

# Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County

Santa Cruz, California

*Basic Financial Statements  
and Independent Auditors' Report*

*For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023*



# Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
of the Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County  
Santa Cruz, 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 the Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County, 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 accompanying financial statements 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 (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of 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*

The District's 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.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.<sup>5</sup>
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, pension schedules, and other post employment benefits (OPEB) schedules on pages 43-51 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the 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.



Badawi and Associates, CPAs  
Berkeley, California  
May 30, 2024

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**Central Fire Protection District Of Santa Cruz County  
Management’s Discussion and Analysis  
June 30, 2023**

In 1987, Central Fire Protection District was created from the consolidation of the Capitola, Live Oak and Soquel Fire Districts. In 1986, Aptos Fire District and La Selva Beach Fire District also consolidated, to become the Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District. By 2018, Aptos/La Selva FPD and Central FPD entered into a Shared Services Agreement, combining services with their Administrative and Prevention/ Community Risk Reduction divisions. In February of 2021, Central Fire Protection District and Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District consolidated into Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County.

Central Fire District serves the communities of Aptos, Capitola, La Selva Beach, Live Oak, Rio Del Mar, and Soquel. The resident population is approximately 90,500, with a seasonal influx during the summer, and covers an area of 55 square miles. The District responds to requests for service for fire, water rescue, emergency medical services, hazardous materials calls, and assorted alarms.

The District operates seven fire stations, an Administrative Office & Community Risk Reduction Division, Training Division and Fleet Services Facility. The District has several robust program areas including Community Risk Reduction, Community Education, Emergency Medical Services, Water Rescue, Fire Investigation, Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue and Training. The District has a publicly elected Board of Directors consisting of five members who are elected to four-year, staggered terms.

This section on the district’s financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District’s financial performance and conditions during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2023 with comparative totals for 2022.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District’s basic financial statements. The District’s basic financial statements comprises: (1) Government-wide financial statements, (2) Fund financial statements, and (3) Notes to the basic financial statements, and (3) required supplementary information (budgetary comparison table).

**Government – Wide Financial Statement**

Government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all the District assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether or not the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

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The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods such as expenses pertaining to earned but unused vacation and sick leave.

Both of these government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The only business-type activities conducted by the District are those associated with records requests. Since these activities are an intricate part of the District's operations and the results of these activities are immaterial, these activities are included in the governmental activities.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements are designed to report information about groupings of related accounts, which are used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District are classified as governmental funds.

*Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. These statements, however, focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to available resources and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available in the near future to finance the District's programs.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds Balance Sheet and the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

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

General Fund – Most of the District's basic services are accounted for in this fund

Capital Outlay – The District transfers sufficient amounts to this fund to manage large facility and equipment replacement costs.

Fleet Maintenance – The District transfers amounts to this fund, a percentage of total cost covering the cost of in-house maintenance.

**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Required Supplementary Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's general fund budgetary comparison schedule, pension and OPEB schedules.

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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Summary of Net Position  
Governmental Activities**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Variance (%)</u>
Asset			
Current assets	\$ 38,296,400	\$ 35,622,699	8%
Noncurrent assets	17,123,628	15,567,974	10%
Total assets	<u>55,420,028</u>	<u>51,190,673</u>	<u>8%</u>
Deferred outflows	33,423,677	17,074,383	96%
Total assets and deferred outflows	<u>88,843,705</u>	<u>68,265,056</u>	<u>30%</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	1,432,013	1,476,794	-3%
Noncurrent liabilities	83,754,817	53,150,285	58%
Total liabilities	<u>85,186,830</u>	<u>54,627,079</u>	<u>8%</u>
Deferred inflows	6,480,019	25,186,583	-74%
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	16,453,850	14,577,776	13%
Unrestricted	<u>(19,276,994)</u>	<u>(26,126,382)</u>	<u>-26%</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ (2,823,144)</u>	<u>\$ (11,548,606)</u>	<u>-76%</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows, and net position	<u>\$ 88,843,705</u>	<u>\$ 68,265,056</u>	<u>-142%</u>

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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS, Continued**

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position - Governmental Activities

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Variance (%)</u>
Revenues			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,416,084	\$ 1,438,341	-2%
Operating grants and contributions	2,014,507	3,320,739	-39%
General revenues			
Property taxes	40,277,993	37,217,438	8%
Interest income	549,913	125,737	337%
Other revenues	1,070,422	202,716	428%
Total revenues	<u>45,328,919</u>	<u>42,304,971</u>	<u>7%</u>
Expenses			
Public safety:	<u>36,603,457</u>	<u>37,444,888</u>	<u>-2%</u>
Total expenses	<u>36,603,457</u>	<u>37,444,888</u>	<u>-2%</u>
Change in net position	8,725,462	4,860,083	80%
Beginning of year	<u>(11,548,606)</u>	<u>(16,408,689)</u>	<u>-30%</u>
End of year	<u>\$ (2,823,144)</u>	<u>\$ (11,548,606)</u>	<u>-76%</u>

**Financial Analysis of the District as a whole**

The net position of the District as of June 30, 2023 was negative \$2.8 million mainly due to implementation of GASB 68 and GASB 75 which requires recognition of the full net pension liability and net other post-employment benefits "OPEB" liability and associated deferrals. Of the deficit of \$2.8 million in net position, \$16.5 million are invested in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt).

The net position increased by \$8.7 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and increased by \$4.9 million for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The increase in 2023 was mainly the result of increases in property tax revenues and interest. As well as non-recurring insurance claims resulting from the storm damage of 2022/2023 that impacted the District's fire stations and apparatus.

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**Financial Analysis of the District's Funds**

For the fiscal year 2023, Governmental Fund balances increased by \$2.8 million, mainly attributable to property taxes and other revenues being considerably higher than the District's annual expenditures. Projects also budgeted for the fiscal year were not completed due to timing and were re-budgeted for the next fiscal year. For the fiscal year 2022, Governmental Fund balances increased by \$3.6 million mainly due unanticipated revenue from strike team reimbursements and less than anticipated spending.

The following schedule shows a comparison of actual revenues and expenditures by source between the current and prior fiscal years.

**Revenues and Expenditures Classified by Sources - Governmental Funds**

<u>Revenues by source</u>	2023		2022		Increase/(Decrease)	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of change
Property taxes	\$40,277,993	89%	\$37,217,438	88%	\$ 3,060,555	8%
Use of money/property	549,913	1%	125,737	0%	424,176	337%
Aid from other governments	2,014,507	4%	3,320,739	8%	(1,306,232)	-39%
Charges for services	1,416,084	3%	1,438,341	3%	(22,257)	-2%
Other revenue	1,053,317	2%	176,706	0%	876,611	496%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,311,814</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$42,278,961</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 3,032,853</b>	<b>7%</b>
 <u>Expenditures by sources</u>						
Current:						
Public Safety						
Salaries and benefits	\$33,962,350	80%	\$33,556,437	87%	\$ 405,913	1%
Services and supplies	5,795,070	14%	4,621,881	12%	1,173,189	25%
Capital outlay	2,459,260	6%	132,561	0%	2,326,699	1755%
Debt service:						
Principal	320,420	1%	311,145	1%	9,275	3%
Interest and fiscal charges	29,518	0%	38,793	0%	(9,275)	-24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,566,618</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$38,660,817</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 3,905,801</b>	<b>10%</b>

Following are explanations of significant changes in revenues and expenditures by source:

For the fiscal year 2023, total revenue increased by \$3,032,853 or 7% percent. The increase in revenues was primarily due to an increase in property tax revenue. There was a significant increase in the District's residual distribution from the RDA Successor Agencies due to the court decision City of Chula Vista vs Sandoval which changed the calculation that benefited the

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District. Total expenditures increased by \$3,905,801 during fiscal year 2023 or 10% mainly due to large capital purchases. The District purchased several apparatus and vehicles to replace its ageing fleet.

**Capital Assets**

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$17,123,628 and \$15,567,974 (net of accumulated depreciation), respectively. This investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, structures and improvements, and equipment.

Capital assets for the governmental activities are presented below to illustrate changes in Fiscal year 2023 and 2022:

	<u>Capital Assets</u>		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Land	\$ 1,786,453	\$ 1,786,453	\$ -
Construction in progress	304,679	-	304,679
Structures and improvements	12,007,691	12,007,691	-
Equipment	16,876,378	15,387,027	1,489,351
Less accumulated depreciation	(13,851,573)	(13,613,197)	(238,376)
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$17,123,628</u>	<u>\$15,567,974</u>	<u>\$ 1,555,654</u>

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 4 of this report.

**Debt Administration**

For the governmental activities, the District had long-term debt outstanding at June 30, 2023, of \$4,465,253 as compared to \$4,411,160 in the prior year, an increase of 1 percent. During fiscal year end June 30, 2023. The District’s long term debt decreased by \$320,420 and compensated absences increased by \$374,513.

Following is the District’s long-term debt activity to illustrate changes from the prior year:

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	Governmental Activities		
	2023	2022	% of Change
Finance purchase agreements	\$ 669,778	\$ 990,198	-32%
Compensated absences	3,795,475	3,420,962	11%
Total	\$4,465,253	\$4,411,160	1%

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR’S BUDGET**

The District, like many local government and special districts in California, has embarked on a path to redefine services in a changing economic climate. The District is challenged by changing fiscal rules driven to address unfunded liabilities due to the economic pressure that originates from national economic policy, state legislative rule making, and funding based on local conditions. During the past fiscal year, the District developed a 20-year Master Plan and three-to-five-year Strategic Plan that will provide direction for the District in the years ahead. Bolstered with this information, the District will be equipped to plan for station relocations or renovations, and apparatus replacement schedules to better prepare the District for future response and support needs. There have been multiple unforeseen challenges that the District is working to overcome. The winter storms of 2022/2023 battered the county and took special aim at the District, and it is still working through the details of repairing and replacing facilities and equipment that were damaged in the storms.

As pension, healthcare, and workers compensation costs continue to rise over time, the District is committed to good financial stewardship through efficient operational and budgetary management processes, including cutting costs whenever feasible. Due to the District’s strong housing market, we will continue to see growth in revenue. Property Tax Revenues for FY 2023-24 have been forecasted to increase by approximately 4%. The District will be challenged to creatively and thoughtfully address increasing personnel benefit expenses with existing revenues. It continues to evaluate changing conditions, anticipate future impacts, develop fiscal strategies and engage in collective bargaining that allows continued levels of service to the community at an affordable and responsible level.

**REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District’s finances for all those with an interest in the government’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the District Administrative Office at 930 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Santa Cruz, California 95062 or telephone (831) 479-6842.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2023**

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<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 38,081,678
Accounts receivable	214,722
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>38,296,400</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets - non-depreciable	2,091,132
Capital assets - depreciable, net	15,032,496
<b>Total capital assets</b>	<u>17,123,628</u>
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<u>17,123,628</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>55,420,028</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	27,264,206
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	6,159,471
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<u>33,423,677</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable - claims	257,897
Accounts payable - payroll	457,942
Interest payable	6,655
Compensated absences, due within one year	379,548
Long term debt, due within one year	329,971
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>1,432,013</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences, due in more than one year	3,415,927
Long term debt, due in more than one year	339,807
Net OPEB liabilities	21,552,310
Net pension liability	58,446,773
<b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>	<u>83,754,817</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>85,186,830</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	4,203,653
Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	2,276,366
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<u>6,480,019</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	16,453,850
Unrestricted	(19,276,994)
<b>Net position</b>	<u>\$ (2,823,144)</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

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**Statement of Activities**  
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	Program Revenues					Net (Expense)
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Total	Revenue
						and Changes in Net Position
						Governmental Activities
<b>Governmental activities</b>						
Public safety	\$ 36,603,457	\$ 1,416,084	\$ 2,014,507	\$ -	\$ 3,430,591	\$ (33,172,866)
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<u>\$ 36,603,457</u>	<u>\$ 1,416,084</u>	<u>\$ 2,014,507</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,430,591</u>	<u>(33,172,866)</u>
<b>General Revenues:</b>						
						40,277,993
						549,913
						1,070,422
						<u>41,898,328</u>
						8,725,462
						(11,548,606)
						<u>\$ (2,823,144)</u>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

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**GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds**  
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	General Fund	Capital Outlay Capital Project Fund	Fleet Maintenance Capital Project Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 30,927,046	\$ 6,830,006	\$ 324,626	\$ 38,081,678
Accounts receivable	210,868	3,854	-	214,722
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 31,137,914</b>	<b>\$ 6,833,860</b>	<b>\$ 324,626</b>	<b>\$ 38,296,400</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 235,322	\$ 12,464	\$ 10,111	\$ 257,897
Accrued salaries and benefits	448,111	-	9,831	457,942
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>683,433</b>	<b>12,464</b>	<b>19,942</b>	<b>715,839</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Assigned:				
Capital improvement and equipment	-	6,821,396	-	6,821,396
Fleet maintenance	-	-	304,684	304,684
Unassigned	30,454,481	-	-	30,454,481
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>30,454,481</b>	<b>6,821,396</b>	<b>304,684</b>	<b>37,580,561</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 31,137,914</b>	<b>\$ 6,833,860</b>	<b>\$ 324,626</b>	<b>\$ 38,296,400</b>

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2023**

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**Fund Balances of Governmental Funds** \$ 37,580,561

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 governmental funds. 17,123,628

In the Government-Wide Financial Statements, employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date for pension and OPEB, certain differences between actuarial amounts and actual results for pension are deferred and amortized or applied to the net pension liability or net OPEB liability in future periods, however these items do not impact the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet:

Deferred outflows of resources - pension	27,264,206
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	6,159,471
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	(4,203,653)
Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	(2,276,366)

Interest expense on long-term debt is reported on the accrual basis on the Government-Wide Statements, but expenditures on long-term debt in the governmental funds statements are recorded when paid. The following amount represents the change in accrued interest from the prior year. (6,655)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore they are not reported in the governmental funds.

Long-term debt	(669,778)
Compensated absences	(3,795,475)
Net OPEB liabilities	(21,552,310)
Net pension liability	(58,446,773)

**Net Position of Governmental Activities** \$ (2,823,144)

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
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	General Fund	Capital Outlay Capital Project Fund	Fleet Maintenance Capital Project Fund	Total
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 40,277,993	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,277,993
Use of money and property	438,142	113,467	(1,696)	549,913
Aid from other government agencies	2,014,507	-	-	2,014,507
Charges for services	35,000	-	1,381,084	1,416,084
Other revenue	515,334	537,983	-	1,053,317
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>43,280,976</b>	<b>651,450</b>	<b>1,379,388</b>	<b>45,311,814</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
Public Safety				
Salaries and benefits	33,264,260	-	698,090	33,962,350
Services and supplies	5,103,809	9,963	681,298	5,795,070
Capital outlay	264,896	2,194,364	-	2,459,260
Debt service:				
Principal	-	320,420	-	320,420
Interest and fiscal charges	-	29,518	-	29,518
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>38,632,965</b>	<b>2,554,265</b>	<b>1,379,388</b>	<b>42,566,618</b>
<b>REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,648,011</b>	<b>(1,902,815)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,745,196</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	17,105	-	17,105
Transfer in	-	2,100,000	-	2,100,000
Transfer out	(2,100,000)	-	-	(2,100,000)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(2,100,000)</b>	<b>2,117,105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,105</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>2,548,011</b>	<b>214,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,762,301</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>				
Beginning of year	27,906,470	6,607,106	304,684	34,818,260
End of year	\$ 30,454,481	\$ 6,821,396	\$ 304,684	\$ 37,580,561

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund**  
**Balances of Governmental Funds to the Government-Wide Statement of Activities**  
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**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** \$ 2,762,301

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. In the statement of activities, however, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Acquisition of capital assets	2,550,199
Depreciation expense	(988,808)
Net book value of sales and disposals	(5,737)

Current year employer pension contributions recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds, however these amounts are reported a deferred outflow of resources on the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position. 7,003,897

Current year employer OPEB contributions recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds, however these amounts are reported a deferred outflow of resources on the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position. 2,166,821

Pension expense is recorded as incurred in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities, however pension expense is not recognized in the governmental funds. (2,341,074)

OPEB expense is recorded as incurred in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities, however pension expense is not recognized in the governmental funds. (2,371,228)

Repayments of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces the long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 320,420

Interest expense on long-term debt is reported on the accrual basis on the Government-Wide Statements, but expenditures on long-term debt in the governmental funds statements are recorded when paid. The following amount represents the change in accrued interest from the prior year. 3,184

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 governmental funds.

Change in compensated absences	(374,513)
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**Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities** \$ 8,725,462

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Central Fire District Of Santa Cruz County**  
**Notes to Basic Financial Statements**  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The basic financial statements of the Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County (District) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below:

**A. *Description of Reporting Entity***

In 1987, Central Fire Protection District was created from the consolidation of the Capitola, Live Oak and Soquel Fire Districts. In 1986, Aptos Fire District and La Selva Beach Fire District also consolidated, to become the Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District. By 2018, Aptos/La Selva FPD and Central FPD entered into a Shared Services Agreement, combining services with their Administrative and Prevention/ Community Risk Reduction divisions. In February of 2021, Central Fire Protection District and Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District consolidated into Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County.

Central Fire District serves the communities of Capitola, Live Oak, Soquel, Aptos, Rio Del Mar and La Selva Beach. The resident population is approximately 90,500, with a seasonal influx during the summer, and covers an area of 55 square miles. The District responds to requests for service for fire, water rescue, emergency medical services, hazardous materials calls, and assorted alarms.

The District operates seven fire stations, an Administrative Office, Community Risk Reduction Division, and Fleet Services Facility. The District has several robust program areas including Community Risk Reduction, Community Education, Emergency Medical Services, Water Rescue, Fire Investigation, Hazardous Materials, Urban Search and Rescue, and Training. The District has a publicly elected Board of Directors consisting of five members who are elected to four year, staggered terms.

The District has reviewed criteria to determine whether other entities with activities that benefit the District should be included within its financial reporting entity. The criteria include, but are not limited to, whether it exercises oversight responsibility (which includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters). The District has determined that no outside entity meets the above criteria, and therefore, no agency has been included as a component unit in the District's financial statements. In addition, the District is not aware of any entity that would exercise such oversight responsibility that would result in the District being considered a component unit of that entity.

**B. *Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus***

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, 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 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.

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

***B. Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus, Continued***

Government - Wide Financial Statements - The District's government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements present summaries of governmental activities for the Authority.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the primary government. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with the District. Program revenues include contributions from other governmental agencies that are restricted for meeting the operational or capital requirements of the District. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including investment income, are presented instead as general revenues.

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

Certain eliminations have been made in regards to interfund activities. All internal balances (transfers in and out) in the Statement of Net Position have been eliminated.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Therefore, governmental fund financial statements include reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The accounting objectives of the economic resources measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position and cash flows. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources (whether current or non-current) associated with their activities are reported. Fund equity is classified as net position.

Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred or economic asset used.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements are organized into 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, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. The District has no proprietary funds.

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

**B. Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus, Continued**

The District reported the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources, which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Capital Outlay Capital Project Fund - The Capital Outlay Capital Project Fund accounts for monies accumulated for the acquisition of equipment and acquisition or improvement of existing buildings and structures.

Fleet Maintenance Capital Project Fund - The Fleet Maintenance Capital Project Fund accounts for monies assigned for the maintenance of the District's existing fire engines.

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

The governmental fund financial statements are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

In the current financial resources measurement focus, only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on the balance sheets. The operating statements present sources and uses of funds available for financial resources during a given period. The fund balance is used as the measure of available financial resources at the end of the period.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means having been earned and collectible within the current period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related liability is incurred, except for debt service expenditures (principal and interest), as well as expenditures related to compensated absences which are reported when due.

**C. Interfund Transactions**

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the year are referred to as "due to/from other funds" (i.e. current portion of interfund loans) or "advances from/to other funds" (i.e. noncurrent portion of interfund loans).

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
**Notes to Basic Financial Statements**  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

**D. Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. A reservation of fund balance has been reported in the governmental funds to show that prepaid amounts do not constitute "available spendable resources."

**E. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

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 capitalization thresholds for reporting capital assets as of June 30, 2018 is \$5,000.

Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method over the useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings	20-30 years
Equipment	3-10 years

**F. Net Position**

In the government-wide financial statements, net position is classified in the following categories:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - This amount consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt that is attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of the assets.

Restricted Net Position - This amount is restricted by external creditors.

Unrestricted Net Position - This amount is all net position that does not meet the definition of "invested in capital assets, net of related debt" or "restricted net position."

**G. Fund Balances**

In the fund financial statements, fund balances represent the net current assets of each fund. Net current assets generally represent a fund's cash, receivables, and other current assets, less its liabilities.

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 specific purposes for which amounts in the funds can be spent. As of June 30, 2022, fund balances for governmental funds are made up of the following:

Nonspendable Fund Balance - includes amounts that are (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, prepaid items, and long-term loans receivable.

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

**G. Fund Balances, Continued**

Restricted- includes the funds held by trustees or fiscal agents for future payment of bond principal and interest, or otherwise are restricted by bond terms or are restricted by other law or contract. These funds are not available for general operations. The District does not have any restricted fund balances.

Committed Fund Balance - includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Directors by passage of a resolution. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the District taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally. The District does not have any committed fund balances.

Assigned Fund Balance - comprises amounts intended to be used by the District for specific purposes that are neither restricted nor committed. The District has not designated any level of authority for assigning fund balance, therefore, the Board of Directors can assign fund balance.

Unassigned Fund Balance - is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned amounts are technically available for any purpose. In other governmental funds, if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned, the negative amount is reflected as negative unassigned fund balance.

In circumstances when an expenditure is made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, fund balance is generally depleted in the order of restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

**H. Pension Expense**

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) plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have determined on the same basis as they are reported by CalPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**I. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the District's plan (OPEB Plan) and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when currently due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

**I. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB), Continued**

Investments are reported at fair value. Generally accepted accounting principles require that the reported results must pertain to liability and asset information within certain defined timeframes. For this report, the following timeframes are used for 2023:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Measurement Date	June 30, 2022
Measurement Period	July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

**J. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then.

**K. Liability for compensated absences**

The District is required to recognize a liability for employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences.

**L. New Accounting Pronouncements**

The District adopted new accounting standards in order to conform to the following Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements:

GASB Statement No. 91, Conduit Debt Obligations - The primary objectives of this Statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. The requirements of this statement did not apply to the District for the current fiscal year.

GASB Statement 94, Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements - The primary objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP in an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The requirements of this statement did not apply to the District for the current fiscal year.

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued**

*L. New Accounting Pronouncements, Continued*

GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements – This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset – an intangible asset – and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. The requirements of this Statement did not apply to the District for the current fiscal year.

**2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The District maintains cash and investments as summarized below:

Petty cash	\$ 500
County of Santa Cruz Investment Pool	<u>38,081,178</u>
<b>Total cash and investments</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 38,081,678</u></u></b>

*A. Investment with Santa Cruz County Investment Pool*

\$38,081,178 at June 30, 2023 respectively is part of the common investment pool of the Santa Cruz County Investment Pool. It is the policy of the Treasurer-Tax Collector of Santa Cruz County to invest public funds in a manner which provides for the safety of the funds on deposit, the cash flow demands, or liquidity needs of the treasury pool participants, and the highest possible yield after first considering the first two objectives of safety and liquidity. In addition, it is the Treasurer-Tax Collectors’ policy to invest all funds in strict conformance with all state statutes governing the investment of public monies.

Investments are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. *Recurring* fair value measurements are those that Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements require or permit in the statement of net position at the end of each reporting period. Fair value measurements are categorized based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset’s fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The District’s investment in the Santa Cruz County Investment Pool is exempt from levelling disclosure.

*B. Concentration of Credit Risk*

The District’s investment in the Santa Cruz County Investment Pool is exempt from disclosure.

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
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**2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS, Continued**

**C. Interest Rate Risk**

At June 30, 2023, the District had the following investment maturities.

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment Maturity (In Years)		
		Less than 1	1 to 2	2 to 3
Santa Cruz County Investment Pool	\$ 38,081,178	\$ 38,081,178	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,081,178</b>	<b>\$ 38,081,178</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**D. Investment Policy**

The District does not have a formally adopted investment policy, however is limited by State law to the following investments:

Investment Type	Maximum Maturity	Maximum Specified % of Portfolio
Local Agency Bonds	5 Years	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 Years	None
State Obligations	5 Years	None
CA Local Agency Obligations	5 Years	None
U.S. Agency Obligations	5 Years	None
Bankers' Acceptances	180 Days	40%
Commercial Paper	270 Days	40%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 Years	30%
CD Placement Services	5 Years	30%
Repurchase Agreements	1 Year	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Securities Lending Agreements	92 Days	20% of the Base Value of the Portfolio
Medium-Term Notes	5 Years	30%
Mutual Fund and Money Market Mutual Funds	Unrated	20%
Collateralized Bank Deposits	5 Years	None
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 Years	None
Bank/Time Deposits	5 Years	None
Joint Powers Authority Pool	N/A	None
Local Agency Investment Fund	N/A	None
Supranationals	5 Years	30%

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
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**3. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS - FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The District had the following transfers for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	<u>Transfers in</u>	<u>Transfers out</u>
Governmental Funds		
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 2,100,000
Capital Projects Fund:		
Capital Outlay Fund	<u>2,100,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,100,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,100,000</u>

Transfers from the General Fund to the Capital Outlay Capital Projects Fund were to fund for future capital projects and vehicle and equipment acquisitions.

**4. CAPITAL ASSETS**

The District's capital assets is based on historical costs, or estimates of historical cost. For purposes of fixed asset accounting the District considers assets with a cost of \$5,000 or more and a useful life of three years or more to be capital assets.

Capital asset activities for fiscal year 2023 follows:

	<u>Balance at July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletion\ Reclassification</u>	<u>Balance at June 30, 2023</u>
Non-depreciable assets:				
Land	\$ 1,786,453	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,786,453
Construction in progress	-	304,679	-	304,679
Total non-depreciable	<u>1,786,453</u>	<u>304,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,091,132</u>
Depreciable assets:				
Structures and improvements	12,007,691	-	-	12,007,691
Vehicles and Equipment	15,387,027	2,245,520	(756,169)	16,876,378
Total non-depreciable	<u>27,401,316</u>	<u>2,245,520</u>	<u>(756,169)</u>	<u>28,884,069</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(13,613,197)</u>	<u>(988,808)</u>	<u>750,432</u>	<u>(13,851,573)</u>
Total depreciable assets, net	<u>14,759,686</u>	<u>1,256,712</u>	<u>(5,737)</u>	<u>15,032,496</u>
<b>Total capital assets</b>	<u>\$ 16,546,139</u>	<u>\$ 1,561,391</u>	<u>\$ (5,737)</u>	<u>\$ 17,123,628</u>

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
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**5. NON CURRENT LIABILITIES**

The following is a summary of changes in non-current liabilities transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Addition	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2023	Due Within One Year	Due More Than One Year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>						
Finance purchase agreement	\$ 990,198	\$ -	\$ (320,420)	\$ 669,778	\$ 329,971	\$ 339,807
Sub-total	1,301,343	-	(320,420)	669,778	329,971	339,807
Compensated absences	3,420,962	374,513	-	3,795,475	379,548	3,415,927
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 4,618,001</u>	<u>\$ 374,513</u>	<u>\$ (320,420)</u>	<u>\$ 4,465,253</u>	<u>\$ 709,519</u>	<u>\$ 3,755,734</u>

**A. Finance Purchase Agreement**

On February 28, 2018, the District entered into a finance purchase agreement in the amount of \$2,181,772 for acquisition of various fire engines and fire equipment from Rosenbauer. The lease agreement provides for 7 annual payments for of \$349,938 from February 28, 2019 to February 28, 2025.

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 329,971	\$ 19,966	\$ 349,938
2025	339,807	10,131	349,938
Total	<u>\$ 669,778</u>	<u>\$ 30,097</u>	<u>\$ 699,876</u>

**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

**A. Plan Description**

All qualified permanent and probationary employees are eligible to participate in the Public Agency Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Plan) administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). The Plan consists of individual rate plans (benefit tiers) within a safety risk pool (police and fire) and a miscellaneous risk pool (all other.) Plan assets may be used to pay benefits for any employer rate plan of the safety and miscellaneous risk pools. Accordingly, rate plans within the safety or miscellaneous pools are not separate plans under GASB Statement No. 68. Individual employers may sponsor more than one rate plan in the miscellaneous or safety risk pools.

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

*A. Plan Description, Continued*

Benefit provisions under the Plan are established by State statute and District resolution. 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.

*B. 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 55 with statutorily reduced benefits. 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 each plan are applied as specified by the Public Employee’s Retirement Law.

The rate plan provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2023 are summarized as follows:

	<u>Safety Tier 1 (CFPD)*</u>	<u>Safety Tier 1 (Aptos)*</u>	<u>Safety Tier 2 (CFPD)*</u>	<u>Safety PEPR A</u>
Hire Date	Prior to January 1, 2013	Prior to January 1, 2013	Prior to January 1, 2013	On or after January 1, 2013
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years service	5 years service	5 years service	5 years service
Benefit payments	monthly for life	monthly for life	monthly for life	monthly for life
Retirement age	50	55	50 - 55	50 - 57
Monthly benefits, as a % of annual salary	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0% to 2.7%
Required employee contribution rates	9.000%	9.000%	9.000%	13.000%
Required employer contribution rates	23.750%	21.840%	20.640%	12.780%
Required unfunded liability payment	\$ 2,428,710	\$ 1,689,071	\$ 36,682	\$ 724

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

**B. Benefits Provided, Continued**

	Miscellaneous Tier 1 (CFPD)*	Miscellaneous Tier 1 (Aptos)*	Miscellaneous Tier 2 (CFPD)*	Miscellaneous PEPRA
Hire Date	Prior to January 1, 2013	Prior to January 1, 2013	Prior to January 1, 2013	On or after January 1, 2013
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years service	5 years service	5 years service	5 years service
Benefit payments	monthly for life	monthly for life	monthly for life	monthly for life
Retirement age	55	60	55	62
Monthly benefits, as a % of annual salary	2.5%	3.0%	2.5%	2.0%
Required employee contribution rates	8.000%	8.000%	8.000%	6.750%
Required employer contribution rates	12.210%	15.250%	11.590%	7.470%
Required unfunded liability payment	\$ 91,985	\$ 55,492	\$ 2,214	\$ 347

\* These tiers are for employees who were previously enrolled in CalPERS prior to consolidation of Central Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County and Aptos-La Selva Fire Protection District.

**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 actuarial basis, annually and is effective on 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.

Employer contributions made to the Plan for the measurement period ended June 30, 2022 were \$6,518,755. Employer contributions made to the Plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 totaled \$7,003,897.

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

As of June 30, 2023, the District reported a net pension liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan of \$58,446,773.

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

*C. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, Continued*

The District’s net pension liability for the Plan is measured as the proportionate share of the total net pension liability of the Plan. 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 actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2021 rolled forward to June 30, 2022 respectively using standard update procedures. The District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District’s plan liability and asset-related information where available, and proportional allocations of individual plan amounts as of the valuation date where not available.

The District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Plan as of the measurement dates June 30, 2021 and 2022 were as follows:

Proportion - June 30, 2021	0.58409%
Proportion - June 30, 2022	0.50600%
Change - Increase (Decrease)	-0.07810%

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$2,341,078. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Pension contributions subsequent to measurement date	\$ 7,003,897	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	5,896,556	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	2,375,360	639,980
Changes in employer's proportion	2,707,207	-
Differences between the employer's contribution and the employer's proportionate share of contributions	-	3,563,673
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	9,281,186	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,264,206</b>	<b>\$ 4,203,653</b>

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

*C. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, Continued*

\$7,003,897 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 ending June 30, 2024 respectively. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year	
<u>Ending June 30:</u>	
2024	\$ 4,619,788
2025	3,698,433
2026	2,076,186
2027	5,662,249

Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liabilities in the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuations were 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%
Inflation	2.30%
Projected Salary Increase	Varies by entry age and service
Investment Rate of Return <sup>(1)</sup>	6.90%
Mortality	Derived by CalPERS membership data for all funds
Post-retirement benefit increase	Contract COLA up to 2.3% until Purchasing Power Protection Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies

(1) Net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

*C. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, Continued*

The underlying mortality assumptions and all other actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on CalPERS-specific data. The table includes 15 years of mortality improvements using Society of Actuaries Scale 90% of scale MP 2016. For more details on this table, please refer to the December 2017 experience study report (based on CalPERS demographic data from 1997 to 2015) that can be found on the CalPERS website.

*Discount Rate* - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability as of the measurement date of June 30, 2022 for the Plan was 6.90. 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. A detailed report testing these projections can be obtained from the CalPERS website.

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:

Asset Class	Assumed Asset Allocation	Real Return <sup>(a)(b)</sup>
Global Equity - Cap-weighted	30.00%	4.54%
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%
Total	100.00%	

(a) An expected inflation of 2.5% used for this period.

(b) An expected inflation of 3.0% used for this period.

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**6. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN, Continued**

*C. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions, Continued*

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

The following presents the net pension liability of the District for each Plan, calculated using the discount rate for each Plan, as well as what the District’s 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	5.90%
Net Pension Liability	\$ 86,064,044
Current Discount Rate	6.90%
Net Pension Liability	\$ 58,446,773
1% Increase	7.90%
Net Pension Liability	\$ 35,869,109

*Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position* – Detailed information about each pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial reports. Reports are available from [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov).

Payable to the Pension Plan

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a payable of \$0 for outstanding amount of contributions to the pension plan required for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**7. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLANS**

*A. Plan Description*

In addition to pension benefits, the District provides medical insurance to retired employees. The scope of the benefits provided depends on the memorandum of understanding between the District and various employee groups. The District had participated in two agent multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plans that were created by Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District and Central Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County, which become the responsibility of the District as part of its formation. These plans were consolidated in fiscal year 2022.

Eligible retirees may elect to maintain their life and dental insurance benefits provided their portion of the premium is paid. Vision insurance coverage is offered to retirees, but 100% of the premium is paid by the retiree. Eligibility for District-paid benefits is now based on one or more of the following criteria: bargaining unit, date of hire, date of retirement, and years of service with the District. For Aptos/La Selva existing retired Firefighters, the District contributes specified agreed upon amounts to the retiree’s CALGOVEBA account in addition to the PEMHCA minimum amount paid to CalPERS.

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**7. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLANS, Continued**

**B. Employees Covered**

As of the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation, the following current and former employees were covered by the benefit terms under the OPEB Plan:

Active employees	89
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	<u>102</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>

**C. Contributions**

The District primarily finances the plan based on actuarially determined contribution recommendations. For the measurement period ended June 30, 2022, the District's cash contributions were \$1,526,319 and payment to the trust of \$622,406 resulting in total payments of \$2,148,725.

**D. Net OPEB Liability**

The District's net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2021 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation dated June 30, 2021 that was based on the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

Measurement Date	June 30, 2021
Discount Rate	6.00%
Inflation	2.50%
Payroll growth	2.80% wage inflation plus seniority, merit, and promotion salary increases based on CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions published in November 2021.
Investment Rate of Return	6.00%
Mortality Rate	Based on CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions published in November 2021 for Public Agency Miscellaneous and Fire Members.
Retirement	Based on CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions published in November 2021 for Public Agency Miscellaneous and Fire
Healthcare Trend Rate	Based on 2021 Getzen model that reflects actual premium increases from 2021 to 2022 followed by 5.50% (non-Medicare) / 5.30% (Medicare) in 2022, decreasing gradually to an ultimate rate of 4.04% in 2075.

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**7. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLANS, Continued**

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized below:

Investment Class	Target Allocation	Expected L/T Real Rates of Return
Global Equity	49.00%	4.50%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.40%
Global Real Estate (REITs)	20.00%	3.70%
Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS)	5.00%	0.50%
Commodities	3.00%	1.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	100.00%	

**E. Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 6.00 percent for measurement date June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that District contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected OPEB payments for current active and inactive employees and beneficiaries. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

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**7. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLANS, Continued**

**F. Changes in the OPEB Liability**

The changes in the net OPEB liability for the OPEB Plan are as follows:

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) (c) = (a) - (b)
Balance at June 30, 2022 (Measurement Date June 30, 2021)	\$ 23,206,677	\$ 5,394,550	\$ 17,812,127
<b>Changes recognized for the measurement period:</b>			
Service cost	737,260	-	737,260
Interest	1,571,601	-	1,571,601
Difference between expected and actual experience	513,007	-	513,007
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-
Changes of assumption or other inputs	2,078,898	-	2,078,898
Contributions - employer	-	2,148,725	(2,148,725)
Net investment income	-	(986,720)	986,720
Benefit payment	(1,343,854)	(1,343,854)	-
Trust administrative expenses	-	(1,422)	1,422
<b>Net Changes</b>	<b>3,556,912</b>	<b>(183,271)</b>	<b>3,740,183</b>
Balance at June 30, 2023 (Measurement Date June 30, 2022)	\$ 26,763,589	\$ 5,211,279	\$ 21,552,310

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**7. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLANS, Continued**

*G. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the District if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate, for measurement period ended June 30, 2022:

	1% Decrease (5.00%)	Current Discount Rate (6.00%)	1% Increase (7.00%)
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 24,796,718	\$ 21,552,310	\$ 18,838,031

*H. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates*

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the District if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate, for measurement period ended June 30, 2022:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 18,288,795	\$ 21,552,310	\$ 25,550,031

*I. Recognition of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources*

Gains and losses related to changes in total OPEB liability and fiduciary net position are recognized in OPEB expense systematically over time. Amounts are first recognized in OPEB expense for the year the gain or loss occurs. The remaining amounts are categorized as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and are to be recognized in future OPEB expense. The recognition period differs depending on the source of the gain or loss.

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**7. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLANS, Continued**

**J. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$2,097,591. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 442,735	\$ 2,270,719
Changes in assumptions or other input	3,045,845	5,647
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	504,070	-
Employer contribution subsequent to the measurement date	2,166,821	-
	<u>\$ 6,159,471</u>	<u>\$ 2,276,366</u>

The \$2,166,821 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the June 30, 2022 measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	
2024	\$ 256,993
2025	263,273
2026	252,376
2027	405,583
2028	167,786
Thereafter	370,273

**K. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about each pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial reports. Reports are available from [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov).

**L. Payable to the Pension Plan**

At June 30, 2023 the District reported a payable of \$0 for outstanding amount of contributions to the OPEB plan required for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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**7. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PLANS, Continued**

*M. Changes in Assumptions*

The following significant assumption changes were made in the District most recent valuation:

- The discount rate for Central Fire Protection District was reduced from 6.75% to 6.00%.
- Health care cost trend rates were updated resulting in a slight decrease in liability.

**8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the District carries insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

*Workers' compensation coverage*

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) a 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 and allowing its members to become full participants in the CSAC-EIA programs. Being a 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 SCAC-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 poly period and only if a sixty day written advance notice is given. However, SCAC-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 adoption an annual budget.

*Primary workers' compensation*

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

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**8. RISK MANAGEMENT, Continued**

*Excess workers' compensation*

CPEIA retains responsibility for payment of claims in excess of \$125,000 for each member who also participates in the primary workers' compensation program.

The District paid \$1.7 million including the District's payment for workers' compensation portfolio transfer for workers' compensation to the Group for the year ended June 30, 2023, respectively

*Insurance Coverage*

Insurance coverage at June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Property:		
Property (buildings)	\$ 5,000	Guaranteed Repl Cost
Repl cost subject to scheduled limit		
Business personal property (including theft)	\$ 1,000	Repl. Cost
Earthquake:		
Buildings		Guaranteed Repl. Cost
Business personal property		Repl Cost
Deductible		Dollar amount varies by building
Flood:		
Buildings		Guaranteed Repl. Cost
Business personal property		Repl. Cost
Deductible		\$1000 per premises
Portable equipment insurance		
Blanket portable equipment		Guaranteed Repl. Cost
Business personal property		\$50,000
General liability:		
General aggregate		\$10,000,000
Personal injury		\$1,000,000
Each occurrence		\$1,000,000
Automobile:		
Auto - liability		\$1,000,000 (Each Accident)
Auto - uninsured motorist		\$1,000,000 (Each Accident)
Auto - physical damage (comprehensive)		Agreed value, actual cash value, or cost of repairs, whichever is less minus \$5,000 deductible
Auto - physical damage (collision)		Agreed value, actual cash value, or cost of repairs, whichever is less minus \$5,000 deductible
Management practices liability insurance:		
General aggregate		\$10,000,000
Each wrongful act		\$1,000,000
Personal property		Blanket coverage, limit \$2,109,120

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual**  
**General Fund**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2023**

**1. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING**

The General Fund's budgetary comparison schedule for the year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows.

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 38,906,614	\$ 39,244,030	\$ 40,277,993	1,033,963
Use of money and property	100,000	200,000	438,142	238,142
Aid from other government agencies	1,246,701	2,006,701	2,014,507	7,806
Charges for services	-	-	35,000	35,000
Other revenue	24,871	24,870	515,334	490,464
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>40,278,186</b>	<b>41,475,601</b>	<b>43,280,976</b>	<b>1,805,375</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
Public safety:				
Salaries and benefits	32,622,431	33,440,116	33,264,260	175,856
Services and supplies	5,392,987	5,967,516	5,103,809	863,707
Capital outlay	446,617	472,124	264,896	207,228
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>38,462,035</b>	<b>39,879,756</b>	<b>38,632,965</b>	<b>1,246,791</b>
<b>REVENUES OVER (UNDER)</b>				
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,816,151</b>	<b>1,595,845</b>	<b>4,648,011</b>	<b>3,052,166</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Transfer out	(2,100,000)	(2,100,000)	(2,100,000)	-
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(2,100,000)</b>	<b>(2,100,000)</b>	<b>(2,100,000)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>\$ (283,849)</b>	<b>\$ (504,155)</b>	<b>2,548,011</b>	<b>\$ 3,052,166</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>				
Beginning of year			27,906,470	
End of year			30,454,481	

**Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
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**2. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

*Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios - Last 10 Years\**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Measurement Date	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.50600%	0.58409%	0.46194%	0.44752%	0.43849%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 58,446,773	\$ 31,589,514	\$ 50,261,589	\$ 45,857,354	\$ 42,253,391
Covered payroll	\$ 12,708,202	\$ 12,338,060	\$ 11,978,699	\$ 12,162,424	\$ 11,221,928
Proportionate Share of the net pension liability as percentage of covered payroll	459.91%	256.03%	419.59%	377.04%	376.53%
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	76.68%	88.29%	75.10%	75.26%	75.26%

**Notes to Schedule:**

\* Fiscal year 2015 was the 1st year of implementation.

The CalPERS discount rate was increased from 7.5% to 7.65% in fiscal year 2016, and then decreased from 7.65% to 7.15% in fiscal year 2018.

The CalPERS mortality assumptions were adjusted in fiscal year 2019.

Schedule presents combined plan information from former fire protection districts from prior to formation of the District for historical context.



<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
6/30/2017	6/30/2016	6/30/2015	6/30/2014
0.42952%	0.43757%	0.43796%	0.50119%
\$ 42,596,736	\$ 37,863,059	\$ 30,061,470	\$ 31,186,940
\$ 10,926,105	\$ 9,841,362	\$ 9,804,916	\$ 10,132,342
389.86%	384.73%	306.60%	307.80%
73.31%	74.06%	78.40%	79.82%

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**2. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

*Schedule of Contributions - Last 10 Fiscal Years\**

Fiscal Year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	\$ 6,518,755	\$ 6,518,755	\$ 5,494,714	\$ 4,964,149	\$ 4,207,660
Contribution in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	(6,518,755)	(6,518,755)	(5,494,714)	(4,964,149)	(4,207,660)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered payroll	\$ 14,216,467	\$ 13,984,955	\$ 12,338,060	\$ 11,978,699	\$ 12,162,424
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	45.85%	46.61%	44.53%	41.44%	34.60%

**Note to Schedule**

\* Fiscal year 2015 was the 1st year of implementation.

Schedule presents combined plan information from former fire protection districts from prior to formation of the District for historical context.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Valuation date:	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	6/30/2017	6/30/2016
Actuarial cost method:	Entry Age				
Amortization method:	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Assets valuation method:	Market Value				

Inflation:	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.63%	2.75%
Salary increases:	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Investment rate of return:	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.25%	7.375%
Retirement age:	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Mortality:	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)

<sup>(1)</sup> Level percentage of Level percentage of payroll, closed

<sup>(2)</sup> Depending on age, Depending on age, service, and type of employment

<sup>(3)</sup> 50 for all plans, wit 50 for all plans, with the exception of 52 for Miscellaneous PEPRA 2%@62

<sup>(4)</sup> Mortality assumptiMortality assumptions are based on mortality rates resulting from the most r  
 CALPERS Experienc CALPERS Experience Study adopted by the CALPERS Board.

2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ 3,557,113	\$ 4,054,582	\$ 3,752,521	\$ 3,144,733
(3,557,113)	(4,054,582)	(3,752,521)	(3,144,733)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 11,221,928	\$ 10,926,105	\$ 9,841,362	\$ 9,804,916
31.70%	37.11%	38.13%	32.07%

6/30/2015	6/30/2014	6/30/2013	6/30/2012
Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age
(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Market Value	Market Value	Market Value	15 Year Smoothed Market Method
2.75%	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%
(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%
(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)

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**3. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**A. Schedule of the Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios - Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

<i>Measurement Period</i>	2022	2021	2020**	2019**
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>				
Service Cost	\$ 737,260	\$ 689,785	\$ 660,081	\$ 510,781
Interest on the total OPEB liability	1,571,601	1,871,401	1,792,900	1,519,040
Changes in benefit terms	-	(1,084,746)	-	1,481,835
Differences between expected and actual experience	513,007	(2,284,658)	-	(1,149,873)
Changes of assumptions	2,078,898	305,026	-	1,872,733
Benefit payments	(1,343,854)	(1,511,805)	(1,356,515)	(1,286,221)
<b>Net change in total OPEB liability</b>	<b>3,556,912</b>	<b>(2,014,997)</b>	<b>1,096,466</b>	<b>2,948,295</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability - beginning</b>	<b>23,206,677</b>	<b>25,221,674</b>	<b>24,125,208</b>	<b>21,176,913</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability - ending (a)</b>	<b>\$ 26,763,589</b>	<b>\$ 23,206,677</b>	<b>\$ 25,221,674</b>	<b>\$ 24,125,208</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>				
Contributions - employer	\$ 2,148,725	\$ 2,255,738	\$ 1,813,715	\$ 1,669,221
Net investment income	(986,720)	1,034,869	122,353	170,682
Benefit payments	(1,343,854)	(1,511,805)	(1,356,515)	(1,286,221)
Administrative expense	(1,422)	(1,438)	(2,698)	(2,148)
<b>Net change in plan fiduciary net position</b>	<b>(183,271)</b>	<b>1,777,364</b>	<b>576,855</b>	<b>551,534</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position - beginning</b>	<b>5,394,550</b>	<b>3,617,186</b>	<b>3,040,331</b>	<b>2,488,797</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)</b>	<b>\$ 5,211,279</b>	<b>\$ 5,394,550</b>	<b>\$ 3,617,186</b>	<b>\$ 3,040,331</b>
<b>Net OPEB liability/(asset) - ending (a) - (b)</b>	<b>\$ 21,552,310</b>	<b>\$ 17,812,127</b>	<b>\$ 21,604,488</b>	<b>\$ 17,613,600</b>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	19%	23%	11%	11%
Covered-employee payroll	16,314,092	16,314,092	16,071,553	15,129,789
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	132.11%	109.18%	134.43%	203.76%

**Notes to Schedule:**

Changes in assumptions

2018: Average per capita claims cost was updated to reflect actual 2017 premiums, the health care cost trend rate was updated to reflect 2018 industry survey, and the mortality table was updated to most recent CalPERS studies.

2019: The discount rate was updated to reflect the rate of return on CERBT strategy #1 assets. The plan enrollment assumption and premium increase rates were modified. Demographic and economic assumptions were revised to closer match those developed in the most recent experience study for CalPERS.

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\*\*Prior year information has been consolidated due to merging of OPEB Plans for informational and comparative purposes.

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2018**	2017**
\$ 495,934	\$ 493,700
1,449,579	1,399,700
-	-
14,800	-
-	-
(1,166,300)	(1,252,300)
794,013	641,100
20,382,900	19,741,800
<u>\$ 21,176,913</u>	<u>\$ 20,382,900</u>

\$ 1,471,900	\$ 1,679,400
126,133	142,607
(1,166,300)	(1,252,300)
(4,636)	(3,507)
427,097	566,200
2,061,700	1,495,500
<u>\$ 2,488,797</u>	<u>\$ 2,061,700</u>
\$ 16,975,800	\$ 16,616,200

9%	8%
14,324,268	12,937,600
206.11%	231.24%

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**3. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB), Continued**

***B. Schedule of Contributions - Last 10 Fiscal Years\****

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	2023	2022	2021**	2020**
Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)	\$ 2,260,088	\$ 2,118,365	\$ 2,255,909	\$ 2,164,491
Contributions in relation to the ADC	(2,166,821)	(2,148,725)	(2,075,977)	(1,813,686)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 93,267	\$ (30,360)	\$ (50,392)	\$ 115,029
Covered-employee payroll	15,111,429	16,163,096	16,314,092	16,071,553
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee pay	14.34%	14.00%	18.28%	16.55%

**Notes to Schedule:**

**Methods and assumptions used to determine ADC:**

Valuation date:	6/30/2021	6/30/2021	6/30/2019	6/30/2019
Actuarial cost method:	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age
	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Asset valuation method:	Market Value	Market Value	Market Value	Market Value
Amortization method:	Level % of Pay			
Amortization period:	26 years	26 years	27 years	28 years
Discount rate:	6.75%	6.75%	7.59%	7.59%
Amortization growth rate:	2.80%	2.80%	2.75%	2.75%
Inflation:	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%

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2019**	2018**
\$ 1,717,700	\$ 1,760,000
(1,669,222)	(1,684,700)
<u>\$ 17,099</u>	<u>\$ 47,300</u>
15,129,789	14,324,268
17.31%	18.38%

6/30/2017	6/30/2017
Entry Age	Entry Age
Normal	Normal
Market Value	Market Value
Level% of Pay	Level % of Pay
29 years	30 years
7.28%	7.28%
2.00%	2.00%
3.00%	3.00%