

**MONTECITO FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
WITH  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT THEREON**

**JUNE 30, 2024**

**MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Annual Financial Report  
June 30, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors  
of the Montecito Fire Protection District  
Santa Barbara, California

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Montecito Fire Protection District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Montecito Fire Protection District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

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

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free 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 Montecito Fire Protection 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

The Board of Directors  
of the Montecito Fire Protection District  
Santa Barbara, California

### **Required Supplementary Information**

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

Fechter & Company  
Certified Public Accountants

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fechter + Company" with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sacramento, California  
January 9, 2025

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
(UNAUDITED)**

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) June 30, 2024

The purpose of the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is to provide an overview of the District's financial condition and to highlight important changes and activities with fiscal implications that occurred during the year ended June 30, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements and required supplementary information, which follow this section.

### **Discussion of Basic Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis provides an introduction and a brief discussion of the District's basic financial statements, including the relationship of the statements to each other and the significant differences in the information they provide. Special purpose governments engaged in a single government program can combine the fund financial statements and the government-wide statements using a columnar format. This format reconciles individual line items of fund financial data to government-wide data in a separate column on the face of the financial statements rather than at the bottom of the statements or in an accompanying schedule.

The District's financial statements include three components:

1. Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
2. Statement of Activities and Governmental Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
3. Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet provide the basis for evaluating the District's capital structure, liquidity, and financial flexibility. The Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances presents information that shows how the District's fund balances and net position changed during the year. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements provide a description of the accounting policies used to prepare the financial statements and present material disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles that are not otherwise present in the financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report also presents other required supplementary information.

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**Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB 34), the following is an analysis of the District’s net position and changes in net position.

**Table 1 – Montecito Fire Protection District Net Position**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Dollar Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Current and other assets	\$ 24,158,364	\$ 20,846,062	\$ 3,312,302	15.89%
Capital assets	12,742,974	11,494,268	1,248,706	10.86%
Total assets	<u>36,901,338</u>	<u>32,340,330</u>	<u>4,561,008</u>	14.10%
Deferred outflows	22,277,276	31,406,095	(9,128,819)	-29.07%
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Current and other liabilities	4,045,993	3,451,620	594,373	17.22%
Long-term liabilities	<u>28,019,010</u>	<u>26,339,481</u>	<u>1,679,529</u>	6.38%
Total liabilities	<u>32,065,003</u>	<u>29,791,101</u>	<u>2,273,902</u>	7.63%
Deferred inflows	6,273,231	12,388,625	(6,115,394)	-49.36%
<b>Net Position:</b>				
Invested in capital assets	12,742,974	11,494,268	1,248,706	10.86%
Unrestricted	<u>8,097,406</u>	<u>10,072,431</u>	<u>(1,975,025)</u>	-19.61%
Total net position	<u>\$ 20,840,380</u>	<u>\$ 21,566,699</u>	<u>\$ (726,319)</u>	-3.37%

Total assets increased by \$4,561,008, or 14.10%, when compared to the prior year. The change in current assets is primarily a result of increase in cash balances across all three District funds.

Total liabilities increased by \$2,273,902, or 7.63%. The change in liabilities is primarily a result of the pension liability which increased by roughly \$3 million due to investment valuation decreases.

The deferred outflows and deferred inflows changes are for the pension and OPEB liabilities determined by independent actuarial reports.

Net position over time is a useful indicator of a government’s financial position. The District’s assets exceed liabilities by \$20,840,380 at the close of the current fiscal year. The decrease of \$726,319, when compared to the prior year, is roughly the amount by which fund expenditures exceed revenues in the current fiscal year (See Table 2 on page 6).



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**Table 2 – Montecito Fire Protection District Change in Net Position**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Dollar Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 23,594,439	\$ 22,329,251	\$ 1,265,188	5.67%
Investment income	259,068	216,279	42,789	19.78%
Rental income	36,295	16,800	19,495	116.04%
Intergovernmental	2,344,514	2,025,288	319,226	15.76%
Miscellaneous	1,490,432	124,949	1,365,483	1092.83%
Total revenues	<u>27,724,748</u>	<u>24,712,567</u>	<u>3,012,181</u>	12.19%
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Salaries and benefits	24,797,044	32,149,339	(7,352,295)	-22.87%
Services and supplies	2,765,021	2,937,484	(172,463)	-5.87%
Interest	96,108	116,090	(19,982)	-17.21%
Depreciation	792,894	681,758	111,136	16.30%
Total expenses	<u>28,451,068</u>	<u>35,884,671</u>	<u>(7,433,603)</u>	-20.72%
Change in net position	(726,320)	(11,172,104)	10,445,784	-93.50%
Net Position – Beginning	<u>21,566,699</u>	<u>32,738,803</u>	<u>(11,172,104)</u>	-34.12%
Net Position – Ending	<u>\$ 20,840,380</u>	<u>\$ 21,566,698</u>	<u>\$ (726,318)</u>	-3.37%

The District’s total revenues increased by \$3,012,181, or 12.19%, in the current fiscal year. The total increase is primarily attributed to the following factors:

- Property tax revenue increased by \$1,265,188, or 5.67%, from the prior year due to assessed value increases in our District.
- Intergovernmental revenue increased by \$319,226, or 15.76%, from the prior year due to an increase in mutual aid fire assignments.
- Miscellaneous revenue increased by \$1,365,483, or 1092.83%, from the prior year due to proceeds from insurance claims for the rebuild of one structure and repairs for two structures.

The District’s total expenses decreased by \$7,433,603, or 20.72%. The total decrease is primarily attributed to the following factors:

- Salaries and benefits decreased by \$7,352,295, or 22.87%, due to GASB 68 (pension) and GASB 75 (OPEB) adjustments, which resulted in a net pension credit.

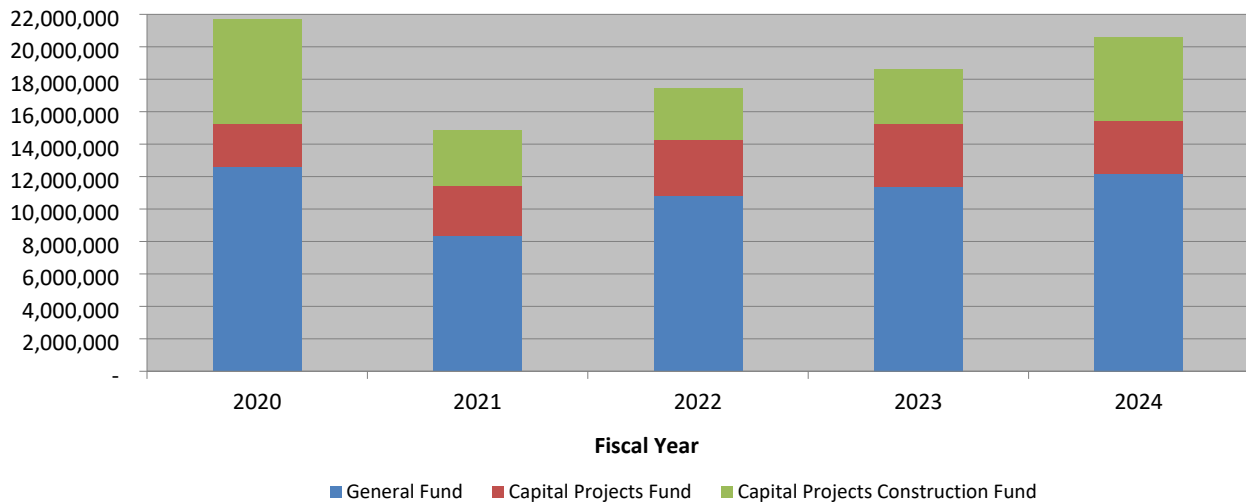
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## Analysis of Fund Balances of Individual Funds

The chart below displays the fiscal year end (2020 to 2024) fund balances for the District's General Fund (annual operating account), Capital Projects Fund (equipment pre-funding account), and Capital Projects Construction Fund (land and building account).

**Fund Balances – 5 Year Trend**



Total fund balance decreased slightly from fiscal year 2020 to 2021 when the District issued supplemental pension contributions to CalPERS totaling \$7.7 million to significantly reduce the pension unfunded accrued liability. The supplemental payments were issued using existing funds from the District's General Fund and Capital Projects Construction Fund, therefore causing the fund balance to decrease for those two accounts. Then in 2022 to 2024, total fund balance increased steadily from year to year.

The General Fund balance includes \$8,565,000 in Board-approved reserves for catastrophic and economic uncertainties.

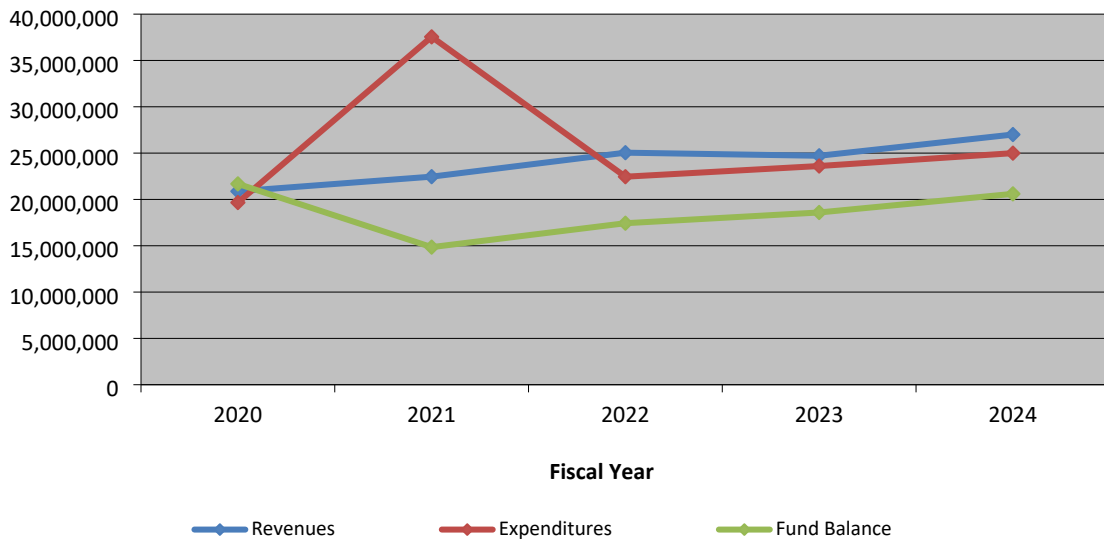
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## Analysis of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance for Combined Governmental Funds

The following chart displays the District's revenues, expenditures, and ending "Memorandum Only" fund balance totals for the same five-year period. In 2021, expenses increased significantly due to the supplemental contribution to CalPERS totaling \$16.8 million to pay down the pension unfunded accrued liabilities, which also caused the total fund balances to decrease in 2021. In 2022, expenses and revenues normalized to the levels of change seen in prior years.

**Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balance - 5 Year Trend**



## Analysis of Significant Variations Between Original and Final Budget and Actual Results for the General Fund

The Board of Directors adopted the District's 2024 fiscal year operating budget in September of 2023 on a modified accrual basis. As adopted for the General Fund, budgeted revenues totaled \$26,060,000, while projected expenditures totaled \$25,035,460. Operating transfers to the Capital Projects and Capital Projects Construction Funds were \$250,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively.

The District formally amended its originally adopted budget in March 2024. As amended for the General Fund, final revised budgeted revenues increased by \$654,000 to \$26,714,000 while projected expenditures increased by \$490,500 to \$25,525,960.

Actual revenues for the year were \$1,024,919 less than budgeted and actual expenditures were \$1,762,524 less than the final amended budget on a modified accrual basis. Refer to the required supplementary information on page 34 for the Budgetary Comparison Schedule.

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## Capital Assets and Debt Administration

### Capital Assets

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024 amounted to \$12,742,974 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, structures, improvements, and equipment.

Capital assets for the governmental activities are presented below to illustrate changes from the prior year:

**Table 3 – Montecito Fire Protection District Capital Assets**

	2024	2023	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Land	\$ 2,577,530	\$ 2,577,530	\$ -	0.00%
Construction in progress	69,666	1,834,484	(1,764,818)	-96.20%
Structures & improvements	10,373,437	7,972,002	2,401,435	30.12%
Equipment	8,661,657	7,344,182	1,317,475	17.94%
Total cost	<u>21,682,290</u>	<u>19,728,198</u>	<u>1,954,092</u>	9.91%
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,939,316)</u>	<u>(8,233,930)</u>	<u>(705,386)</u>	8.57%
Total capital assets - net	<u>\$12,742,974</u>	<u>\$11,494,268</u>	<u>\$ 1,248,706</u>	10.86%

Significant capital asset activity during fiscal year 2023-24 includes the following:

- Construction in progress decreases of \$1,764,818 were due to the completion of the rental property rebuild and repair projects.
- Structures and improvements increased by \$2,401,435 due to the completion of the rental property projects, and a renovation to the loft offices in the Headquarters building.
- The District also placed in service operation equipment, including a new Type 1 fire engine (\$852,240), a Prevention vehicle (\$86,000), full replacement of portable radios for operations (\$407,000), and a cardiac monitor for emergency medical services (\$33,000).
- The District recognized \$792,894 in depreciation expense.

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## **Long-Term Debt**

In May of 2021, the District authorized the issuance and sale of Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds (POB) with a principal amount of \$8,263,240. Proceeds of the sale were used to pay down existing pension unfunded accrued liabilities with California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). The bonds were issued at a 1.75% interest rate on the basis of a 360-day year over a seven-year period terminating on February 1, 2028. The District paid a bond principal payment of \$1,153,409 and interest payments of \$104,518 during the year ended June 30, 2024. The total outstanding debt at June 30, 2024 was \$4,819,048.

## **Contacting the District Management**

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the revenue received. We are committed to being open and accessible in our operations and governance. If you have any questions regarding this report or need additional financial information, please visit our website at [Montecitofire.com](http://Montecitofire.com).

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	Governmental Funds			Total Memorandum Only	Adjustments Note 10	Statement of Net Position
	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Capital Project Construction Fund			
<b>Assets:</b>						
Cash and investments	\$ 14,871,873	\$ 3,233,643	\$ 5,147,929	\$ 23,253,445	\$ -	\$ 23,253,445
Accounts receivable	737,136	-	-	737,136	-	737,136
Interest receivable	119,503	21,664	26,616	167,783	-	167,783
Capital assets, net	-	-	-	-	12,742,974	12,742,974
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,728,512</b>	<b>\$ 3,255,307</b>	<b>\$ 5,174,545</b>	<b>\$ 24,158,364</b>	<b>12,742,974</b>	<b>36,901,338</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pensions</b>	-	-	-	-	18,682,671	18,682,671
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources - OPEB</b>	-	-	-	-	3,594,605	3,594,605
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 347,873	\$ -	\$ 1,053	\$ 348,926	-	348,926
Due to other governments	2,036,252	-	-	2,036,252	-	2,036,252
Salaries and benefits payable	452,082	-	-	452,082	-	452,082
Accrued interest - current portion	-	-	-	-	35,139	35,139
Pension obligation bonds - current	-	-	-	-	1,173,594	1,173,594
<b>Long-term liabilities:</b>						
Net Pension liability	-	-	-	-	17,346,375	17,346,375
Net OPEB liability	-	-	-	-	5,137,257	5,137,257
Compensated absences	-	-	-	-	1,889,924	1,889,924
Pension obligation bonds	-	-	-	-	3,645,454	3,645,454
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,836,207</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>2,837,261</b>	<b>29,227,743</b>	<b>32,065,004</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources - Unavailable Revenue</b>	720,102	-	-	720,102	(720,102)	-
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pensions</b>	-	-	-	-	6,711,054	6,711,054
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources - OPEB</b>	-	-	-	-	(437,823)	(437,823)
<b>Fund Balances/Net Position:</b>						
<b>Fund Balances:</b>						
Assigned	8,565,500	861	2,572,999	11,139,360	(11,139,360)	-
Unassigned	3,606,703	3,254,446	2,600,493	9,461,642	(9,461,642)	-
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>12,172,203</b>	<b>3,255,307</b>	<b>5,173,492</b>	<b>20,601,002</b>	<b>(20,601,002)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 15,728,513</b>	<b>\$ 3,255,307</b>	<b>\$ 5,174,545</b>	<b>\$ 24,158,365</b>		
<b>Net Position:</b>						
Invested in capital assets					12,742,974	12,742,974
Unrestricted					8,097,405	8,097,405
<b>Total Net Position</b>					<b>\$ 20,840,379</b>	<b>\$ 20,840,379</b>

**MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	Governmental Funds			Total Memorandum Only	Adjustments Note 10	Statement of Activities
	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Capital Projects Construction Fund			
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Property taxes	\$ 23,594,439	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,594,439	\$ -	\$ 23,594,439
Investment income	185,886	50,091	23,091	259,068	-	259,068
Rental income	36,295	-	-	36,295	-	36,295
Intergovernmental	1,624,412	-	-	1,624,412	720,102	2,344,514
Miscellaneous	248,049	6,400	-	254,449	-	254,449
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>25,689,081</b>	<b>56,491</b>	<b>23,091</b>	<b>25,768,663</b>	<b>720,102</b>	<b>26,488,765</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Salaries and benefits	18,930,494	-	-	18,930,494	5,866,550	24,797,044
Services and supplies	2,738,960	-	26,061	2,765,021	-	2,765,021
Debt service:						
Principal	1,153,409	-	-	1,153,409	(1,153,409)	-
Interest	104,518	-	-	104,518	(8,410)	96,108
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	792,894	792,894
Capital outlay	836,054	938,545	267,001	2,041,600	(2,041,600)	(0.21)
<b>Total Expenditures/Expenses</b>	<b>23,763,436</b>	<b>938,545</b>	<b>293,062</b>	<b>24,995,043</b>	<b>3,456,025</b>	<b>28,451,068</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,925,645	(882,054)	(269,971)	773,620	(2,735,923)	(1,962,303)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>						
Transfers in	-	250,000	1,000,000	1,250,000	(1,250,000)	-
Transfers out	(1,250,000)	-	-	(1,250,000)	1,250,000	-
Special item:						
Proceeds of insurance	135,263	-	1,100,720	1,235,983	-	1,235,983
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(1,114,737)</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>2,100,720</b>	<b>1,235,983</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,235,983</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>810,908</b>	<b>(632,054)</b>	<b>1,830,749</b>	<b>2,009,603</b>	<b>(2,009,603)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Change in net position</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,962,303)</b>	<b>(726,320)</b>
<b>Fund Balances/Net Position - Beginning</b>	<b>11,361,295</b>	<b>3,887,361</b>	<b>3,342,743</b>	<b>18,591,399</b>	<b>2,975,300</b>	<b>21,566,699</b>
<b>Fund Balances/Net Position - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 12,172,203</b>	<b>\$ 3,255,307</b>	<b>\$ 5,173,492</b>	<b>\$ 20,601,002</b>	<b>\$ 1,012,997</b>	<b>\$ 20,840,379</b>



**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2024

## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Reporting Entity**

The Montecito Fire Protection District (the District) is an independent division of local government, authorized by California Health and Safety Code Sections 13800-13970. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected to serve four-year terms. These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. There are no component units included in this report that meet the criteria of a blended or discretely presented component unit as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

### **Government-Wide – Basis of Presentation, Measurement Focus, and Basis of Accounting**

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* (GASB 34), was issued to improve governmental financial reporting for citizens, district representatives, and creditors involved in the lending process. GASB 34 requires that a government entity present in its basic external financial statements both government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements, excluding fiduciary funds. Governments engaged in a single government program may combine their fund financial statement with their government-wide statements by using a columnar format that reconciles individual line items of fund financial data to government-wide data in a separate column.

GAAP requires that the government-wide financial statements be reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. In comparison, governmental funds employ the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. The economic resources measurement focus aims to report all inflows, outflows, and balances affecting or reflecting an entity's net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred for activities related to exchange and exchange-like activities. In addition, long-lived assets (such as buildings and equipment) are capitalized and depreciated over their estimated economic lives.

### **Funds – Basis of Presentation, Measurement Focus, and Basis of Accounting**

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. The District uses the governmental fund category.

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Funds – Basis of Presentation, Measurement Focus, and Basis of Accounting - continued

Governmental Funds are used to account for the District’s general government activities. Governmental funds use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are “measurable and available”). “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and “available” means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after fiscal year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for certain compensated absences and claims and judgments, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal year are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal year. Other receipts and taxes are determined to be both measurable and available when cash is received by the District and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Secured property taxes are levied in September of each year based upon the assessed valuation as of the previous January 1 (lien date). They are payable in two equal installments due on November 1 and February 1 and are considered delinquent with penalties after December 10 and April 10, respectively.

Unsecured property taxes are due on the January 1 lien date and become delinquent with penalties after August 31. All property taxes are billed and collected by the County of Santa Barbara (the County) and remitted to the District.

The District maintains the following governmental fund types:

The **General Fund** is the District’s operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources and the legally authorized activities of the District except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The **Pension Obligation Fund** accounts for the accumulation of resources that are committed for the payment of principal and interest on the District’s pension obligation bonds (Note 4).

The **Capital Projects Fund** accounts for the acquisition of capital assets not being financed by the General Fund.

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### **Funds – Basis of Presentation, Measurement Focus, and Basis of Accounting - continued**

The *Capital Projects Construction Fund* accounts for the construction of major capital projects not being financed by the General Fund, such as the acquisition of land for the development of a new fire station.

### **Investments**

The District maintains substantially all its cash in the Santa Barbara County Treasurer's cash management investment pool (the pool).

State statutes and the County's investment policy authorize the County Treasurer to invest in U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agency securities; state and/or local agency bonds, notes, warrants, or certificates of indebtedness; bankers' acceptances; commercial paper; corporate bonds and notes; negotiable certificates of deposit; repurchase agreements; reverse repurchase agreements; securities lending; bank deposits; money market mutual funds; State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF); and the investment pools managed by a Joint Powers Authority. Interest earned on pooled investments is apportioned quarterly into participating funds based upon each fund's average daily deposit balance. Any investment gains or losses are proportionately shared by all funds in the pool.

Investments held by the County Treasurer are stated at fair value. The fair value of pooled investments is determined quarterly and is based on current market prices received from the securities custodian. The fair value of participants' position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. The method used to determine the value of participants' equity withdrawn is based on the book value of the participants' percentage participation at the date of such withdrawal.

The pool's disclosures related to cash and investments, including those disclosures regarding custodial credit risk, are included in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. A copy may be obtained online from the Auditor-Controller section of the County's website.

### **Receivables**

Receivables are recorded in the District's Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet net of any allowance for uncollectible amounts. All receivables are deemed to be collectible at June 30, 2024, and, as such, the District has no allowance for uncollectible accounts for these receivables.

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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June 30, 2024

## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded in the District's Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet in the Statement of Net Position column at cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are expensed as incurred. The District's capitalization threshold is \$5,000. Capital assets are depreciated at cost using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

- |                                                    |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| • Small equipment, medium equipment, and computers | 5 years  |
| • Vehicles, trucks, and large equipment            | 10 years |
| • Fire trucks, buildings, and land improvements    | 20 years |
| • Buildings                                        | 50 years |

### Compensated Absences

The District's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused holiday and vacation leave benefits. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the District does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the District. All vacation pay and holiday pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements prior to year-end and paid by the District subsequent to year-end.

### Deferred Compensation Plan

The District offers a deferred compensation plan to its employees and follows the provisions of GASB Statement No. 32, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans* (GASB 32), which establishes financial accounting and reporting standards based on current amendments to the provisions of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457. Under IRC 457, plan assets are not owned by the governmental entity, and as a result, governmental entities are required to remove plan assets and plan liabilities from their financial statements.

The District has no administrative involvement, does not perform the investing function, and has no fiduciary accountability for the plan. Thus, in accordance with GASB 32, the plan assets and any related liability to plan participants have been excluded from the District's financial statements.

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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June 30, 2024

## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Fund Equity

In February 2009, the GASB issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, which establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for all governments that report governmental funds.

Under GASB 54, fund balance for governmental funds should be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are now broken out in five categories:

- *Nonspendable fund balance* – amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not spendable in form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Committed fund balance* – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by formal action of the District’s highest level of decision-making authority and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner. The underlying action that imposed the limitation needs to occur no later than the close of the reporting period.
- *Restricted fund balance* – This fund balance classification should be reported when there are constraints placed on the use of resources externally (by creditors, grant sources, contributors, etc.) or imposed by law or enabling legislation.
- *Assigned fund balance* – amounts that are constrained by the District’s intent to be used for specific purposes. The intent can be established at either the highest level of decision-making or by a body or an official designated for that purpose. This is also the classification for residual funds in the District’s debt service, special revenue, and capital projects funds.
- *Unassigned fund balance* – the residual classification for the District’s General Fund that includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classification is used only if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

The District’s Board establishes, modifies, or rescinds fund balance commitments and assignments by passage of an ordinance or resolution. This is done through adoption of the budget and subsequent budget amendments that occur throughout the year. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District’s policy to use restricted fund balance resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. When committed, assigned, or unassigned resources are available for use in the governmental fund financial statements, the District considers committed amounts to be used first, then assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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June 30, 2024

## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### **Memorandum Only – Total Columns**

Total columns in the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances are captioned as “Memorandum Only,” as they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. The columns do not present information that reflects the financial position or results of operations of the District in conformity with GAAP. Such data is not comparable to a consolidation, as interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Other Post-Employment Benefits**

The District accounts for its post-employment benefits in accordance with GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (GASB 75). This statement requires the District recognize in its financial statements the total Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) liability for the health benefits provided to retirees, less the amounts held in an irrevocable trust account.

Annual OPEB cost for most employers will be based on actuarially determined amounts that, if paid on an ongoing basis, generally would provide sufficient resources to pay benefits as they come due. The District implemented the requirements of GASB 75 on a prospective basis.

GASB 75 also establishes disclosure requirements for information about the plans in which an employer participates, the funding policy followed, the actuarial valuation process and assumptions, and, for certain employers, the extent to which the plan has been funded over time.

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2024

## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### New Pronouncement

GASB Statement 101 – In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This statement updates the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements for compensated absences. Compensated absence is defined as leave for which employees may receive cash or noncash payments, such as vacation leave, sick leave, paid time off (PTO), and certain sabbatical leaves and should be recorded as a liability when it is attributed to services already rendered, accumulated and can be carried forward and is more likely than not the leave will be used or settled. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. The District has not determined the effect of this Statement.

## NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

### Investment in the Santa Barbara County Investment Pool

The District is a voluntary participant in the Santa Barbara County Treasurer's investment pool that is regulated by California Government Code under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California. The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer. As of June 30, 2024, the District had cash on deposit with the County Treasurer in the amount of 23,253,444.

### Investments Authorized by District Policy

The District has not formally adopted a deposit and investment policy that limits the government's allowable deposits or investment and addresses the specific types of risk to which the government is exposed.

### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. At fiscal year end, the weighted average days to maturity of the investments contained in the County investment pool was approximately 705 days.

### Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating firm. The Santa Barbara County Treasurer's investment pool is not rated.



# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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June 30, 2024

## NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS - continued

### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in deposits and securities through the use of government investment pools (such as the Santa Barbara County Treasurer's investment pool).

## NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	July 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2024
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,577,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,577,530
Construction in progress	1,834,484	69,666	-	69,666
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>4,412,014</u>	<u>69,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,647,196</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Structures and improvements	7,972,002	566,951	-	10,373,437
Equipment	7,344,182	1,404,983	(87,508)	8,661,657
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>15,316,184</u>	<u>1,971,934</u>	<u>(87,508)</u>	<u>19,035,094</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Structures and improvements	(3,768,316)	(258,988)	-	(4,027,304)
Equipment	(4,465,614)	(533,906)	87,508	(4,912,012)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,233,930)</u>	<u>(792,894)</u>	<u>87,508</u>	<u>(8,939,316)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>7,082,254</u>	<u>1,179,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,095,778</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 11,494,268</u>	<u>\$ 1,248,706</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,742,974</u>

Depreciation expense amounted to \$792,894 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Changes to the District’s long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Repayments &amp; Change in Value</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 1,805,522	\$ 84,402	\$ -	\$ 1,889,924
Pension obligation bond	5,972,457	-	(1,153,409)	4,819,048
Net pension liability (asset)	14,326,491	-	3,019,884	17,346,375
	<u>\$ 22,104,470</u>	<u>\$ 84,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,866,475</u>	<u>\$ 24,055,347</u>

The liability for employee compensated absences is liquidated by the General Fund.

The District entered into a pension obligation bond dated June 10, 2021 with the US Bank for the sole purpose of paying down its pension liability. The bond carries an interest rate of 1.75% and will be amortized as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total due</u>
2025	\$ 1,173,594	\$ 84,333	\$ 1,257,927
2026	1,194,132	63,795	1,257,927
2027	1,215,029	42,898	1,257,927
2028	1,236,293	21,635	1,257,928
Total future payments	<u>\$ 4,819,048</u>	<u>\$ 212,661</u>	<u>\$ 5,031,709</u>

**NOTE 5: INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers in the District’s fund financial statements made during the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Fund #</u>	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
3650	General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000
3652	Capital Projects Fund	250,000	-
3653	Capital Project Construction Fund	1,000,000	-
		<u>\$ 1,250,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,250,000</u>

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## NOTE 6: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is a participant in a public entity risk pool with the Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority (FAIRA). FAIRA is organized pursuant to the provisions of the California Government Code Section 6500 et seq. for the purpose of providing an effective risk management program to local governments by reducing the amount and frequency of losses, pooling self-insured losses, and jointly purchasing excess insurance and administrative services in connection with a joint protection program.

The District pays an annual premium to the pool for its excess general liability insurance coverage. The agreement for information of FAIRA provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums.

FAIRA provides the District with insurance-like benefits for general liability and excess liability coverage, automobile claims, management liability coverage, and property coverage for buildings, contents, and crime. During the fiscal year, the District contributed an annual premium of \$97,377, with limits ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for each liability, and excess liability coverage of \$10,000,000. The insurance coverage in excess of \$1,000,000, up to \$10,000,000, is provided by the Allied World Insurance Company.

## NOTE 7: RETIREMENT PLAN

### Plan Description

The District contributes to the Public Agency portion of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), an agent multiple-employer public employee defined benefit pension plan. CalPERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. CalPERS acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating public entities within the State of California. Benefit provisions and all other requirements are established by State statute and District ordinance. Copies of CalPERS' annual financial report may be obtained from its Executive Office at 400 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

All full-time and less than full-time District employees that meet the CalPERS membership eligibility requirements can participate in CalPERS. Retirement benefits vest after five years of service with the District. Vested District safety members who retire at, or after, age 50 are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to years of credited service multiplied by their highest twelve-month period of earnings multiplied by a percentage factor ranging from 2.4% to 3.0%, depending upon age at retirement. Vested District miscellaneous members who retire at, or after, age 50 are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to years of credited service multiplied by their highest twelve-month period earnings multiplied by a percentage factor ranging from 2.0% to 3.0%, depending upon age at retirement. CalPERS also provides death and disability benefits.

**MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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**NOTE 7: RETIREMENT PLAN - continued**

**Plan Description - continued**

On January 1, 2013, the Public Employee Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) became effective, which made numerous changes to public pension provisions for agencies contracting with CalPERS. A new tier level was created for new public agency employees, which includes a different retirement benefit formula as well as different employer and member contribution rates as compared to current public agency employees. CalPERS issues a separate comprehensive annual financial report, copies of which may be obtained from the CalPERS webpage at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov).

**Funding Policy**

The employee contribution level for District miscellaneous members and District safety members is 8% and 9%, respectively, of annual salary. The District makes contributions for the entire amounts required of the employees on their behalf. The District is required to contribute an actuarially-determined employer rate. The contribution requirements of plan members are based upon the benefit level adopted by the District’s Board. The employer contribution rate is established annually and may be amended by CalPERS. The employer contribution rates of annual covered payroll are as follows:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Safety</u>	<u>Non-Safety</u>
Tier 1	23.10%	19.90%
PEPRA	14.50%	8.25%

In addition, the District also makes unfunded liability payments annually to help make up for the shortfall in the pension plan. These are actuarially determined. The following represents the unfunded liability payments made during the 2024 fiscal year:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Safety</u>	<u>Non-Safety</u>
Tier 1	\$ 700,000	\$ 50,000
PEPRA	1,715	609

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$17,346,376 in the Statement of Net Position for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability for all Plans used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 rolled forward to June 30, 2023 using standard update procedures.

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June 30, 2024

**NOTE 7: RETIREMENT PLAN - continued**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - continued**

The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of their long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, as actuarially determined.

The District’s proportionate shares of the net pension liability for all Miscellaneous Plans with actuarial valuation dates of June 30, 2022 (measurement dates June 30, 2023 and 2022) were as follows:

	<u>Safety</u>	<u>Non-Safety</u>
Proportion - June 30, 2023	0.18983%	0.02740%
Proportion - June 30, 2024	<u>0.21513%</u>	<u>0.02531%</u>
Change - increase (decrease)	<u>0.02530%</u>	<u>-0.00209%</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized a pension expense of \$8,728,988 in its Government-Wide financial statements. Pension expense represents the change in the net pension liability during the measurement period, adjusted for actual contributions and the deferred recognition of changes in investment gain/loss, actuarial gain/loss, actuarial assumptions or method, and plan benefits.

At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Pension contributions subsequent to measurement date	\$ 3,835,543	\$ -
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,245,274	111,104
Changes in assumptions	1,014,906	
Changes in employer's proportion	5,361,597	1,968,744
Difference between employer's contributions and employer's proportionate share of contributions	4,819,784	4,631,206
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	<u>2,405,567</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 18,682,671</u>	<u>\$ 6,711,054</u>

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June 30, 2024

**NOTE 7: RETIREMENT PLAN - continued**

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - continued**

Employer contributions of \$3,835,543 reported at June 30, 2024 as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions made subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

<u>Measurement Date</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources</u>		
	<u>Safety</u>	<u>Non-Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 4,442,189	\$ (600,919)	\$ 3,841,270
2026	828,086	1,475,008	2,303,094
2027	119,822	1,804,584	1,924,406
2028	5,881	61,423	67,304
	<u>\$ 5,395,978</u>	<u>\$ 2,740,096</u>	<u>\$ 8,136,074</u>

Initial unfunded liabilities are amortized over a closed period that depends on the plan’s date of entry into CalPERS. Subsequent plan amendments are amortized as level percentage of pay over a closed 20-year period. Gains and losses that occur in the operation of the plan are amortized over a 30-year rolling period. If the plan’s accrued liability exceeds the actuarial value of plan assets, then the amortization payment on the total unfunded liability may not be lower than the payment calculated over a 30-year amortization period.

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions; total pension liability represents the portion of the actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service for current and inactive employees:

- Discount Rate/Rate of Return – 6.9%, net of investment expense
- Inflation Rate – 2.3%
- Salary Increases – Varies by Entry Age and Service
- COLA Increases – up to 2.3%
- Post-Retirement Mortality – Derived using CalPERS’ Membership Data for all Funds

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2024

## NOTE 7: RETIREMENT PLAN - continued

### Actuarial Assumptions – continued

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (6.9%) was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. 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 in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocations	Real Return Years 1-10
Global equity-cap-weighted	30.00%	8.29%
Global equity-non-cap-weighted	12.00%	3.84%
Private Equity	13.00%	7.28%
Treasury	5.00%	0.27%
Mortgage-backed securities	5.00%	0.50%
Investment Grade Corporates	10.00%	1.56%
High Yield	5.00%	2.27%
Emerging Market Debt	5.00%	2.48%
Private Debt	5.00%	3.57%
Real Assets	15.00%	3.21%
Leverage	-5.00%	-0.59%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.9%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from the District will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. In theory, the discount rate may differ from the long-term expected rate of return discussed previously. However, based on the projected availability of the pension fund's fiduciary net position, the discount rate is equal to the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments and was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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**NOTE 7: RETIREMENT PLAN - continued**

**Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.9% at measurement date June 30, 2023 as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 5.9%	Discount Rate 6.9%	1% Increase 7.9%
Safety	\$ 2,941,318	\$ 1,281,943	\$ (83,310)
Non-Safety	28,360,122	13,044,549	527,527
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 31,301,440</u>	<u>\$ 14,326,492</u>	<u>\$ 444,217</u>

Detailed information about the pension fund’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS comprehensive annual financial report, which may be obtained by contacting CalPERS.

**NOTE 8: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**Plan Description and Funding Policy**

The District provides retiree healthcare benefits for employees who retire with CalPERS pension benefits immediately upon termination of employment from the District. The District contracts with CalPERS for this insured-benefit plan, an agent multiple-employer post-employment healthcare plan, established under the State of California’s Public Employees’ Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA). The plan’s medical benefits and premium rates are established by CalPERS and the insurance providers.

The District offers the same medical, dental and vision plans to its retirees as to its active employees, with the exception that once a retiree becomes eligible for Medicare (that is, reaches age 65), he or she must join a Medicare HMO or a Medicare Supplement plan under PEMHCA. The District pays for medical, dental, and vision premiums for the lifetime of the retiree and their eligible dependents. The District pays 100% of the retiree medical premiums, up to a maximum of \$2,835 per month for 2023, and 100% of the premiums for retiree dental and vision coverage. The District also pays a percentage-of-premium administrative charge for all retirees. CalPERS issues a separate comprehensive annual financial report, copies of which may be obtained from the CalPERS webpage [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov).



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**NOTE 8: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - continued**

The District participates in the Public Agency Retirement System (PARS) Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust Program (PARS Trust), a single employer irrevocable trust established to fund other postemployment benefits. The PARS Trust is approved by the Internal Revenue Code Section 115 and invests funds in equity, bond, and money market mutual funds. The Fire Chief or designee is the District’s Plan Administrator. Copies of the PARS Trust annual financial report may be obtained from PARS at 4350 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 100, Newport Beach, California 92660.

The contributions to the OPEB plan are based on pay-as-you-go financing requirements, with an additional amount contributed to the PARS Trust to prefund benefits from time to time at the sole discretion of the Board. Retiree health benefits may be paid out of the PARS Trust, set up for this purpose, to the extent funded. The purpose of this funding policy is to manage the District’s OPEB obligations while at the same time maintaining as much flexibility as possible to adjust for changing budgetary considerations.

**Employees Covered by Benefit Terms**

At the OPEB liability valuation date of June 30, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

- Retired employees – 57
- Active employees – 50

**Total OPEB liability**

The District’s total OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022.

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs**

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	4.0%
Medical cost trend	4.0%-6.0% increases
Discount rate	5.0%

**MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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June 30, 2024

**NOTE 8: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - continued**

**Changes in the Net OPEB Liability**

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

Total OPEB liability - June 30, 2023	\$ 5,388,420
Service cost	523,196
Interest	886,571
Amortization of deferred inflows/outflows	(483,201)
Less benefit paid	(1,120,954)
Administrative costs	<u>(56,775)</u>
Total OPEB liability - June 30, 2024	<u><u>\$ 5,137,257</u></u>

**Sensitivity of the District’s Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District’s total OPEB 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 discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
	4.0%	5.0%	6.0%
District's net OPEB plan liability	\$ 7,459,970	\$ 5,137,257	\$ 3,211,880

**Sensitivity of the District’s Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates**

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost-trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the healthcare cost-trend rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
		Rate	
District's net OPEB plan liability	\$ 2,864,202	\$ 5,137,257	\$ 7,945,719

**MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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June 30, 2024

**NOTE 8: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - continued**

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$1,659,307. OPEB expense represents the change in the net OPEB liability during the measurement period, adjusted for actual contributions and the deferred recognition of changes in investment gain/loss and actuarial assumptions.

At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Net differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 268,797	\$ -
Change in assumptions	603,624	-
Net differences between projected and actual earnings	1,513,756	437,823
Contributions subsequent to measurement date	1,208,428	-
	<u>\$ 3,594,605</u>	<u>\$ 437,823</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 613,798
2026	412,755
2027	631,665
2028	140,307
2029	136,204
Thereafter	13,625
Total	<u>\$ 1,948,354</u>

**MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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**NOTE 9: WORKFORCE HOUSING**

The District had a Housing Committee that researched methods which allow employees to live closer to the District in order to facilitate responses to emergencies. The District approved a plan in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 to purchase Workforce Housing and completed the purchase of a parcel consisting of three residences of varying sizes at East Valley Road. The District has contracted with a property management company to manage the operational activity of the residences. The Housing Committee developed a policy to govern all matters related to the Workforce Housing Program that was adopted by the Board.

In January of 2018, one property was destroyed and two were severely damaged rendering them uninhabitable. Since then, all property was repaired and is currently occupied by employees of the District.

**NOTE 10: EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEETS AND STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 20,601,002
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	12,748,890
Certain long-term assets, such as net pension assets and deferred outflows of resources, create long-term assets.	22,277,276
Long-term liabilities, including compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(1,889,924)
Long-term receivables are not available to pay current period expenditures and are reported as deferred inflows for unavailable revenue in governmental funds.	720,102
Long-term debt payable	(4,854,187)
Other long-term liabilities, such as the net pension liability and deferred inflows of resources, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore are not reported in the fund statements.	<u>(28,756,863)</u>
Combined adjustment	<u>245,294</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 20,846,296</u></u>

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June 30, 2024

**NOTE 10: EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEETS AND STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - continued**

Net change in fund balances	\$ 2,009,603
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. The difference is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period, plus gain on disposal.	1,248,706
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Some revenues are reported as deferred inflows in governmental funds because they do not represent current financial resources that are recognized in the Statement of Activities. Amount represents the change in deferred inflows recognized.	720,102
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Principal payments from pension obligation bonds are expenditures for the fund statements and is a reduction in a liability for the government wide statements	1,161,819
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Changes in the compensated absences, net pension liability, and OPEB liabilities are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	<u>(5,866,550)</u>
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Combined Adjustment	<u>(2,735,923)</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (726,321)</u></u>
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**NOTE 11: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Litigation**

The District is subject to litigation related to employee matters that are incidental to the ordinary course of the District’s operations. There is presently no ongoing litigation.

**Grant Revenues**

The District recognizes as revenues grant monies earned for costs incurred in certain Federal and State programs the District participates in. The program may be subject to financial and compliance audits by the reimbursing agency. The amount, if any, of the expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agency cannot be determined at this time, although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

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**NOTE 12: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events have been reviewed through January 9, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
(UNAUDITED)**

**MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND (Unaudited)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property taxes	\$23,413,000	\$ 23,413,000	\$ 23,594,439	\$ 181,439
Investment income	145,000	145,000	185,886	40,886
Rental income	60,000	60,000	36,295	(23,705)
Intergovernmental	2,305,000	2,793,000	1,624,412	(1,168,588)
Miscellaneous	137,000	303,000	248,049	(54,951)
Total revenues	<u>26,060,000</u>	<u>26,714,000</u>	<u>25,689,081</u>	<u>(1,024,919)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Salaries and benefits	19,920,500	20,298,000	18,930,494	1,367,506
Services and supplies	2,545,000	2,658,000	2,738,960	(80,960)
Debt service - principal	1,205,700	1,153,440	1,153,409	31
Interest	52,260	104,520	104,518	2
Capital outlay	1,312,000	1,312,000	836,054	475,946
Total expenditures	<u>25,035,460</u>	<u>25,525,960</u>	<u>23,763,436</u>	<u>1,762,524</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,024,540</u>	<u>1,188,040</u>	<u>1,925,645</u>	<u>737,605</u>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>				
Transfers in (out)	<u>(1,250,000)</u>	<u>(1,250,000)</u>	<u>(1,250,000)</u>	-
Total other financing uses	<u>(1,250,000)</u>	<u>(1,250,000)</u>	<u>(1,250,000)</u>	\$ -
Net changes in fund balances	<u>\$ (225,460)</u>	<u>\$ (61,960)</u>	675,645	
Fund balances - Beginning			<u>11,361,295</u>	
Fund balances - Ending			<u>\$ 12,036,940</u>	



# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedules  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

## **NOTE 1: BUDGETARY AND LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

In accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 13895, on or before October 1, the District must submit a board approved budget to the County Auditor. Annual budgets are adopted for the District's General, Capital Projects, and Capital Projects Construction Funds. Budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with GAAP. Annually, the Board of Directors conducts a public hearing for the discussion of proposed budgets. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board adopts the final budgets. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end and are subject to re-appropriation as part of the following year's budget. The legal level of budgetary control (the level on which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is maintained at the object level. Any changes in the annual budget must be changed by a vote of the Board. The Board amended the originally adopted General Fund budget in June of 2023.

## MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### Required Supplementary Information Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Plan – Schedule of Funding Progress For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total OPEB liability - beginning	\$ 1,601,486	\$ 2,414,377	\$ 2,204,104	\$ 3,521,734	\$ 2,174,029	\$ 5,388,420
Service cost	472,727	427,392	447,974	540,465	658,841	523,196
Interest	753,337	879,400	904,833	877,038	903,520	886,571
Expected return on plan assets	(794,397)	(687,583)	(704,617)	(680,482)	(774,764)	(617,270)
Experience differences	405,816	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in assumptions	(167,851)	-	-	-	-	-
Benefit paid	-	(886,355)	(987,445)	(1,050,351)	(1,058,520)	(1,120,954)
Change in deferred outflows and inflows	195,809	-	1,599,980	(1,094,556)	3,423,846	20,519
Administrative costs	(52,550)	56,873	56,905	60,181	61,468	56,775
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 2,414,377</u>	<u>\$ 2,204,104</u>	<u>\$ 3,521,734</u>	<u>\$ 2,174,029</u>	<u>\$ 5,388,420</u>	<u>\$ 5,137,257</u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,410,655	\$ 9,550,994	\$ 9,738,029	\$ 12,479,866	\$ 12,475,816	\$ 12,924,630
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	23.19%	23.08%	36.16%	17.42%	43.19%	39.75%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	82.17%	84.21%	77.88%	86.66%	69.66%	71.54%
Measurement date	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023

## MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### Required Supplementary Information - Pensions For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Last 10 Fiscal Years\*:

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.374780%	0.217400%	0.220500%	0.223520%	0.235350%	-0.111050%	0.208489%	0.019781%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 18,462,053	\$ 21,524,106	\$ 21,248,085	\$ 22,903,886	\$ 25,606,939	\$ (6,005,892)	\$ 14,326,491	\$ 10,373,642
District's covered employee payroll	6,784,400	6,983,314	7,517,960	7,537,293	7,856,722	7,612,491	8,546,799	9,441,441
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	272.13%	308.22%	282.63%	303.87%	325.92%	-78.90%	167.62%	109.87%
Plan Fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	76.68%	75.48%	77.40%	77.23%	73.00%	88.29%	86.66%	76.21%

\* Amounts presented above were determined as of 6/30.  
Additional years will be presented as they become available.

#### CALPERS - Schedule of District Contributions

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 934,063	\$ 772,837	\$ 2,788,692	\$ 2,663,298	\$ 3,303,840	\$ 3,482,791	\$ 3,728,854	\$ 3,835,543
Total action contribution	(934,063)	(772,837)	(2,788,692)	(2,663,298)	(3,303,840)	(3,482,791)	(3,728,854)	(3,835,543)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,784,400	\$ 6,983,314	\$ 7,517,960	\$ 7,537,293	\$ 7,856,722	\$ 7,612,491	\$ 8,546,799	\$ 9,441,441
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	13.77%	11.07%	37.09%	35.33%	42.05%	45.75%	43.63%	40.62%