists of postemployment benefits obligation and the Net Pension Liability. In September 2020, the SVFPD established the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) to prefund future pension costs and the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) in an effort to reduce the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability. The other postemployment benefits obligation is a result of the implementation of GASB 74/75. Detailed information can be found in Note 8 to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The main source of SVFPD revenue is property tax. Estimates from the Santa Cruz County Auditor project a 4% growth in the secured property tax (real estate). The SVFPD has budgeted the 4% growth in the property tax elements for the General Fund and Capital Outlay/Zone A. Other non-tax elements of revenue are projected using past trends. There is potential for variances due to re-assessments of real property values and new construction within the SVFPD.

Total budgeted General Fund expenditures for 2023/2024 fiscal year (FY), is \$13,173,203, which includes reserve funds. Salaries and Benefits budget includes a 3% salary increase. All authorized positions are funded this FY. The SVFPD contribution to the CalPERS retirement program is 24.15% of payroll plus an annual Unfunded Accrued Liability payment of \$988,365 for the Classic Safety plan and 12.47% of payroll and no annual Unfunded Accrued Liability payment for the Classic Miscellaneous plan. Classic Safety members contribute an additional 9% of salary to CalPERS for retirement and Classic Miscellaneous members contribute 7% of salary.

The employer rate for new CalPERS PEPRA safety employees hired after January 1, 2013, is 13.54% of payroll and no annual Unfunded Accrued Liability payment and for PEPRA Miscellaneous employees 7.68% of payroll plus no annual Unfunded Accrued Liability payment.

This represents a budgeted amount of \$1,771,669 payable to CalPERS, which is a decrease of \$38,584 over 2022/2023 FY. In addition, \$150,000 is budgeted in the Contributions to Trust/Agency Fund to the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT). The CEPPT will allow the SVFPD to prefund future pension lability with a 4% 10 year expected rate of return.

Health insurance is budgeted for an increase effective January 1, 2024. Retiree health insurance is budgeted at \$98,810, an increase of \$9,754 over last year. In addition, \$155,000 is budgeted in the Contributions to Trust/Agency Fund to the California Employers' Other Retiree Benefits Trust (CERBT). The CERBT will allow the SVFPD to prefund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) for retiree healthcare with a 7.01% long-term expected rate of return.

Workers compensation insurance is \$464,393, an increase of \$85,701 over last FY. The Services and Supplies budget is \$911,426, an increase of \$64,639 over last FY.

The Contributions to Other Agencies is for the SVPFD share of the LAFCO budget at \$9,000, a slight increase over last FY.

The beginning balance of the Capital Outlay/Zone A fund is \$1,376,474. A 4% increase in property tax revenue is estimated for this FY. The Service and Supplies Budget is \$822,652, Fixed Assets for Fire Facilities upgrades and Equipment is \$190,500, Reserves in the amount of \$316,710 for future expenditures and \$200,000 for contingencies.

The beginning fund balance for the Santa Cruz Hazardous Materials Interagency Team (SCHMIT) is \$261,866. Services and supplies are to support the operating costs of the team in the amount of \$80,024, which includes a \$6,000, charge for management of the program. Personnel costs include \$20,000 for reimbursement to response agencies in the event of an activation and \$240,000, for differential costs for the response agencies, which accounts for 30 total members.

Contacting the Districts Financial Management

This financial statement is designed to provide a general overview of the SVFPD finances. If you have questions about these financial statements or need additional financial information, contact the SVFPD Office at 7 Erba Lane, Scotts Valley, California 95066. Financial statements from previous fiscal years may be found on the SVFPD website at <u>www.scottsvalleyfire.com</u>.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance Sheet June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Capital	
ASSETS			
<u>Assets:</u>			
Cash	\$ 3,775,328	\$ 1,376,474	
Accounts Receivable	-	-	
Deposits & Prepaid Expenses			
TOTAL ASSETS	3,775,328	1,376,474	
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS & FUND BALANCES			
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Accounts Payable	-	-	
Accrued Payroll	102,971		
TOTAL LIABILIITES	102,971		
Deferred Inflows			
Unavailable Revenue	-		
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS	102,971		
Fund Balances:		-	
Unassigned	3,672,257	-	
Unspendable	100	-	
Committed	-	1,376,474	
Total Fund Balance	3,672,357	1,376,474	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 3,775,328	\$ 1,376,474	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Change in Fund Balance For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

REVENUE	General Fund Capital		
Tax Revenue	\$	9,245,077	\$ 149,958
Charges for Service		538,388	-
Interest & Investment Earnings		41,291	18,620
License & Permits		98,544	-
Grants & Contributions		-	-
Change in Fair value of investments		73,639	36,703
Miscellaneous		4,288	
TOTAL REVENUE		10,001,227	205,281
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Capital Assets		-	895,197
Debt Service:			
Principle		-	-
Interest		-	-
Professional Fees		134,784	35,573
Salaries and Employee Benefits		8,229,416	-
Repairs and Maintenance		178,398	6,843
Insurance		48,991	-
Services, Supplies and Refunds		352,073	8,892
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		8,943,663	946,505
Excess (Deficit) Revenues over Expenditures		1,057,564	(741,224)
Transfer In/(Out)		(500,000)	500,000
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		557,564	(241,224)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		3,114,793	1,617,698
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$	3,672,357	\$ 1,376,474

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2023

ASSETS	2023
<u>Current Assets:</u> Cash Accounts Receivable Deposits & Prepaid Expenses	\$ 5,151,802
Total Current Assets	5,151,802
Capital Assets: Land Buildings & Improvements Firefighting Equipment Construction in Progess Less: Accumulated Depreciation Total Capital Assets	820,843 2,038,479 3,794,627 1,274,583 (3,761,825) 4,166,707
TOTAL ASSETS	9,318,509
DEFERRED OUTFLOW GASB 75 GASB 68 Pension TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOW	153,126 7,317,906 7,471,032
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	
	16,789,541
LIABILITIES <u>Current Liabilities:</u> Accounts Payable Accrued Payroll Liabilities Current Portion Accrued Compensated Absences	- 102,971 - 275,996
Total Current Liabilities	378,967
<u>Long-term Liabilities:</u> OPEB Note Payable Net Pension Liability	1,428,111 - 14,704,700
Total Long-term Liabilities	16,132,811
TOTAL LIABILITIES	16,511,778
DEFERRED INFLOWS GASB 75 GASB 68 Pension	672,476 1,293,226
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	1,965,702
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS	18,477,480
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets Unrestricted	4,166,707 (5,854,645)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ (1,687,938)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements. 12

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	Ju	ne 30, 2023
Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Capital Assets used in Governmental Funds are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in the Governmental Funds.	\$	5,048,831
Total Historical Cost of Capital Assets		7,928,532
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(3,761,825)
Compensated Absences are reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Net Assets, but they do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, the liability is not reported in Governmental Funds.		(275,996)
Deferred Outflows not due and receivable in the current period and therefore are not reported as an asset in the governmental funds. This is comprised of GASB 68 Pension		
Outflows. Deferred Outflows at June 30 was: Some Deferred Inflows are not due in the current period and therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.This is comprised of GASB 68 Pension Inflows. Net		7,471,034
Deferred Inflows at June 30 was: Long-term liabilities are not due in the current period and therefore, are not reported as		(1,965,702)
liabilities in the governmental funds.		(16,132,811)
Net Position	\$	(1,687,938)

Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Statement of Activities For the Year-Ended June 30, 2023

	2	023		
		Operatin	g Revenues	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Grants and Contributions	Excess of Revenues/(Expenses)
Governmental Activities				<u>.</u>
Public Protection	\$ 8,498,489	\$ 507,717	\$-	\$ (7,990,772)
Depreciation (Unallocated)	224,076	-	-	(224,076)
Total Governmental Activites				(8,214,848)
General Revenues:				
Tax Revenue				9,395,035
Interest & Investment Ea	arnings			59,912
Change in Fair value of ir	nvestments			110,342
License, Permits & Rents	i			98,544
Miscellaneous				4,288
Total General Revenues				9,668,121
NET CHANGE IN NET POSITION				1,453,273
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	R			(3,141,211)
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR				\$ (1,687,938)

SCOTT'S VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	June 30, 2023
Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different as follows:	316,340
Governmental Funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of these assets are allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expense during the year	
Current Year Capital Outlays	895,197
Less: Current Year Depreciation Expense	(224,076)
In the Governmental Funds revenues are measured by the amount of financial resources received. In the Government-Wide Statement of Activities, revenues are measured by the amounts earned during the year	(30,672)
In the Governmental Funds CalPers expenditures are measured by the amount of financial resources used, which is the amounts actually paid. In the Government-Wide Statement of Activities, CalPers expenditures are measured by the amounts expensed during the year	279,522
In the Governmental Funds OPEB expenditures are measured by the amount of financial resources used, which is the amounts actually paid. In the Government-Wide Statement of Activities, OPEB expenditures are measured by the amounts expensed during the year	172,196
In the Governmental Funds compensated absences (sick pay and vacation) are measured by the amount of financial resources used, which is the amounts actually paid. In the Government-Wide Statement of Activities, compensated absences are measured by the amounts earned during the year	44,766
Repayment of principle on long-term liabilities is an expenditure for Governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position. Principle payments made on long-term liabilities during the year consist of: Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>-</u> \$ 1,453,273

FIDUCIARY FUNDS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SCHMIT

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position SCHMIT June 30, 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	2023
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 261,866
Total Current Assets	261,866
Capital Assets:	
Firefighting Equipment	478,817
Computer Equipment	948
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(445,102)
Total Capital Assets	34,663
TOTAL ASSETS	296,529
LIABILITIES	
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
Accounts Payable	-
Total Current Liabilities	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
NET POSITION	
SCHMIT Fund	296,529
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 296,529

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Activities & Change in Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Funds SCHMIT For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

ADDITIONS	2023 Fiduciary Fund	
Aid from other government agencies Use of Money and Property (Interest)	\$	218,163 5,056
TOTAL ADDITIONS		223,219
DEDUCTIONS		
Depreciation Services, Supplies and Refunds		19,464 172,013
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		191,477
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		31,742
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR		264,786
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$	296,528

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Organization

The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District was organized July 17, 1956, under the authority of Section 56000 et. seq. of the California Government Code, in conformity with the Health and Safety Code, Sections 14001 et. seq. and was reorganized in September 1987 in conformity with the Health and Safety Code, Sections 13801 et. seq. The District provides fire protection for the City of Scotts Valley and vicinity.

The Special Fire Protection Zone A was organized December 22, 1969, in conformity with the Health and Safety Code, Sections 13991 et. seq. The boundaries of the fire zone fall totally within Scotts Valley Fire Protection District. By Resolution2003-2 the funding derived from Zone A may be used for capital improvements, where a beneficial relationship to Zone A can be demonstrated as established during the annual budget hearings.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, the Santa Cruz Hazardous Materials Interagency Team (SCHMIT) was formed. The District has been appointed as the Program Manager for SCHMIT. As program manager, the District is acting as the fiscal agent. The District accounts for all receipts and disbursements for SCHMIT, a separate Fiduciary Fund of the District.

Accounting Records

The official accounting records of the District are maintained in the office of the Auditor-Controller of the County of Santa Cruz. Supporting documents are maintained by the District.

Minutes

Minutes were recorded for meetings and contained approvals for disbursements.

Budgetary Procedure

The District prepares a fiscal year budget in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting Principles

The financial statements of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (District) 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 most significant accounting policies of the District are described below.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The Budget of the District are organized on the basis of funds, or account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The District Government-Wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position. These statements present summaries of Governmental and Business-Type Activities for the District accompanied by a total column.

These statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the District's assets and liabilities, including capital assets as well as infrastructure assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred. The types of transactions reported as program revenues for the District are reported in three categories: 1) charges for services, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions.

Certain eliminations have been made as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34 in regards to interfund activities, payables and receivables. All internal balances in the Statement of Net Position have been eliminated except those representing balances between the governmental activities and the business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances and eliminated in the total primary government column. In the Statement of Activities, internal service fund transactions have been eliminated; however, those transactions between governmental and business-type activities have not been eliminated.

The District's governmental-wide fund balance is classified in the following categories:

<u>Net Investment in Capital Assets</u> - Includes amount of the fund balance that is invested in capital assets net of any related debt.

<u>Restricted</u> - Includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, external resource providers, constitutionally, or through enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted</u> - Includes amounts that are technically available for any purpose and includes all amounts not contained in other classifications.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental Fund Financial Statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for all major governmental funds and non-major funds aggregated. An accompanying schedule is presented to reconcile and explain the differences in fund balances and changes in fund balances as presented in these statements to the net position and changes in net position presented in the Government-Wide financial statements. The District has presented all major funds that met those qualifications.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "current financial resources" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash, except that revenues subject to accrual (generally 60 days after year-end) are recognized when due. The primary revenue sources, which have been treated as susceptible to accrual by the District, are property tax, intergovernmental revenues and other taxes. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which they taxes are recorded in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred.

<u>Nonspendable</u> - Includes amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact.

<u>Restricted</u> - Includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, constitutionally, or through enabling legislation.

<u>Committed</u> - Includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the government take the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.

<u>Assigned</u> - Includes amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes. Intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates authority.

<u>Unassigned</u> - Includes amounts that are technically available for any purpose and includes all amounts not contained in other classifications.

Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements

The District entered into an arrangement whereby the District reports resources held and administered by the District in a fiduciary capacity for the Santa Cruz Hazardous Materials Interagency Team (SCHMIT). Per definition, the resources held under this agreement are not available to support the District's own programs. Fiduciary Fund financial statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position.

The basic financial statements are presented on an economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the Fiduciary Fund's assets and liabilities, including capital assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period the liability is incurred.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Use of Restricted/Unrestricted Net Position

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the District's policy is to apply restricted net position first.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District prepares a fiscal year budget in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Pooled Cash and Investments

The County sponsors an investment pool that is managed by the County Treasurer for the purpose of increasing interest earnings through investment activities. Cash and investments for most County activities are included in the investment pool. Interest earned on the investment pool is distributed to the participating funds monthly using a formula based on the average daily balance of each fund

The California Government Code requires California banks and savings and loan associations to secure the County's cash deposits by pledging securities as collateral. This Code states that collateral pledged in this manner shall have the effect of perfecting a security interest in such a collateral superior to those of a general creditor. Thus, collateral for cash deposits is considered to be held in the County's name.

Accounts Receivable

On an accrual basis, revenues are recognized in the fiscal year in which the services are rendered. The District has not established an allowance for uncollectable receivables for Governmental or Grant Funds since prior experience has shown that uncollectable receivables are not significant.

Prepaid Expenditures

Prepaid expenditures (expenses) represent amounts paid in advance of receiving goods or services. The District has the option of reporting an expenditure in governmental funds for prepaid items either when purchased or during the benefiting period. The District has chosen to report the expenditures in the period benefited.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, improvements, and equipment are reported in the Government-Wide financial statements. Capital Assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if actual cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated. The District had set capitalization thresholds for reporting capital assets at the following:

Structures	\$5,000
Equipment	5,000
Improvements	5,000 or 20% of cost of existing asset (lesser of)

Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method (with no depreciation applied to the first year of acquisition) over the useful lives of the assets as follows:

Station and Improvements 15-40 years

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Equipment3-40 yearsMobile Equipment10-20 years

Inventory, Materials, and Supplies

The inventory on hand at any time is small. Accordingly, purchases are charges directly to fixed assets or to maintenance costs, as applicable.

Liability for Compensated Absences

The District is required to recognize a liability for employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences. All vacation and vested sick pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

District Special Expense

Because fire hose couplings and nozzles are peculiar to fire districts, the manual of the State Controller provides that purchases of such items be charged to the expense account "District Special Expense".

Unrealized Gains and Losses

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has established GASB-31 which requires public agencies to report the financial effect of all unrealized gains and losses on invested funds. As of June 30, 2023 the unrealized gains for Scotts Valley Fire Protection District were not considered to be material to the financial statements taken as a whole, and accordingly, has not been reflected in the financial statements.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflow/inflows of resources, represents an acquisition/disposition of net position that applies to future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow/inflow of resources until that time.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position

Property Taxes

The County of Santa Cruz assesses properties, bills, and collects property taxes for the District. Assessed values are determined annually by the County Assessor as of March 1, and become a lien on real property as of that date. Taxes are due November 1 and February 1 and are delinquent if not paid by December 10 and April 10, respectively. The County bills and collects property taxes and remits them to the District under the state authorized method of apportioning taxes whereby all local agencies, including special districts, receive for the County their respective shares of the amount of ad valorem taxes collected.

Estimates

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

The preparation of 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 reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the District's California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) plans (Plans) and additions to deductions from the Plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CalPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contribitions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Note 2 – Cash

Summary of Cash

June 30, 2022						
Value Fair Value						
County Cash	\$	5,162,927	\$	5,151,702		
Petty Cash		100		100		
Total	\$	5,163,027	\$	5,151,802		

Investment Policy: California statutes authorize districts to invest idle or surplus funds in a variety of credit instruments as provided for in the California Government Code, Section 53600, Chapter 4 – Financial Affairs. The District does not have an investment policy that addresses its interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk.

Investment in the County of Santa Cruz's Investment Pool: The District maintains its cash in County of Santa Cruz's cash and investment pool which is managed by the Santa Cruz County Treasurer. The District's cash balances invested in the Santa Cruz County Treasurer's cash and investment pool are stated at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Santa Cruz County does not invest in any derivative financial products. The Santa Cruz County Treasury Investment Oversight Committee (Committee) has oversight responsibility for Santa Cruz County's cash and investment pool. The value of pool shares in Santa Cruz County that may be withdrawn is determined on an amortized cost basis, which is different than the fair value of the District's position in the pool.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates.

Credit Risk: Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating issued by a nationally

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

recognized statistical rating organization. The County's investment pool does not have a rating provided by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Custodial Risk: Custodial risk is the risk that the government will not be able to recover its deposits or the value of its investments that are in the possession of an outside party. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect deposits or investment in securities through the use of government investment pools (such as the County's investment pool).

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The California Government Code and the District's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits, other than the following provision for deposits: The California Government Code requires that financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure public agency deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits. The District's deposits were covered by FDIC insurance at June 30, 2020.

Note 3 – Accounts Receivable

On June 30, 2023, the District had \$0 in Accounts Receivable. No allowance for doubtful accounts had been recorded per historical collections

Note 4 – Capital Assets

The District believes that sufficient detail of Capital assets balances is provided in the financial statements to avoid obscuring of significant components by aggregation

Note 5 – Compensated Absences

On June 30, 2023, the liability for compensated absences was \$275,996.

Note 6 - Changes in Long-term debt

A summary of long-term debt transactions of Scotts Valley Fire Protection District for the year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Balance	Reductions/ Reductions/		Balance			
	July 1, 2020	Ad	ditions	A	dditions	Jun	e 30, 2021
Accumulated Unpaid							
Compensated Absences	\$ 319,752	\$	1,010	\$	-	\$	320,762
Net Other Post Employment							
Benefits Obligation	\$ 1,643,317	\$	-	\$	131,341	\$	1,511,976
CalPERs UAL	\$ 12,472,793	\$	-	\$	5,339,441	\$	7,133,352

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Note 7 - Public Employees' retirement Plan:

Plan Description

All qualified permanent and probationary employees are eligible to participate in the Public Agency Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan (the Plan), administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). The Plan's benefit provisions are established by statute. The Plan is included as a pension trust fund in the CalPERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which is available online at www.calpers.ca.gov.

The Plan consists of a miscellaneous pool and a safety pool (referred to as "risk pools"), which are comprised of individual employer miscellaneous and safety rate plans, respectively, including those of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District. The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District's employer rate plans in the miscellaneous risk pool include the Miscellaneous plan (Miscellaneous) and the PEPRA Miscellaneous plan (PEPRA Misc.). The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District's employer rate plans in the safety risk pool include the Safety plan (Safety) and the PEPRA Safety Fire plan (PEPRA Fire).

Benefits Provided

The Plan provides service retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments and death benefits to plan members, who must be public employees and beneficiaries. Benefits are based on years of credited service, equal to one year of full time employment. Classic members and PEPRA Safety members with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 50 with statutorily reduced benefits. PEPRA Miscellaneous members with five years of total service are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after five years of service. The death benefit is the Basic Death Benefit. The cost of living adjustments for each plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees' Retirement Law. The Plans' provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2019, are summarized as follows:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 Employer Rate Plans in the Miscellaneous Risk Pool

Employer rate plan	Miscellaneous	PEPRA Misc.
Hire Date	Prior to January 01, 2013	On or after January 01, 2013
Benefit formula	2.0% @ 55	2.0% @ 62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years of service	5 years of service
Benefit payments	Monthly for life	Monthly for life
Retirement age	50	52
Monthly benefits, as of % of eligible compensation	1.426% to 2.418%	1.0% to 2.5%

Employer Rate Plans in the Safety Risk Pool

Employer rate plan	Safety	PEPRA Fire
Hire Date	Prior to January 01, 2013	On or after January 01, 2013
Benefit formula	3.0% @ 55	2.7% @ 57
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years of service	5 years of service
Benefit payments	Monthly for life	Monthly for life
Retirement age	50	50
Monthly benefits, as of % of eligible compensation	2.4% to 3.0%	2.0% to 2.7%

Contributions

Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers be determined on an annual basis by the CalPERS actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. Contribution rates for the employer rate plans are determined through the CalPERS' annual actuarial valuation process. Each employer rate plan's actuarially determined rate is based on the estimated amount necessary to pay the employer rate plan's allocated share of the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, and any unfunded accrued liability. The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District's net pension liability for each risk pool is measured as the proportionate share of each risk pool's net pension liability. GASB 68 indicates that to the extent different contribution rates are assessed based on separate relationships that constitute the collective net pension liability, the determination of the employer's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability should be made in a manner that reflects those relationships. The allocation method used by CalPERS to determine each employer's proportionate share reflects those relationships through the employer rate plans they sponsor within the respective risk pools. An actuarial measurement of the employer's rate plan liability and asset-related information are used where available, and proportional allocations of individual employer rate plan amounts as of the valuation date are used where not available.

In determining an employer's proportionate share, the employer rate plans included in the Plan were assigned to either the Miscellaneous or Safety risk pool. Estimates of the total pension liability and the fiduciary net position were first determined for the individual rate plans and each risk pool as of the valuation date, June 30, 2022. Each employer rate plan's fiduciary net position was subtracted from its total pension liability to obtain its net pension liability as of the valuation date. The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District's proportionate share percentage for each risk pool at the valuation date was calculated by dividing the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District's net pension liability for each of its employer rate plans within each risk pool by the net pension liability of the respective risk pool as of the valuation date.

The Scotts Valley Fire Protection District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2020, the measurement date, was calculated as follows:

Each risk pool's total pension liability was computed at the measurement date, June 30, 2020, by applying standard actuarial roll-forward methods to the total pension liability amounts as of the valuation date. The fiduciary net position for each risk pool at the measurement date was determined by CalPERS' Financial Office. The net pension liability for each risk pool at June 30, 2020, was computed by subtracting the respective risk pool's fiduciary net position from its total pension liability.

The individual employer risk pool's proportionate share percentage of the total pension liability and fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2022, was calculated by applying Scotts Valley Fire Protection District's proportionate share percentage as of the valuation date (described above) to the respective risk pool's total pension liability and fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2022, to obtain the total pension liability and fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2022. The fiduciary net position was then subtracted from total pension liability to obtain the net pension liability as of the measurement date.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

٦

Г

erred Outflows of <u>Resources</u> 1,483,083 443,003 2,328,304 - 1,228,190 1,835,326 7,317,906 14,704,700 n the <u>Jul 2022-Jun 20</u>	Deferred Inflows of <u>Resources</u> - - 1,293,226 - 1,293,226 23 JE Flow worksheet	
1,483,083 443,003 2,328,304 - 1,228,190 1,835,326 7,317,906 14,704,700	- - 1,293,226 - - 1,293,226	
2,328,304 - 1,228,190 <u>1,835,326</u> 7,317,906 14,704,700	1,293,226	
1,228,190 1,835,326 7,317,906 14,704,700	1,293,226	
1,835,326 7,317,906 14,704,700	1,293,226	
1,835,326 7,317,906 14,704,700	1,293,226	
1,835,326 7,317,906 14,704,700	<u> </u>	
7,317,906	<u> </u>	
14,704,700	<u> </u>	
	23 JE Flow worksheet	
n the <mark>Jul 2022-Jun 20</mark> ;	23 JE Flow worksheet	
ortionate Share of		
246,479		
14,458,220		
14,704,700		
0.00527% -0.00014%	0.21041%	0.13190% 0.12730% -0.00459% not equal the sum of
ns will be recognized Miscellaneous (2,168)	in pension expense as follor Safety \$ 1,208,212 \$	Total
Miscellaneous (2,168) (2,560)	Safety \$ 1,208,212 \$ 1,002,903 \$	Total 5 1,206,044 1,000,343
Miscellaneous (2,168) (2,560) 497	Safety \$ 1,208,212 \$ 1,002,903 562,103	Total 5 1,206,044 1,000,343 562,600
Miscellaneous (2,168) (2,560)	Safety \$ 1,208,212 \$ 1,002,903 \$	Total 5 1,206,044 1,000,343
	14,458,220 14,704,700 d 6/30/2023: Miscellaneous 0.00541% 0.00527% -0.00014%	Met Pension Liability/(Asset) 246,479 14,458,220 14,704,700

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liabilities in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement period was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2022. The collective total pension liability was based on the following assumptions:

Investment rate of return Inflation	6.90% 2.30%
Salary increases	Varies by Entry Age and Service
Mortality rate table ¹	Derived using CalPERS' Membership Data for all Funds
Post-retirement benefit increase	Contract COLA up to 2.30% until Purchasing Power
	Protection Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies

¹The mortality table was developed based on CalPERS-specific data. The rates incorporate Generational Mortality to capture ongoing mortality improvement using 80% of Scale MP 2020 published by the Society of Actuaries. For more details, please refer to the 2021 experience study report that can be found on the CalPERS website.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. To determine whether the municipal bond rate should be used in the calculation of a discount rate for the Plan, CalPERS stress tested employer rate plans within the Plan that would most likely result in a discount rate that would be different from the actuarially assumed discount rate. Based on the testing, none of the tested employer rate plans run out of assets. Therefore, the current 6.90% discount rate is adequate and the use of the municipal bond rate calculation is not necessary. The stress test results are presented in a detailed report, *GASB Statements 67 and 68 Crossover Testing Report for Measurement Date June 30, 2018 based on June 30, 2017 Valuations,* that can be obtained from the CalPERS website.

According to Paragraph 30 of GASB 68, the long-term discount rate should be determined without reduction for pension plan administrative expense. For the CalPERS Plan, the 6.90% investment return assumption used in this accounting valuation is net of administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are assumed to be 15 basis points. An investment return excluding administrative expenses would have been 7.05%. Using this lower discount rate has resulted in a slightly higher total pension liability and net pension liability. CalPERS checked the materiality threshold for the difference in calculation and did not find it to be a material difference.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a buildingblock method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account both short- term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Such cash flows were developed assuming that both members and employers will make their required contributions on time and as scheduled in all future years. Using historical returns of all the Plan's asset classes, expected compound (geometric) returns were calculated over the short-term (first 11 years) and the long-term (60 years) using a building-block approach. Using the expected nominal returns for both short-term and long- term, the present value of benefits was calculated for the Plan. The expected rate of return was set by calculating the single equivalent expected return that arrived at the same present value of benefits for cash flows as the one calculated using both short-term and long-term returns. The expected rate of return was then set equivalent to the single equivalent rate calculated above and rounded down to the nearest one quarter of one percent.

The table below reflects the long-term expected real rate of return by asset class. The rate of return was calculated using the capital market assumptions applied to determine the discount rate and asset allocation. These geometric rates of return are net of administrative expenses.

Asset class	Assumed Asset Allocation	Real Return Years 1 - 10 ^{1,2}
Global equity - cap-weighted	30.00 %	4.45 %
Global equity non-cap-weighted	12.00	3.84
Private Equity	13.00	7.28
Treasury	5.00	0.27
Mortgage-backed Securities	5.00	0.50
Investment Grade Corporates	10.00	1.56
High Yield	5.00	2.27
Emerging Market Debt	5.00	2.48
Private Debt	5.00	3.57
Real Assets	15.00	3.21
Leverage	(5.00)	(0.59)

The expected real rates of return by asset class are as followed:

¹ An expected inflation of 2.30% used for this period.

² Figures are based on the 2021-22 Asset Liability Management study.

Discount Rate

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 SCHEDULE OF THE SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

LAST TEN YEARS*

SAFETY		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016
Proportion of the net pension liability		0.210410%		0.200330%		0.183990%	0	.177280%	C	.172620%	C	.100686%		0.100810%		0.095210%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	14,458,220	\$	7,030,709	\$1	2,258,129	\$11	,066,890	\$10),128,398	\$ 9	9,985,259	\$	8,723,472	\$	6,535,150
Covered - employee payroll - measurement period	\$	3,252,990	\$	3,212,073	\$	3,237,215	\$ 3	,123,389	\$ 3	3,089,191	\$ 3	3,018,958	\$	2,999,215	\$	2,844,227
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered pa	n .	444.46%		218.88%		378.66%		354.32%		327.87%		330.75%		290.86%		229.77%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		73.11%		85.80%		74.14%		74.95%		75.47%		74.70%		75.36%		80.72%
, , , , , , ,		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	\$	1,675,719	\$	1,522,718	\$	1,368,411	\$ 1	,202,912	\$ 1	L,020,979	\$	923,886	\$	851,899	\$	726,938
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions		1,675,719		1,522,718		1,409,318	. 1	,202,912	. 1	L,020,979		923,886		851,899		726,938
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$	<u> </u>	\$	(40,907)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Covered - employee payroll - fiscal year	3	3,345,590.17	3	8,252,990.00	3,2	12,073.00	\$3	,237,215	\$ 3	3,123,389	\$ 3	3,089,191	\$	3,018,958	\$	2,999,215
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll		50.09%		46.81%		42.60%		37.16%		32.69%		29.91%		28.22%		24.24%
Notes to Schedule:																
Valuation date:	Ju	ne 30, 2022	Ju	ne 30, 2021	Jur	e 30, 2020	June	30, 2019	June	e 30, 2018	June	e 30, 2017	Ju	ne 30, 2016	Ju	ne 30, 2015
Misc.		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016
Proportion of the net pension liability		0.005270%		0.005410%		0.005090%	0	.004950%	C	.004850%	C	.004620%		0.004600%		0.004611%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	246,479	\$	102,644	\$	214,664	\$	198,412	\$	182,742	\$	188,159	\$	161,983	\$	123,372
Covered - employee payroll - measurement period	\$	187,569	\$	171,369	\$	158,405	\$	154,625	\$	171,988	\$	138,063	\$	107,963	\$	99,863
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered pa	ŋ	131.41%		59.90%		135.52%		128.32%		106.25%		136.28%		150.04%		123.54%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		77.73%		89.57%		76.75%		77.25%		76.69%		74.57%		75.54%		79.75%
		2023		2022	_	2021		2020		2019		2018	_	2017		2016
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	\$	42,231	\$	41,361	\$	36,294	\$	30,992	\$	29,320	\$	19,103	\$	16,335	\$	13,592
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions		42,231		41,361		36,294		30,992		29,320		19,103		16,335		13,592
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Covered - employee payroll - fiscal year	\$	191,320	\$	187,569	\$	171,369	\$	158,405	\$	154,625	\$	171,988	\$	138,063	\$	107,963
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll		22.07%		22.05%		21.18%		19.57%		18.96%		11.11%		11.83%		12.59%

Notes to Schedule:

Changes of benefit terms – There were no changes to benefit terms that applied to all members of the Public Agency Pool. However, individual employers in the Plan may have provided a benefit improvement to their employees by granting Two Years Additional Service Credit to members retiring during a specified time period (a.k.a. Golden Handshakes). Employers that have done so may need to report this information as a separate liability in their financial statement as CalPERS considers such amounts to be separately financed employer-specific liabilities. These employers should consult with their auditors.

Changes in assumptions – In 2022, the accounting discount rate reduced from 7.15 percent to 6.90 percent.

Note 8 – Post Retirement Benefits:

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note 6, Employees' Retirement Plan, the District provides medical insurance to some retired employees. The scope of the benefits provided depends on the memorandum of understanding between the District and the various employee groups.

Plan Description

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

The District provides contributions for post retirement health, dental, and life to some retired employees. The scope of the benefits provided depends on the memorandum of understanding between the District and the various employees.

Current Accounting and Funding Policy of the Plan

The District had previously financed the plan on a pay-as-you-go basis and the expenditures for postretirement benefits other than pension benefits are recognized as payments are made. During the year ended June 30, 2023, expenditures of approximately \$79,175 were paid for post-employment benefits other than pension benefit.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events in the future. The actuarial assumptions included (a) Demographic assumptions affected by mortality, turnover, disability, and retirement based on the June 30, valuation.

Projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern on sharing benefit costs between employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long term perspective on the calculations.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 APPENDIX C: GASB 74/75 ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND DISCLOSURES

This report does not necessarily include the entire accounting values. As mentioned earlier, there are certain deferred items that are employer-specific. The District should consult with its auditor if there are any questions about what, if any, adjustments may be appropriate.

GASB 74/75 include a large number of items that should be included in the Note Disclosures and Required Supplementary Information (RSI) Schedules. Many of these items are outside the scope of the actuarial valuation. However, following is information to assist the District in complying with GASB 74/75 disclosure requirements:

Paragraph 50: Information about the OPEB Plan

Most of the information about the OPEB plan should be supplied by Scotts Valley Fire Protection District. Following is information to help fulfill Paragraph 50 reporting requirements.

50.c: Following is a table of plan participants

	Number of Participants
Inactive Employees Currently Receiving Benefit Payments	14
Inactive Employees Entitled to But Not Yet Receiving Benefit	0
Payments*	
Participating Active Employees	29
Total Number of participants	43
*We were not provided with information about any terminated, vested emp	loyees

Paragraph 51: Significant Assumptions and Other Inputs

Shown in Part III.

Paragraph 52: Information Related to Assumptions and Other Inputs

The following information is intended to assist Scotts Valley Fire Protection District in complying with the requirements of Paragraph 52.

52.b: <u>Mortality Assumptions</u> Following are the tables the mortality assumptions are based upon. Inasmuch as these tables are based on appropriate populations, and that these tables are used for pension purposes, we believe these tables to be the most appropriate for the valuation.

Mortality Table	2017 CalPERS Mortality for Miscellaneous and Schools
	Employees
Disclosure	The mortality assumptions are based on the 2017 CalPERS
	Mortality for Miscellaneous and Schools Employees table
	created by CalPERS. CalPERS periodically studies mortality
	for participating agencies and establishes mortality tables that
	are modified versions of commonly used tables. This table
	incorporates mortality projection as deemed appropriate based
	on CalPERS analysis.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Mortality Table	2017 CalPERS Retiree Mortality for Safety Employees
Disclosure	The mortality assumptions are based on the 2017 CalPERS
	Retiree Mortality for Safety Employees table created by
	CalPERS. CalPERS periodically studies mortality for
	participating agencies and establishes mortality tables that are
	modified versions of commonly used tables. This table
	incorporates mortality projection as deemed appropriate based
	on CalPERS analysis.
Mortality Table	2017 CalPERS Mortality for Safety Employees
Disclosure	The mortality assumptions are based on the 2017 CalPERS
	Mortality for Safety Employees table created by CalPERS.
	CalPERS periodically studies mortality for participating
	agencies and establishes mortality tables that are modified
	versions of commonly used tables. This table incorporates
	mortality projection as deemed appropriate based on CalPERS
	analysis.

52.c: <u>Experience Studies</u> Following are the tables the retirement and turnover assumptions are based upon. Inasmuch as these tables are based on appropriate populations, and that these tables are used for pension purposes, we believe these tables to be the most appropriate for the valuation.

Retirement Tables

Retirement Table	2017 CalPERS 2.0%@55 Rates for Miscellaneous Employees
	The retirement assumptions are based on the 2017 CalPERS
	2.0%@55 Rates for Miscellaneous Employees table created by
	CalPERS. CalPERS periodically studies the experience for
	participating agencies and establishes tables that are appropriate
	for each pool.

Retirement Table	2017 CalPERS 2.0%@62 Rates for Miscellaneous Employees
Disclosure	The retirement assumptions are based on the 2017 CalPERS
	2.0%@62 Rates for Miscellaneous Employees table created by
	CalPERS. CalPERS periodically studies the experience for
	participating agencies and establishes tables that are appropriate
	for each pool.

Retirement Table	2017 CalPERS 2.7%@57 Rates for Fire Employees
Disclosure	The retirement assumptions are based on the 2017 CalPERS
	2.7%@57 Rates for Fire Employees table created by CalPERS.
	CalPERS periodically studies the experience for participating
	agencies and establishes tables that are appropriate for each
	pool.

Retirement Table	2017 CalPERS 3.0%@55 Rates for Fire Employees
Disclosure	The retirement assumptions are based on the 2017 CalPERS
	3.0%@55 Rates for Fire Employees table created by CalPERS.
	CalPERS periodically studies the experience for participating
	agencies and establishes tables that are appropriate for each
	pool.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Turnover Tables

Turnover Table	2017 CalPERS Turnover for Fire Employees
Disclosure	The turnover assumptions are based on the 2017 CalPERS
	Turnover for Fire Employees table created by CalPERS.
	CalPERS periodically studies the experience for participating
	agencies and establishes tables that are appropriate for each
	pool.
Turnover Table	2017 CalPERS Turnover for Miscellaneous Employees
Disclosure	The turnover assumptions are based on the 2017 CalPERS
	Turnover for Miscellaneous Employees table created by
	CalPERS. CalPERS periodically studies the experience for
	participating agencies and establishes tables that are appropriate
	for each pool.

For other assumptions, we use actual plan provisions and plan data.

- 52.d: The alternative measurement method was not used in this valuation.
- 52.e: <u>NOL using alternative trend assumptions</u> The following table shows the Net OPEB Liability with a healthcare cost trend rate 1% higher and 1% lower than assumed in the valuation.

	Trend 1% Lower	Valuation Trend	Trend 1% Higher
Net OPEB Liability	\$1,237,555	\$1,428,112	\$1,662,440

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

The following table shows the reconciliation of the June 30, 2022 Net OPEB Liability (NOL) in the prior valuation to the June 30, 2023 NOL. For some plans, it will provide additional detail and transparency beyond that shown in the table on Page 2.

	TOL	FNP	NOL
Balance at June 30, 2022	\$1,959,618	\$447,642	\$1,511,976
Service Cost	\$45,817	\$0	\$45,817
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	\$121,434	\$0	\$121,434
Expected Investment Income	\$0	\$32,808	(\$32,808)
Administrative Expenses	\$0	(\$440)	\$440
Employee Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Employer Contributions to Trust	\$0	\$155,000	(\$155,000)
Employer Contributions as Benefit Payments	\$0	\$79,175	(\$79,175)
Benefit Payments from Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expected Benefit Payments from Employer	(\$79,175)	(\$79,175)	\$0
Expected Balance at June 30, 2023	\$2,047,694	\$635,010	\$1,412,684
Experience (Gains)/Losses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Changes in Assumptions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Changes in Benefit Terms	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Gains/(Losses)	\$0	(\$15,428)	\$15,428
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Change during 2023	\$88,076	\$171,940	(\$83,864)
Actual Balance at June 30, 2023*	\$2,047,694	\$619,582	\$1,428,112

* May include a slight rounding error.

Changes in the NOL arising from certain sources are recognized on a deferred basis. The deferral history for Scotts Valley Fire Protection District is shown beginning on page 25. The following table summarizes the beginning and ending balances for each deferral item. The current year expense reflects the change in deferral balances for the measurement year.

Deferred Inflow/Outflow Balances Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

	Beginning Balance	Change Due to New Deferrals	Change Due to Recognition	Ending Balance
Experience (Gains)/Losses	(\$180,966)	\$0	\$18,692	(\$162,274)
Assumption Changes	(\$502,949)	\$0	\$76,424	(\$426,525)
Investment (Gains)/Losses	\$76,234	\$15,428	(\$22,213)	\$69,449
Deferred Balances	(\$607,681)	\$15,428	\$72,903	(\$519,350)

The following table shows the reconciliation of Net Position (NOL less the balance of any deferred inflows or outflows). When adjusted for contributions, the change in Net Position is equal to the OPEB expense shown previously on page 3.

OPEB Expense Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

	Beginning Net Position	Ending Net Position	Change
Net OPEB Liability (NOL)	\$1,511,976	\$1,428,112	(\$83,864)
Deferred Balances	(\$607,681)	(\$519,350)	\$88,331
Net Position	\$2,119,657	\$1,947,462	(\$172,195)
Adjust Out Employer Contributions			\$234,175
OPEB Expense			\$61,980

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Note 9 – Risk Management

The District is a member of the Santa Cruz County Fire Agencies Insurance Group (the "Group"). In a board meeting on June 19, 2002, the Group approved the return of its self-insurance certificates to the State and to accept a proposal from California Public Entity Insurance Authority (CPEIA) and joint powers authority for both primary and excess workers' compensation coverage. In a resolution dated September 20, 2007 the Santa Cruz Fire Agencies Insurance Group's Board of Directors opted to terminate the CPEA joint power agreement and merge into the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA) Joint Power Agreement. This change was predicated on the decision of CSAC-EIA to restructure their bylaws and JPA agreements, discontinuing the operation of CPEIA member granted automatic approval of inclusion into both the Primary and Excess EIA workers' compensation programs beginning with the July 1, 2007 policy renewals. The relationship between the Group and CSAC-EIA ("the JPA") is such that CSAC-EIA is not a component unit of the Group for reporting purposes.

CSAC-EIA is a joint powers agency (JPA formed pursuant to Section 6500 et seq. of the California Government Code. Members are assessed a contribution for each program in which they participate. Members may be subject to additional supplemental assessments if it is determined that the contributions are insufficient. Members may withdraw from the CSAC-EIA only at the end of a policy period and only if a sixty day written advance note is given. However, CSAC-EIA may cancel a membership at any time upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors and with sixty days written notice. Upon withdrawal or cancellation, a member shall remain liable for additional assessments for the program periods they have participated. CSAC-EIA is governed by a board of directors. The Board controls the operations of CSAC-EIA including adopting and annual budget.

<u>Primary Workers' Compensation</u> - The Primary Workers' Compensation program is a full service program including claims administration. The program blends pooling of workers' compensation claims with purchased stop loss insurance.

Excess Workers' Compensation - CSAC retains responsibility for payment of claims in excess of \$125,000 for each member who also participates in the primary workers' compensation program. Claim liabilities are recognized based on the actuarial estimate of expected ultimate claim cost discounted at 6%.

Property and Liability Insurance coverage as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Property	Deductible	Limits
Real Property, Including Code Upgrade and On-site	\$1,000	Guaranteed Replacement
Equipment Breakdown		Cost Included
Building Contents and Personal Property	\$1,000	
Building and Contents Sublime, Earthquake and	\$1,000	\$1,000,000 Each loss and
Flood		each location
Electronic Data Processing		
Business - Personal Property Included	\$500	\$250,000
Equipment	\$500	\$250,000
Software	\$500	\$250,000

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Emergency Services	Deductible	Limits
Commandeered and Impounded Property		Larger of Actual Value or
		Liability
Scheduled Equipment Floater:	\$250	Guaranteed Replacement
Miscellaneous Portable Equipment		Cost (Unlimited)
Public Employee Dishonesty/Fidelity Bond		\$250,000
Employee Benefits Liability		\$1,000,000
Automobile Comprehensive	\$250/1,000	Agreed Value or ACV
Automobile Collision	\$250/1,000	Agreed Value or ACV
Liability		
Commercial/General Liability Each Occurrence		\$1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit		\$10,000,000
<u>Automobile Coverage -</u>		
Combined Single Limit		\$1,000,000
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists		\$1,000,000
Excess Liability Coverage -		
Operation, Aggregate, Automobile and Public		\$5,000,000 Each
Offices Errors and Omissions, Occurrence		Occurrence
		\$10,000,000 Aggregate
Public Officials Errors and Omissions/Management		\$1,000,000 Each
Liability including Emergency Services Liability -		Wrongful Act
Occurrence, Aggregate - Primary		\$10,000,000 Aggregate
Medical Expense (Any one person)		\$5,000
Valuable Papers/Records		\$250,000
Loss of Income - Extra Expense		Actual Cost
Money and Securities	\$250	\$25,000
Uncollected Funds		\$250,000
Personnel:		
Workers' Compensation		Statutory
PERS Health to 12/31/05, FDAC EBA from 1/1/06 to		Per Policy
current		
Dental		Per Policy
Term Life Insurance		Per Policy

Note 10 – Subsequent Events

The District's management has evaluated events and transactions subsequent to June 30, 2023 for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through **October 30, 2023**, the date the financial statements because available to be issued. The entity has not evaluated subsequent events after **October 30, 2023**.

Supplemental Information

June 30, 2023

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Change in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

REVENUE	Budget			Actual	Variance		
Tax Revenue	\$	8,326,552	\$	9,245,077	\$	918,525	
Charges for Service		616,000		538,388		(77,612)	
Interest & Investment Earnings		3,000		41,291		38,291	
Change in Fair value of investments		-		73,639		73,639	
License & Permits		26,200		98,544		72,344	
Grants & Contributions		-		-		-	
Miscellaneous		2,500		4,288		1,788	
TOTAL REVENUE		8,974,252		10,001,227		1,026,975	
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>							
Capital Assets		-		-		-	
Debt Service:							
Principle		-		-		-	
Interest		-		-		-	
Professional Fees		153,100		134,784		18,316	
Salaries and Employee Benefits		8,778,124		8,229,417		548,707	
Repairs and Maintenance		185,712		178,398		7,314	
Insurance		48,191		48,991		(800)	
Services, Supplies and Refunds		715,202		352,073		363,129	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		9,880,329		8,943,663		936,666	
Excess (Deficit) Revenues over Expenditures		(906,077)		1,057,564			
Transfer In/(Out)		(500,000)		(500,000)			
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	1	(1,406,077)		557,564			
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR				3,114,793			
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$	3,672,357			

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Change in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - Capital For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

REVENUE	 Budget	 Actual	Variance		
Tax Revenue	\$ 142,944	\$ 149,958	\$	7,014	
Charges for Service	-	-		-	
Interest & Investment Earnings	5,000	18,620		13,620	
Change in Fair value of investments	-	36,703		36,703	
License & Permits	-	-		-	
Grants & Contributions	-	-		-	
Miscellaneous	 -	 -		-	
TOTAL REVENUE	 147,944	 205,281		57,337	
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Capital Assets	1,471,000	895,197		575,803	
Debt Service:					
Principle	-	-		-	
Interest	-	-		-	
Professional Fees	258,000	35,573		222,427	
Salaries and Employee Benefits	-	-		-	
Repairs and Maintenance	56,500	6,843		49,657	
Insurance	-	-		-	
Services, Supplies and Refunds	 519,909	 8,892		511,017	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 2,305,409	 946,505		1,358,904	
Excess (Deficit) Revenues over Expenditures	 (2,157,465)	 (741,224)			
Transfer In/(Out)	 500,000	 500,000			
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	 (1,657,465)	 (241,224)			
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		 1,617,698			
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR		\$ 1,376,474			

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Change in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - SCHMIT For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Addittions	Budget		Actual		Variance		
Tax Revenue	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Charges for Service		-		-		-	
Interest & Investment Earnings		400		5,056		4,656	
License & Permits		-		-		-	
Aid from other government agencies		218,163		218,163		-	
Miscellaneous		-		-		-	
TOTAL ADDITIONS		218,563		223,219		4,656	
Deductions							
Depreciation		-		19,464		(19,464)	
Professional Fees		7,200		7,200		-	
Salaries and Employee Benefits		-		-		-	
Repairs and Maintenance		25,580		3,202		22,378	
Insurance		2,555		2,555		-	
Services, Supplies and Refunds		231,189		159,057		72,132	
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		266,524		191,478		75,046	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				31,741			
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR				264,787			
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR			\$	296,528			