

**PLACER HILLS
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT,
CALIFORNIA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TOGETHER WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023**

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PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Annual Financial Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

- **List of Officials**

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PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
List of Officials
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Board of Directors

Peter Hills	President
Alex Harvey	Director
Fred Lofrano	Director
Russell McCray	Director
Mark Wright	Director

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FINANCIAL SECTION

- **Independent Auditor's Report**
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Placer Hills Fire Protection District
Meadow Vista, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Placer Hills Fire Protection District, California (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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 respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

To the Board of Directors
Placer Hills Fire Protection District
Meadow Vista, California

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 judgement 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 judgement 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 judgement, 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.

To the Board of Directors
Placer Hills Fire Protection District
Meadow Vista, California

Required Supplementary Information

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

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

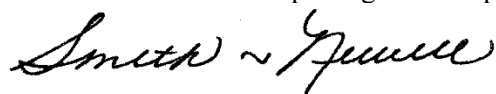
Other Information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 29, 2024, on our consideration of the 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 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Smith & Newell CPAs
Yuba City, California
March 29, 2024

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Basic Financial Statements

- **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

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PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

	<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 1,997,779
Receivables:	
Due from other governments	14,946
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable	342,507
Depreciable, net	2,346,456
Total capital assets	<u>2,688,963</u>
Total Assets	<u>4,701,688</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred pension adjustments	<u>804,996</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>804,996</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	6,364
Accrued salaries and benefits	233
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	364,504
Due in more than one year	755,631
Net pension liability	<u>678,572</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,805,304</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred pension adjustments	<u>322,868</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>322,868</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	2,332,844
Restricted for:	
Public protection	74,268
Unrestricted	<u>971,400</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 3,378,512</u></u>

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

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>	
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>		<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>
				<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>	
Governmental activities:					
Public protection	\$ 4,576,267	\$ 2,231,915	\$ 341,422	\$ -	\$ (2,002,930)
Interest on long-term debt	34,167	-	-	-	(34,167)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>4,610,434</u>	<u>2,231,915</u>	<u>341,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,037,097)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,610,434</u>	<u>\$ 2,231,915</u>	<u>\$ 341,422</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(2,037,097)</u>
General revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes					1,514,327
Interest and investment earnings					46,656
Miscellaneous					23,462
(Loss) on disposal of assets					(8,850)
					<u>1,575,595</u>
					Change in Net Position
					(461,502)
					Net Position - Beginning
					3,840,014
					Net Position - Ending
					<u>\$ 3,378,512</u>

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

Basic Financial Statements

- **Fund Financial Statements**

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PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Mitigation Fees	Totals
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$ 1,923,511	\$ 74,268	\$ 1,997,779
Receivables:			
Due from other governments	14,946	-	14,946
Total Assets	\$ 1,938,457	\$ 74,268	\$ 2,012,725
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 6,364	\$ -	\$ 6,364
Accrued salaries and benefits	233	-	233
Total Liabilities	6,597	-	6,597
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	-	74,268	74,268
Unassigned	1,931,860	-	1,931,860
Total Fund Balances	1,931,860	74,268	2,006,128
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,938,457	\$ 74,268	\$ 2,012,725

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

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance
Sheet to the Government-Wide Statement of
Net Position - Governmental Activities
June 30, 2023

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 2,006,128
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	2,688,963
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension are not reported in the governmental funds.	804,996
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension are not reported in the governmental funds.	(322,868)
Certain liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Pension obligation bonds	(612,670)
Loans payable	(152,415)
Capital leases	(193,519)
Compensated absences	(151,346)
Leases on right to use asset	(10,185)
Net pension liability	(678,572)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 3,378,512

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

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Mitigation Fees	Totals
REVENUES			
Taxes and assessments	\$ 3,242,629	\$ -	\$ 3,242,629
Use of money and property	45,403	1,253	46,656
Intergovernmental	341,422	-	341,422
Charges for services	357,483	146,130	503,613
Other revenues	23,462	-	23,462
Total Revenues	4,010,399	147,383	4,157,782
EXPENDITURES			
Public protection:			
Salaries and benefits	2,971,308	-	2,971,308
Services and supplies	734,021	-	734,021
Debt service:			
Principal	168,040	112,621	280,661
Interest	27,520	6,647	34,167
Capital outlay	108,443	-	108,443
Total Expenditures	4,009,332	119,268	4,128,600
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,067	28,115	29,182
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Debt proceeds	15,084	-	15,084
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	15,084	-	15,084
Net Change in Fund Balances	16,151	28,115	44,266
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,915,709	46,153	1,961,862
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 1,931,860	\$ 74,268	\$ 2,006,128

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

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances of the Governmental Funds to the
Government-Wide Statement of Activities - Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 44,266
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Expenditures for capital outlay	93,359
Capital outlay related to the right to use capital assets	15,084
Less current year depreciation/amortization	(209,289)
Less various adjustments	(518)
Governmental funds only report the disposal of assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the Statement of Activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. This is the net cost of the capital assets disposed.	
	(8,850)
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	
Principal retirements	280,661
Proceeds related to the right to use capital asset	(15,084)
Certain changes in deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources reported in the Statement of Activities relate to long-term liabilities and are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Change in deferred outflows of resources related to pension	(156,038)
Change in deferred inflows of resources related to pension	(92,692)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.	
Change in compensated absences	(10,537)
Change in net pension liability	(401,864)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ (461,502)

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

Basic Financial Statements

- **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

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PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Placer Hills Fire Protection District was formed in 1988 from the annexation of the Meadow Vista Fire Protection District, Company No. 31 and the Ponderosa Fire Brigade. An independent five-member Board of Directors elected by the voters govern the District.

The District provides fire protection, emergency medical and code enforcement services to residents and businesses located in Meadow Vista, Applegate, and Weimar, encompassing 34 square miles within Placer County. As a California Special District, the District is not subject to income taxes but must file an annual report with the California State Controller.

The Board of Directors has the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations. It also has the primary accountability for fiscal matters.

Component Units

Generally accepted accounting principles require government financial statements to include the primary government and its component units. Component units of a governmental entity are legally separate entities for which the primary government is considered to be financially accountable and for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the combined financial statements to be misleading. The primary government is considered to be financially accountable if it appoints a majority of an organization's governing body and is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government.

Based on the application of the criteria set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, management has determined that there are no component units of the District.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information on all of the activities of the District. These statements include the financial activities of the overall District. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements report the intergovernmental activities of the District, which are normally supported by property taxes, special assessments, and intergovernmental revenues. The District had no business-type activities at June 30, 2023.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and; therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include 1) charges paid by the recipients of goods and services offered by the program, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the District are organized into two funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. The funds of the District are organized into the governmental category. The emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The General fund is used to account for all revenues and expenditures necessary to carry out basic governmental activities of the District that are not accounted for through other funds. For the District, the General fund includes such activities as fire safety and protection.
- The Mitigation Fees fund is a special revenue fund used to account for all revenues and expenditures related to mitigation fees. Funding comes primarily from mitigation fees collected and interest earnings.

C. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

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

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Property taxes and assessments, interest, certain state and federal grants, and charges for services are considered susceptible to accrual and are accrued when their receipt occurs within thirty days after the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures as well as expenditures related to claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of governmental long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

D. Non-Current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

Non-current governmental assets and liabilities, such as capital assets and long-term liabilities, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Cash and Investments

The District pools all cash and investments, other than cash in a checking account, with the County of Placer. The Placer County Treasury is an external investment pool for the District and the District is considered an involuntary participant. Each fund's share in this pool is displayed in the accompanying financial statements as cash and investments.

Participant's equity in the investment pool is determined by the dollar amount of participant deposits, adjusted for withdrawals and distributed investment income. Investment income is determined on an amortized cost basis. Interest payments, accrued interest, accreted discounts, amortized premiums, and realized capital gains and losses, net of administrative fees, are apportioned to pool participants each quarter.

F. Receivables

Receivables for governmental activities consist of intergovernmental revenues. Management believes its receivables are fully collectible and, accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

G. Other Assets

Inventory

Inventories are recorded as expenditures at the time the inventory is purchased rather than when consumed. Records are not maintained of inventory and supplies on hand, although these amounts are not considered material.

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is unavailable. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Betterments and major improvements which significantly increase values, change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of capital assets, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

I. Compensated Absences and Other Postemployment Benefits

The District's policy regarding accrued vacation is to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation leave. In the government-wide financial statements the accrued compensated absences are recorded as an expense and related liability, with the current portion estimated based on historical trends. In the governmental fund financial statements, the expenditures related to those obligations are recognized only when they mature.

The District does not currently provide other postemployment benefits.

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Property Tax

Placer County is responsible for the collection and allocation of property taxes. Under California law, property taxes are assessed and collected by the County of Placer up to 1 percent of the full cash value of taxable property, plus other increases approved by the voter and distributed in accordance with statutory formulas.

The valuation/lien date for all taxes is January 1. Secured property tax is due in two installments, the first is due November 1 and delinquent with penalties after December 10; the second is due February 1 and delinquent with penalties after April 10. Unsecured property tax is due on March 1, and becomes delinquent if unpaid on August 31.

The County uses the alternative method of property tax apportionment known as the “Teeter Plan”. Under this method of property tax apportionment, the County remits the entire amount levied and handles all delinquencies, retaining interest and penalties.

K. Special Taxes

Measure A

On January 16, 2019, the District Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 2018-04 calling for an election to be held for a special fire tax for emergency medical response and fire protection services. This resolution was submitted to the Placer County Registrar of Voters and was assigned the name of “Measure A.” Measure A was placed on the ballot of the election held on May 7, 2019 and passed by a vote of 79.46% in support.

Placer County assesses properties, bills and collects and distributes assessments to the District.

Assessments are due in two installments (secured roll), on November 1 and March 1 and become delinquent after December 10 and April 10, respectively.

L. Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

M. Implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

The following Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements have been implemented, if applicable, in the current financial statements.

Statement No. 91, Conduit Debt Obligations. This statement improves the comparability of financial reporting for issuers by eliminating the option to recognize a liability for a conduit debt obligation.

Statement No. 94, Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements. This statement will improve financial reporting by establishing the definitions of PPPs and APAs and providing uniform guidance on accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet those definitions.

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements (Continued)

Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. This statement will improve financial reporting by establishing a definition for SBITAs and providing uniform guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition. The definition and uniform guidance will result in greater consistency in practice.

Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022. This statement will enhance comparability in the application of accounting and financial reporting requirements and will improve the consistency of authoritative literature. Consistent authoritative literature enables governments and other stakeholders to more easily locate and apply the correct accounting and financial reporting provisions, which improves the consistency with which such provisions are applied. The comparability of financial statements also will improve as a result of this Statement. Better consistency and comparability improve the usefulness of information for users of state and local government financial statements.

N. Future Accounting Pronouncements

The following GASB Statements will be implemented, if applicable, in future financial statements:

Statement No. 99 “Omnibus 2022” The requirements of this statement related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. (FY 23/24)

Statement No. 100 “Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62” The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. (FY 23/24)

Statement No. 101 “Compensated Absences” The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. (FY 24/25)

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

A. Financial Statement Presentation

As of June 30, 2023, the District’s cash and investments consisted of the following:

Cash:		
Deposits (less outstanding checks)	\$	1,881
Total Cash		1,881
Investments:		
Placer County Treasurer’s Pool		1,995,898
Total Investments		1,995,898
Total Cash and Investments	\$	1,997,779

B. Cash

At year end, the carrying amount of the District’s cash deposits was \$1,881 and the bank balance was \$198,279. The difference between the bank balance and the carrying amount represents outstanding checks and deposits in transit.

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

B. Cash (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk for Deposits - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover its deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District complies with the requirements of the California Government Code. Under this code, deposits of more than \$250,000 must be collateralized at 105 percent to 150 percent of the value of the deposit to guarantee the safety of the public funds. The entire amount of the District's deposits were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

C. Investments

The District does not have a formal investment policy. At June 30, 2023, all investments of the District were in the Placer County investment pool. Under the provisions of the County's investment policy and the California Government Code, the County may invest or deposit in the following:

- Local Agency Obligations
- US Treasury Securities
- US Agency Securities
- Bankers' Acceptances
- Commercial Paper
- Negotiable Certificates of Deposit
- Collateralized Certificates of Deposit
- Repurchase Agreements
- Corporate Notes
- Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)
- CDARS Certificates of Deposit
- Supranationals - Washington Dollar - Denominated IBRD, IFC or IAD

Fair Value of Investments - The District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;
- Level 2: Observable inputs other than quoted market prices; and,
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs

The District's position in external investment pools is in itself regarded as a type of investment and looking through to the underlying investments of the pool is not appropriate. Therefore, the District's investments in external investment pools are not recognized in the three-tiered fair value hierarchy described above.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

C. Investments (Continued)

At June 30, 2023, the District had the following recurring fair value measurements:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using</u>		
		<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Investments by Fair Value Level				
None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Investments Measured at Fair Value	-	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Investments in External Investment Pool				
Placer County Treasurer's Pool	<u>1,995,898</u>			
Total Investments	<u>\$ 1,995,898</u>			

Interest Rate Risk - Interest rate risk is the risk of loss due to the fair value of an investment falling due to interest rates rising. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. To limit exposure to fair value losses resulting from increases in interest rates, the County's investment policy limits investment maturities to a term appropriate to the need for funds so as to permit the County to meet all projected obligations.

Credit Risk - 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 by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The County's investment policy sets specific parameters by type of investment to be met at the time of purchase. As of June 30, 2023, the District's investments were all held with the County of Placer investment pool, which is not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Custodial Credit Risk - Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover its deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investments in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools.

Concentration of Credit Risk - Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the District's investment in a single issuer of securities. When investments are concentrated in one issuer, this concentration presents a heightened risk of potential loss. The County's investment policy contains limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. As of June 30, 2023, all investments of the District were in the Placer County investment pool, which contains a diversification of investments.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

D. Investments in External Pool

The Placer County Pooled Investment Fund is a pooled investment fund program governed by the County which monitors and reviews the management of public funds maintained in the investment pool in accordance with the County investment policy and the California Government Code. The Board of Supervisors review and approve the investment policy annually. The County Treasurer prepares and submits a comprehensive investment report to the Board of Supervisors every month. The report covers the type of investments in the pool, maturity dates, par value, actual cost and fair value. Investments in the Placer County Pooled Investment Fund are highly liquid as deposits and withdrawals can be made at any time without penalty. The Pool does not impose a maximum investment limit. Required disclosure information regarding categorization of investments and other deposit and investment risk disclosures can be found in the County's financial statements. The County of Placer's financial statements may be obtained by contacting the County of Placer Auditor-Controller's office at 2970 Richardson Drive, Auburn, CA 95603.

NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Adjustments/ Retirements	Balance June 30, 2023
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 243,747	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 243,747
Construction in progress	98,760	-	-	98,760
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>342,507</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>342,507</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	1,063,434	33,700	-	1,097,134
Equipment	524,045	-	-	524,045
Vehicles	2,459,162	59,659	(9,410)	2,509,411
Right to use building	-	15,084	-	15,084
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>4,046,641</u>	<u>108,443</u>	<u>(9,410)</u>	<u>4,145,674</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization For:				
Buildings and improvements	(389,798)	(25,536)	(992)	(416,326)
Equipment	(186,132)	(33,336)	441	(219,027)
Vehicles	(1,014,041)	(146,797)	593	(1,160,245)
Right to use building	-	(3,620)	-	(3,620)
Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(1,589,971)</u>	<u>(209,289)</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>(1,799,218)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>2,456,670</u>	<u>(100,846)</u>	<u>(9,368)</u>	<u>2,346,456</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,799,177</u>	<u>(\$ 100,846)</u>	<u>(\$ 9,368)</u>	<u>\$ 2,688,963</u>

Depreciation/Amortization

Depreciation/Amortization expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Public Protection	\$ 209,289
Total Depreciation/Amortization Expense	<u>\$ 209,289</u>

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NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023:

<u>Type of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Adjustments/ Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Pension obligation bonds	\$ 665,670	\$ -	(\$ 53,000)	\$ 612,670	\$ 54,614
Direct borrowing					
loans payable	250,307	-	(97,892)	152,415	100,852
Capital leases	318,389	-	(124,870)	193,519	128,410
Right-to-use lease	-	15,084	(4,899)	10,185	4,955
Compensated absences	<u>140,809</u>	<u>79,544</u>	<u>(69,007)</u>	<u>151,346</u>	<u>75,673</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,375,175</u>	<u>\$ 94,628</u>	<u>(\$ 349,668)</u>	<u>\$ 1,120,135</u>	<u>\$ 364,504</u>

Individual issues of debt payable outstanding at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Pension Obligation Bonds:

2021 Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds, dated July 1, 2022, issued in the amount of \$676,270, payable in semi-annually installments of \$53,000 to \$69,430, with an interest rate of 3% and maturity on August 1, 2032. The bonds were used to advance pay miscellaneous and safety employee pension obligations.

\$ 612,670

Total Pension Obligation Bonds

\$ 612,670

Loans from Direct Borrowings:

Placer County Loan, dated October 2019, payable in semi-annual installments of \$52,337, with an interest rate of 3%, and maturity of October 18, 2024. The loan proceeds were used to finance the purchase of the administration building.

152,415

Total Loans from Direct Borrowings

152,415

Total

\$ 765,085

Following is a schedule of debt payment requirements to maturity for long-term debt, excluding compensated absences that have indefinite maturities and capital leases which are reported in Note 5.

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Pension Obligation Bonds</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2024	\$ 54,614	\$ 17,561	\$ 72,175
2025	56,277	15,898	72,175
2026	57,992	14,183	72,175
2027	59,758	12,417	72,175
2028	61,578	10,597	72,175
2029-2033	<u>322,451</u>	<u>23,906</u>	<u>346,357</u>
Total	<u>\$ 612,670</u>	<u>\$ 94,562</u>	<u>\$ 707,232</u>

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Loans from Direct Borrowings</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2024	\$ 100,852	\$ 3,822	\$ 104,674
2025	<u>51,563</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>52,335</u>
Total	<u>\$ 152,415</u>	<u>\$ 4,594</u>	<u>\$ 157,009</u>

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NOTE 5: LEASES

Rental Income from Lease

In October 2019, the District purchased an administration building. The administration building has four units, two units are being used by the District. The other two are being rented out on a month-to-month basis.

Capital Leases

The District has entered into certain capital lease agreements under which the related equipment will become the property of the District when all terms of the lease agreements are met.

	<u>Stated Interest Rate</u>	<u>Present Value of Remaining Payments at June 30, 2023</u>
Governmental activities	2.82%	\$ 193,519
Total		<u>\$ 193,519</u>

Equipment and related accumulated depreciation under capital leases are as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Equipment	\$ 600,444
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(139,250)</u>
Net Value	<u>\$ 461,194</u>

As of June 30, 2023, capital lease annual amortization is as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
2024	\$ 132,975
2025	<u>66,028</u>
Total Requirements	199,003
Less Interest	<u>(5,484)</u>
Present Value of Remaining Payments	<u>\$ 193,519</u>

NOTE 6: LEASED ASSET

The District has entered into an agreement to lease certain buildings. The lease agreement qualifies as other than short-term leases under GASB 87 and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of its inception.

The lease agreement was executed on April 26, 2022 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026 to lease an industrial building and required payments of \$5,000 each January. The lease payment will increase 3.00% annually. The lease liability is measured at the incremental borrowing rate of 2.40%, which was the rate established by the State of California. As a result of this lease, the District recorded a right to use asset with a net book value of \$15,084.

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NOTE 6: LEASED ASSET (CONTINUED)

As of June 30, 2023, principal and interest requirements to maturity were as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	Right to Use Leases		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 4,955	\$ 195	\$ 5,150
2025	5,230	74	5,304
Total	\$ 10,185	\$ 269	\$ 10,454

NOTE 7: NET POSITION

The government-wide financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted.

- **Net investment in capital assets** - consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- **Restricted net position** - consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. These principally include restrictions for capital projects and other special revenue fund purposes.
- **Unrestricted net position** - all other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

Net Position Flow Assumption

When a government funds outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. When both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, it is considered that restricted resources are used first, followed by the unrestricted resources.

NOTE 8: FUND BALANCES

As prescribed by GASB Statement No. 54, governmental funds report fund balance in classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the funds can be spent. Fund balances for governmental funds can be made up of the following:

- **Nonspendable fund balance** - amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form, or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example: inventories and prepaid amounts.
- **Restricted fund balance** - amounts with constraints placed on their use that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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NOTE 8: FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

- **Committed fund balance** - amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes determined by formal action of the District’s highest level of decision-making authority. The Board of Directors is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District that can, by Board action, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed remains in place until a similar action is taken to remove or revise the limitation. The underlying action that imposed the limitation needs to occur no later than the close of the reporting period.
- **Assigned fund balance** - amounts that are constrained by the District’s intent to be used for specific purposes. The intent can be established at either the highest level of decision-making authority, or by a body or an official designated for that purpose.
- **Unassigned fund balance** - the residual classification for the District’s General fund that includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classification is used only if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

The fund balances for all governmental funds as of June 30, 2023, were distributed as follows:

	General Fund	Mitigation Fees	Totals
Restricted for:			
Capital improvement	\$ -	\$ 74,268	\$ 74,268
Unassigned	1,931,860	-	1,931,860
Total	\$ 1,931,860	\$ 74,268	\$ 2,006,128

Fund Balance Flow Assumption

When a government funds outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance), a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. When both restricted and unrestricted fund balance are available, it is considered that restricted fund balance is depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Fund Balance Policy

The Board of Directors has not established a fund balance policy which would establish procedures for reporting fund balance classifications and establish a hierarchy for fund balance expenditures.

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN

A. General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description

All qualified permanent employees are eligible to participate in the District’s Safety Fire and Miscellaneous Employee Pension Plan, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS). Benefit provisions under the Plan are established by State statute and District motion. CalPERS issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plan regarding benefit provisions, assumptions and membership information that can be found on the CalPERS website.

Effective January 1, 2013, the District added a retirement tier for the Miscellaneous Plan for new employees as required under the Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA). Classic employees are generally defined as employees who have been a member of any public retirement system who have had less than a six-month break in service. Applicable new hires to the District defined as classic employees as determined by PERS will be subject to the non-PEPRA plan. New non-classic employees hired on or after January 1, 2013 will be subject to new, lower pension formulas, caps on pensionable income levels and new definitions of pensionable income. In addition, new non-classic employees will be required to contribute half of the total normal cost of the pension benefit unless impaired by an existing Memorandum of Understanding. The cumulative effect of these PEPRA changes will ultimately reduce the District’s retirement costs.

Summary of Rate Tiers and Eligible Participants

Open for New Enrollment	
Miscellaneous PEPRA	Miscellaneous members hired on or after January 1, 2013
Safety PEPRA	Safety members hired on or after January 1, 2013
Closed to New Enrollment	
Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous members hired before January 1, 2013
Safety	Safety fire members hired before January 1, 2013

Benefits Provided

CalPERS 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. Members with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 50 (age 52 for Miscellaneous plan members if the membership date is on or after January 1, 2013) with statutorily reduced benefits. Retirement benefits are paid monthly for life. All members are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after 10 years of service. The death benefit is one of the following: the Basic Death Benefit, the 1957 Survivor Benefit, or the Optional Settlement 2W Death Benefit. The cost-of-living adjustments for the plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees’ Retirement Law.

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NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

A. General Information about the Pension Plan (Continued)

Benefits Provided (Continued)

The Plan's specific provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2023, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Benefit Formula</u>	<u>Retirement Age</u>	<u>Monthly Benefits as a % of Eligible Compensation</u>
Miscellaneous	2.0% @ 55	50-63	1.426% to 2.418%
Miscellaneous PEPRA	2.0% @ 62	52-67	1.000% to 2.500%
Safety Fire	2.0% @ 55	50-55	1.426% to 2.000%
Safety PEPRA	2.0% @ 57	50-57	1.426% to 2.000%

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 actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. Funding contributions for the Plan are determined annually on an actuarial basis as of June 30 by CalPERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The District is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees.

	<u>Employer Contribution Rates</u>	<u>Employee Contribution Rates</u>	<u>Employer Paid Member Contribution Rates</u>
Miscellaneous	10.320%	7.000%	0.000%
Miscellaneous PEPRA	7.470%	6.750%	0.000%
Safety	10.800%	10.000%	0.000%
Safety PEPRA	14.740%	7.000%	0.000%

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the contributions recognized as part of pension expense for the Plan were as follows:

	<u>Contributions-Employer</u>	<u>Contributions-Employee (Paid by Employer)</u>
Miscellaneous	\$ 98,305	\$ -
Safety	698,520	-

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NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

The District's net pension liability for the Plan is measured as the proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability of the Plan is measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability for the Plan used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 rolled forward to June 30, 2022 using standard update procedures. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Plan as of June 30, 2022 and 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Proportion June 30, 2022</u>	<u>Proportion June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Change – Increase (Decrease)</u>
Miscellaneous	0.00240%	0.00162%	(0.00078%)
Safety	0.00658%	0.00877%	0.00219%

As of June 30, 2023, the District reported a net pension liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan as follows:

	<u>Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability</u>
Miscellaneous	\$ 75,667
Safety	<u>602,905</u>
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 678,572</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$863,315. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 212,720	\$ -
Changes in assumptions	68,545	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	26,472	(7,565)
Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	109,067	-
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	318,522	(30,288)
Adjustments due to differences in proportions	<u>69,670</u>	<u>(285,015)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 804,996</u>	<u>(\$ 322,868)</u>

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NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

B. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pension (Continued)

\$212,720 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Year Ended	
<u>June 30</u>	
2024	\$ 93,984
2025	75,659
2026	33,210
2027	66,555
Thereafter	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 269,408</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Measurement Date	June 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry-Age Normal Cost Method
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount Rate	6.90%
Investment Rate of Return	6.90%
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	Varies by entry-age and service
Mortality Rate Table	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

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

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

B. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pension (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Projected returns for all asset classes are estimated and, combined with risk estimates, are used to project compound (geometric) returns over the long-term. The discount rate used to discount liabilities was informed by the long-term projected portfolio return.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Assumed Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Real Return Years 1-10 (1, 2)</u>
Global Equity – Cap-Weighted	30.0%	4.54%
Global Equity – Non-Cap-Weighted	12.0%	3.84%
Private Equity	13.0%	7.28%
Treasury	5.0%	0.27%
Mortgage-backed Securities	5.0%	0.50%
Investment Grade Corporates	10.0%	1.56%
High Yield	5.0%	2.27%
Emerging Market Debt	5.0%	2.48%
Private Debt	5.0%	3.57%
Real Assets	15.0%	3.21%
Leverage	(5.0%)	(0.59%)
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	

(1) An expected price inflation of 2.30% used for this period

(2) Figures are based on the 2021 Asset Liability Management Study

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Plan as of the measurement date, calculated using the discount rate for the Plan, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>5.90%</u>	Discount Rate <u>6.90%</u>	1% Increase <u>7.90%</u>
Miscellaneous	\$ 182,686	\$ 75,667	(\$ 12,383)
Safety	1,355,870	602,905	(12,473)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial reports.

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NOTE 10: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District purchases coverage from a commercial carrier. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 11: OTHER INFORMATION

Management has evaluated events subsequent to June 30, 2023 through March 29, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available for issuance. Management has determined no subsequent events requiring disclosure have occurred.

**Required Supplementary Information
(Unaudited)**

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PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information
District Pension Plan
Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023
Last 10 Years*

Measurement Date**	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.00989%	0.01260%	0.00841%	0.00828%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 686,009	\$ 581,491	\$ 728,281	\$ 821,271
Covered payroll	574,440	602,570	723,808	762,080
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	119.42%	96.502%	100.618%	107.767%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	76.83%	79.59%	75.71%	76.31%

Measurement Date**	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
Miscellaneous			
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.00290%	0.00240%	0.00162%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 122,168	\$ 45,642	\$ 75,667
Covered payroll	78,205	110,941	139,045
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	156.215%	41.141%	54.419%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	79.88%	92.99%	90.36%

Safety			
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.01208%	0.00658%	0.00877%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 805,083	\$ 231,066	\$ 602,905
Covered payroll	1,072,757	1,201,145	1,326,296
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	75.048%	19.237%	45.458%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	81.80%	95.28%	88.94%

* The District implemented GASB 68 for fiscal year June 30, 2015, therefore only nine years are shown.

** The prior year information was combined for both plans.

<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>
0.00811%	0.00816%
\$ 781,387	\$ 836,063
808,320	922,403
96.668%	90.640%
79.64%	81.28%

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information
District Pension Plan
Schedule of Contributions
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023
Last 10 Years*

Fiscal Year**	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>
Contractually required contributions (actuarially determined)	\$ 98,020	\$ 133,126	\$ 146,396	\$ 153,170
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	<u>(98,020)</u>	<u>(133,126)</u>	<u>(146,396)</u>	<u>(153,170)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 602,570	\$ 723,808	\$ 762,080	\$ 808,320
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	16.27%	18.39%	19.21%	18.95%
Fiscal Year**	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	
Miscellaneous				
Contractually required contributions (actuarially determined)	\$ 19,346	\$ 19,588	\$ 14,293	
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	<u>(19,346)</u>	<u>(98,305)</u>	<u>(14,293)</u>	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (78,717)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
Covered payroll	\$ 110,941	\$ 139,045	\$ 145,396	
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.44%	70.70%	9.83%	
Safety				
Contractually required contributions (actuarially determined)	\$ 202,748	\$ 232,356	\$ 198,427	
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	<u>(202,748)</u>	<u>(698,520)</u>	<u>(198,427)</u>	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (466,164)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
Covered payroll	\$ 1,201,145	\$ 1,326,296	\$ 1,379,568	
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	16.88%	52.67%	14.38%	

* The District implemented GASB 68 for fiscal year June 30, 2015, therefore only nine years are shown.

** The prior year information was combined for both plans.

<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>
\$ 178,217	\$ 176,941
<u>(178,217)</u>	<u>(176,941)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 922,403	\$ 1,150,962
19.32%	15.37%

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information
Notes to Direct Pension Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

Summary of Changes of Benefits or Assumptions

Benefit Changes: None

Changes of Assumptions: None

NOTE 2: SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Methods and assumptions used to determine the contribution rates were as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Actuarial cost method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level Percentage of Payroll and Direct Rate Smoothing
Remaining amortization period	Differs by employer rate plan but no more than 30 years
Asset valuation method	Fair value
Discount rate	7.00%
Payroll Growth	2.75%
Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Varies based on entry age and service
Investment rate of return	7.00%

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes and assessments	\$ 3,140,142	\$ 3,217,819	\$ 3,242,629	\$ 24,810
Use of money and property	21,350	21,350	45,403	24,053
Intergovernmental	213,262	213,077	341,422	128,345
Charges for services	340,810	340,810	357,483	16,673
Other revenues	12,500	23,800	23,462	(338)
Total Revenues	<u>3,728,064</u>	<u>3,816,856</u>	<u>4,010,399</u>	<u>193,543</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public protection:				
Salaries and benefits	1,953,200	2,120,200	2,971,308	(851,108)
Services and supplies	1,875,615	1,766,317	734,021	1,032,296
Debt service:				
Principal	289,511	320,511	168,040	152,471
Interest	-	-	27,520	(27,520)
Capital outlay	150,000	100,000	108,443	(8,443)
Total Expenditures	<u>4,268,326</u>	<u>4,307,028</u>	<u>4,009,332</u>	<u>297,696</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(540,262)</u>	<u>(490,172)</u>	<u>1,067</u>	<u>491,239</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Debt proceeds	-	-	15,084	15,084
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,084</u>	<u>15,084</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(540,262)</u>	<u>(490,172)</u>	<u>16,151</u>	<u>506,323</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,915,709</u>	<u>1,915,709</u>	<u>1,915,709</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,375,447</u>	<u>\$ 1,425,537</u>	<u>\$ 1,931,860</u>	<u>\$ 506,323</u>

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Mitigation Fees - Major Special Revenue Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual (Budgetary Basis)</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
REVENUES				
Use of money and property	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,253	\$ 753
Charges for services	140,000	140,000	146,130	6,130
Total Revenues	<u>140,500</u>	<u>140,500</u>	<u>147,383</u>	<u>6,883</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service:				
Principal	108,287	108,287	112,621	(4,334)
Interest	10,710	10,710	6,647	4,063
Capital outlay	82,875	82,875	-	82,875
Total Expenditures	<u>201,872</u>	<u>201,872</u>	<u>119,268</u>	<u>82,604</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(61,372)	(61,372)	28,115	89,487
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>46,153</u>	<u>46,153</u>	<u>46,153</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u><u>\$ (15,219)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (15,219)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,268</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information
Note to Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. The District presents a comparison of annual budget to actual results for the General fund and the major special revenue fund. The amounts reported on the budgetary basis are generally on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The following procedures are performed by the District in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- (1) The fiscal officer submits to the Board of Directors a recommended budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes recommended expenditures and the means of financing them.
- (2) The Board of Directors reviews the recommended budget at regularly scheduled meetings, which are open to the public. The Board also conducts a public hearing on the recommended budget to obtain comments from interested persons.
- (3) Prior to July 1, the budget is adopted through the passage of a resolution.
- (4) A revised adopted budget is usually drafted in April and approved by the Board in May.

The District does not use encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation.

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OTHER REPORT AND SCHEDULES

- **Other Report**
- **Schedule of Findings and Recommendations**
- **Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Recommendations**
- **Management's Corrective Action Plan**

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**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**

To the Board of Directors
Placer Hills Fire Protection District
Meadow Vista, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Placer Hills Fire Protection District, California (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 29, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control described in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations that we consider to be a significant deficiency. (2023-001)

To the Board of Directors
Placer Hills Fire Protection District
Meadow Vista, California

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

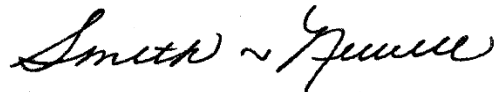
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material 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.

District's Response to the Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.



Smith & Newell CPAs
Yuba City, California
March 29, 2024

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings and Recommendations
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

2023-001 Policies and Procedures (Significant Deficiency)

Criteria

Good internal control requires that procedures be documented and performed in a consistent manner in accordance with approved District policy.

Condition

During our audit we noted that the District has developed policies and procedures for many District operations. However, these policies and procedures need to be reviewed for accuracy, updated as needed, and organized into a system which allows for easy access. In addition, we noted that the District has not adopted written policies for fund balance, an investment policy or a capitalization policy.

Cause

The District has accumulated and adopted policies and procedures over the years, but does not have an adopted policy for fund balance, cash and investments, or capitalization of capital assets.

Effect

Without written procedures, tasks may not be performed in a consistent manner and internal control may be compromised.

Questioned Cost

No questioned costs were identified as a result of our procedures.

Context

Not applicable.

Repeat Finding

This is a repeat of prior year finding 2022-001.

Recommendation

We recommend that the District develop and review for accuracy all policies and procedures regarding District operations.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Refer to separate Management's Corrective Action Plan for views of responsible officials and management's responses.

PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Recommendations
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Audit Reference</u>	<u>Status of Prior Year Audit Recommendations</u>
2022-001	<p>Policies and Procedures</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>We recommend that the District develop and review for accuracy all policies and procedures regarding District operations.</p> <p>Status</p> <p>In progress</p>
2022-002	<p>Reconciliation of Payroll Accounts</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>We recommend that the payroll liability accounts be reconciled on a regular basis.</p> <p>Status</p> <p>Implemented</p>

**PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Management's Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Finding 2023-001 Policies and Procedures (Significant Deficiency)

We recommend that the District develop and review for accuracy all policies and procedures regarding District operations.

Management's Response: The District concurs with the finding. The policies are being updated and made available to staff in an online platform.

Responsible Individual: District Manager

Corrective Action Plan: Policies and procedures will continue to be updated and reviewed on an ongoing basis. A written capitalization policy has already been adopted and made available. A fund balance and investment policy will be adopted, implemented and made available for review.

Anticipated Completion Date: Already implemented and ongoing.

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