



Ault Fire Protection District

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Ault Fire Protection District

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Ault Fire Protection District
Ault, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Ault Fire Protection District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Ault Fire Protection District as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 11, the budgetary comparison information for the General Fund on page 37, the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset) - FPPA Cost-Sharing Defined Benefit Plan on page 38, the Schedule of District Contributions - FPPA - Cost-Sharing Defined Benefit Plan on page 39, the Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability/(Asset) and Related Ratios - Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan on page 40, and the Schedule of District Contributions - Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan on page 41 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.

Anton Collins Mitchell LLP

Greeley, Colorado
July 31, 2017

Ault Fire Protection District Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

This section of the annual financial report offers readers of the financial statements of the Ault Fire Protection District's (the "District") management's discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2016. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information furnished in the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

Background Information

The District was created in 1959, by a number of citizens concerned about fire protection for their homes and businesses. The predominate fund approach for the District is comprised of one basic fund, the General Fund.

On May 5, 1998, the taxpayers approved a ballot question, which eliminated the TABOR limits that were imposed on the District in 1992. The mill levy for 2015 was set at 5.356 mills for collection during 2016.

Financial Highlights

- The District's financial status increased over the course of the 2016 fiscal year. Total net position increased by 24.12 percent.
- General revenues account for \$642,527, or 88.56 percent, of all revenues. The District had one operating grant for \$83,040 during 2016.
- The District had \$312,117 in expenses related to governmental activities; of which \$83,040 was offset by a capital grants and contributions. General revenues, property, and specific ownership taxes of \$483,579 and \$158,948 in other revenues were adequate to provide for the governmental activities.
- Outlays for capital assets were primarily comprised of renovations to the Ault station and purchase of a new vehicle. See the capital assets section of this management's discussion and analysis for more information.
- The District decreased its outstanding long-term debt by \$78,861, or 7.43 percent.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual financial report consists of three parts: management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District.

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The governmental funds statements tell how basic services such as fire protection were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of supplemental information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year.

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Detailed in the following diagram are how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

**Table 1
Organization of the Ault Fire Protection
District's Annual Financial Report**

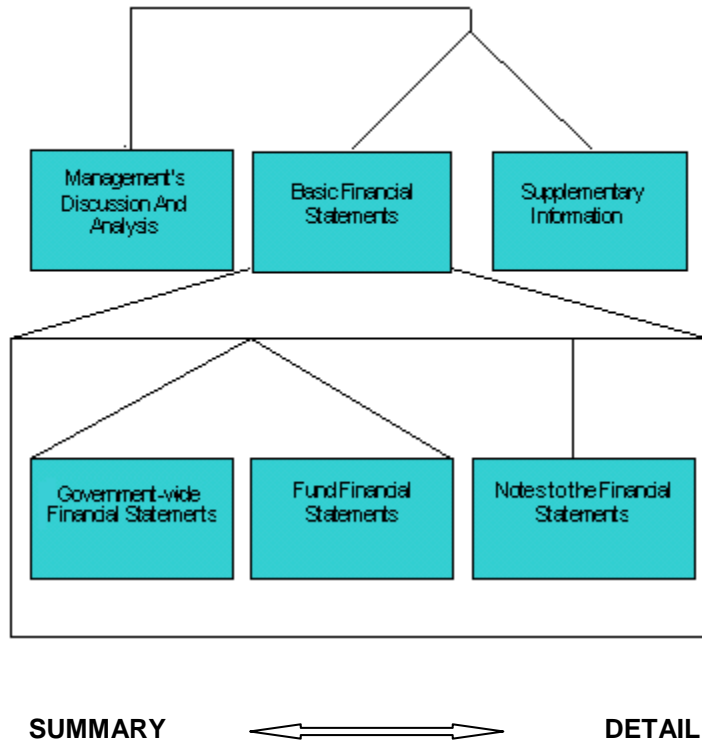


Table 2, displayed on the following page summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the two types of financial statements, government-wide and fund financial statements, found in the basic financial statements.

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**Table 2
Major Features of the Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

	Government-wide Statements	Governmental Fund Statements
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary
Required Financial Statements	Statement of Net Position Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements are designed to provide readers a broad overview of the District finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid. These statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between these categories reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating. To assess the District's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors, such as the condition of buildings and equipment.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government'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 flow in future fiscal periods.

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Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). Included in governmental activities are most of the District's basic services, such as fire protection.

The basic government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 12 and 13 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds, not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs. The District's fund is a governmental fund.

- *Governmental funds:* The District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) inflows and outflows of cash and other financial assets and (2) balances remaining at year-end, which are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine financial resources that may be available in the near term to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the long-term focus of the government-wide statements, a reconciling schedule is included on the governmental funds statements explaining the relationship (or difference) between them.

The District maintains one governmental fund, the General Fund. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, which is considered a major fund. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 14 to 17 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the district-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 18 to 36 of this report.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information. This is the supplemental data presented on pages 37 to 41 of this report.

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Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

Net Position and Changes in Net Position

The District's combined net position was larger on December 31, 2016, than it was the year before, increasing 24.12 percent to \$2,127,441. Table 3 provides a summary of the District's net position at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

**Table 3
Condensed Statement of Net Position**

	2016	2015
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 1,159,561	\$ 994,967
Restricted assets	128,246	130,881
Net pension asset	200	14,954
Capital assets, net	2,547,933	2,445,146
Total assets	3,835,940	3,585,948
Deferred outflows of resources		
Deferred outflows of resources relating to pensions	132,643	91,372
Total deferred outflows of resources	132,643	91,372
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	14,760	21,440
Non-current liabilities	982,609	1,061,470
Net pension liability	354,925	392,332
Total liabilities	1,352,294	1,475,242
Deferred inflows of resources		
Unearned revenue - property taxes	467,829	454,714
Deferred inflows of resources relating to pensions	21,019	33,373
Total deferred inflows of resources	488,848	488,087
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	1,565,324	1,383,676
Restricted	146,411	142,383
Unrestricted	415,706	187,932
Total net position	\$ 2,127,441	\$ 1,713,991

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Table 4 provides a summary of the changes in net position. Following Table 4 is specific discussion related to overall revenues and expenses.

**Table 4
Changes in Net Position from Operating Results**

Years Ended December 31,	2016	2015
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Operating grants and contributions	\$ -	\$ 2,038
Capital grants and contributions	83,040	-
General revenues		
Property and specific ownership taxes	483,579	471,610
Intergovernmental	18,854	18,854
Earnings on investments	1,760	2,146
Other	138,334	9,810
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	550
Total revenues	725,567	505,008
Expenses		
Administration	75,910	129,774
Firefighting equipment	98,137	76,411
Operations	89,483	87,286
Interest	48,587	54,265
Total expenses	312,117	347,736
Change in net position	\$ 413,450	\$ 157,272

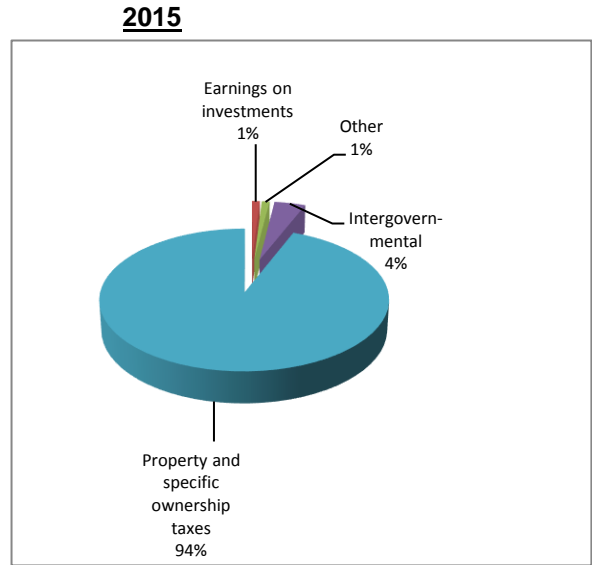
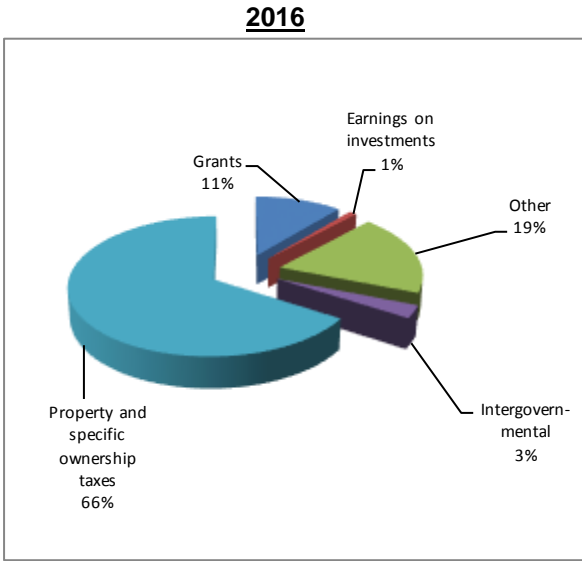
Property and specific ownership taxes account for most of the District's revenue, contributing about 66 cents for every dollar raised (see Table 5), and the remaining 34 cents came from earnings on investments and miscellaneous sources.

The District expenses predominantly relate to fire protection, which includes administration, firefighting equipment, operations, and debt service.

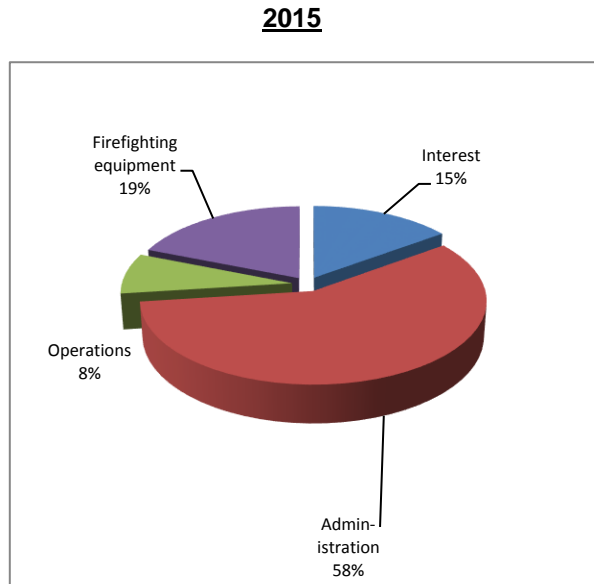
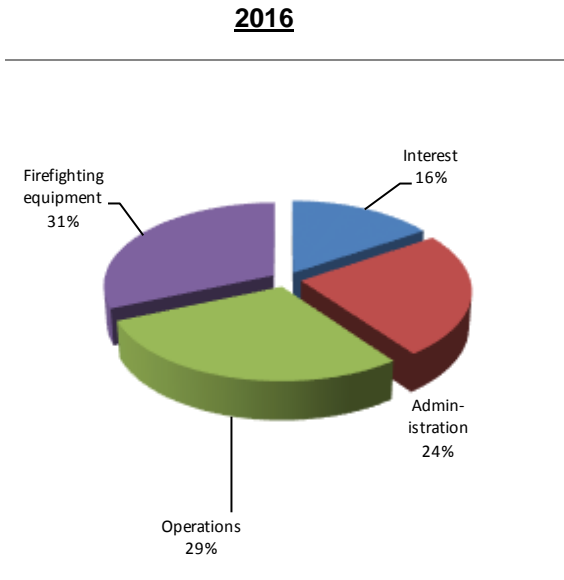
Detailed on the next page in Tables 5 and 6 are charts displaying revenues by sources and expenses by program for the total District.

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**Table 5
Sources of Revenues for Fiscal Year**



**Table 6
Expenses for Fiscal Year**



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Governmental Activities

The increase in net position for governmental activities was \$413,450 during 2016.

The governmental funds monitor cash resources and expenditures. Capital outlay within these funds was \$182,421 during 2016. This significant expenditure is not considered an expense on the government-wide statement of activities. Rather, these costs are written off over time as depreciation expense. As reflected on the reconciliation of governmental funds revenues and expenditures to the government-wide statement of activities (page 17), the net difference between capital outlays and depreciation expense was \$102,787 for 2016.

Financial Analysis of District's Funds

General Fund

The General Fund was established and is continually funded to provide for the daily activities, salaries, expenses, and operating costs of the District. This fund provides for functional areas of the organization - administration, firefighting equipment, operations, and debt service. The primary funding source for the general fund is taxation of real property. Other sources of income for the general fund include earnings on investments and miscellaneous sources. The primary projects or program efforts for establishing needed funding during 2016 were normal operational costs of the District and capital outlay.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The District's budget is prepared according to Colorado law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The District's budget for the General Fund anticipated that expenditures would exceed revenues by \$104,650. The actual results for the year show a \$151,469 excess of revenues over expenditures in the General Fund for 2016.

It should be noted that the District's budget format is designed to establish and monitor divisional functions of the Fire District's operations to more closely align expenses with the areas of responsibility. These divisions are set up as cost centers for accountability in each of the following areas:

- Administration
- Firefighting equipment
- Operations
- Interest on long-term debt

Emergency Reserve

The District must maintain a 3% emergency reserve as a part of the TABOR Amendment (Taxpayer Bill of Rights). At December 31, 2016, the District's TABOR reserve amounted to \$18,615.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

By the end of 2016, the District had invested \$2,547,933, net of accumulated depreciation, in a broad range of capital assets, including land, building, vehicles, and other equipment (See Table 7). This amount represents a net increase of \$102,787 or 4.2 percent from last year. Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 3 to the financial statements. Total depreciation expense for the year was \$79,634, while additions amounted to \$182,421.

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Table 7

December 31,	2016	2015	% of Change
Land	\$ 157,849	\$ 157,849	0.0%
Construction in progress	-	38,576	-100.0%
Buildings	2,020,346	2,015,298	0.3%
Vehicles	288,786	138,870	108.0%
Equipment	80,952	94,553	-14.4%
Total	\$ 2,547,933	\$ 2,445,146	

Long-Term Debt

At year-end, the District had \$982,609 in a capital lease and note payable with a local financial institution, a net decrease of \$78,861 from the previous year, as shown below in Table 8. More detailed information about the District's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

TABLE 8

	2016	2015	% of Change
Note payable	\$ 948,277	\$ 1,016,620	-6.7%
Capital lease	34,332	44,850	-23.5%
Total	\$ 982,609	\$ 1,061,470	

During 2016, the District continued to pay down its debt and did not issue new debt. Colorado Revised Statute 32-1-1101(6) states that a fire district shall have a limit of bonded indebtedness determined by a specific formula. The District's outstanding debt is below this limit.

Factors Bearing on the District's Future

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of the following circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

The District's budget for general property tax revenues of \$468,868 based on an assessed valuation for the District, of \$88,236,220 and a mill 5.302 mills with a budget of \$691,164 for expenditures for all funds during 2017. The tax levy plus carryover funds should be adequate to cover all of the District's 2017 budgeted expenditures.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Ault Fire Protection District at 526 Maple Avenue, Eaton, Colorado 80615.

Basic Financial Statements

Ault Fire Protection District
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2016

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 408,931
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	128,246
Investments	185,618
Property taxes receivable	467,829
Grant receivable	83,040
Prepaid items	14,143
Capital assets:	
Not being depreciated	157,849
Being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation	2,390,084
Net pension asset	200
Total assets	3,835,940
Deferred outflows of resources	
Deferred outflows of resources relating to pensions	132,643
Total deferred outflows of resources	132,643
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued payroll	10,354
Accrued interest payable	4,406
Non-current liabilities:	
Due within one year	78,225
Due in more than one year	904,384
Net pension liability	354,925
Total liabilities	1,352,294
Deferred inflows of resources	
Unearned revenue - property taxes	467,829
Deferred inflows of resources relating to pensions	21,019
Total deferred inflows of resources	488,848
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	1,565,324
Restricted for:	
Emergencies	18,165
Debt service	128,246
Unrestricted	415,706
Total net position	\$ 2,127,441

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

Ault Fire Protection District
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net Revenue (Expense) and Change in Net Position
		Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities				
Administration	\$ 75,910	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (75,910)
Firefighting equipment	95,573	-	83,040	(12,533)
Operations	92,047	-	-	(92,047)
Interest on long-term debt	48,587	-	-	(48,587)
Total governmental activities and primary government	\$ 312,117	\$ -	\$ 83,040	(229,077)
General revenues				
Property taxes				
Levied for general operations				334,687
Levied for debt service				120,069
Specific ownership taxes				28,823
Intergovernmental				18,854
Earnings on investments				1,760
Other				138,334
Total general revenues				642,527
Change in net position				413,450
Net position at beginning of year				1,713,991
Net position at end of year				\$ 2,127,441

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

Ault Fire Protection District
Balance Sheet
General Fund
December 31, 2016

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 408,931
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	128,246
Investments	185,618
Property taxes receivable	467,829
Grant receivable	83,040
Total assets	\$ 1,273,664
Liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued payroll	\$ 10,354
Total liabilities	10,354
Deferred inflows of resources	
Unearned revenue - property taxes	467,829
Total deferred inflows of resources	467,829
Fund balance	
Restricted:	
Emergencies	18,165
Debt service	128,246
Assigned:	
Firefighters' activities	828
Future expenditures	88,352
Unassigned	559,890
Total fund balance	795,481
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$ 1,273,664

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

Ault Fire Protection District
Reconciliation of the General Fund Balance Sheet
with the Government-wide Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2016

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total fund balance - general fund	\$	795,481
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Prepaid insurance reflected as an asset on the government-wide financial statements and reflected as an expenditure in the year paid on the fund financial statements.		14,143
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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental fund financial statements.

Cost of capital assets	\$ 3,496,344	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(948,411)</u>	2,547,933

Long-term liabilities, including notes payable, capital lease obligations, and accrued interest payable are not due and payable from current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements.

Note payable	\$ (948,277)	
Capital lease obligation	(34,332)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(4,406)</u>	(987,015)

Net pension asset and liability amounts, and the related deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources are not current financial resources or due and payable from current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements.

Net pension asset	\$ 200	
Net pension liability	(354,925)	
Deferred outflows of resources relating to pensions	132,643	
Deferred inflows of resources relating to pensions	<u>(21,019)</u>	(243,101)

Total net position - governmental activities	\$	<u>2,127,441</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Ault Fire Protection District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
General Fund
Year Ended December 31, 2016

Revenues	
Taxes	\$ 483,579
Intergovernmental	18,854
Earnings on investments	1,760
Grants and contributions	83,040
Other	138,334
Total revenues	725,567
Expenditures	
Current	
Administration	152,188
Firefighting equipment	68,112
Operations	30,297
Debt service	
Principal	78,861
Interest	48,359
Capital outlay	196,281
Total expenditures	574,098
Change in fund balance	151,469
Fund balance at beginning of year	644,012
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 795,481

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

Ault Fire Protection District
Reconciliation of the General Fund Statement of
Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
with the Government-wide Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2016

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

Net change in fund balance - General Fund	\$	151,469
Increase in prepaid insurance reflected against expense on the government-wide financial statements and the change is not reflected on the fund financial statements.		4,283
Capital outlay to purchase or build capital assets is reported in the governmental funds as an expenditure. However, for governmental activities, those costs are shown on the statement of net position and depreciated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation during the period:		
Depreciation expense	\$	(79,634)
Capital outlay		182,421
		102,787
Increase in accrued interest payable reflected as an expense on the statement of activities and not reflected on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance.		(228)
Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental fund financial statements, but it reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position and does not affect the statement of activities.		78,861
Pension expense relating to the District's defined benefit retirement plans are recognized on the statement of activities and not included in the fund financial statements.		76,278
Change in net position - governmental activities	\$	413,450

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

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Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2016

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Form of Organization

The Ault Fire Protection District (the “District”) is organized under the provisions of Section 32-1-305 (6) of the Colorado Revised Statutes (“CRS”). It is a quasi-municipal corporation and a political subdivision of the State of Colorado with all powers thereof, which includes the power to levy taxes against property within the District.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District’s accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

In conformity with GASB financial reporting standards, the District is the reporting entity for financial reporting purposes. The District is the primary government financially accountable for all activities of the District. The District meets the criteria of a primary government: its Board of Directors is the publicly elected governing body; it is a legally separate entity; and it is fiscally independent. The District is not included in any other governmental reporting entity.

As defined by GAAP established by the GASB, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, as well as component units, which are legally separate organizations for which elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as:

- 1) Appointment of a voting majority of the component unit’s governing board, and either, a) the ability to impose its will by the primary government, or b) there is a potential for the component unit to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government; or
- 2) Fiscal dependency on the primary government and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government regardless of whether the organization has (1) a separately elected governing board, (2) a governing board appointment by a higher level of government, or (3) a jointly appointed board.

Based on the above criteria, there are no other organizations that would be considered component units of the District. The District meets the criteria of an “other stand alone government.”

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, charges for services, and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on user charges for support. The District does not have any business-type activities. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (1) charges to those who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a

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particular function or segment. Taxes and other items properly not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. The District only has one governmental fund, the General Fund, which is a major fund.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus, whereby only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources generally are included in the balance sheet, and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance presents increases and decreases in those components. These funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recognized when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recognized only when payment is due.

Property taxes, intergovernmental grants, and earnings on investments associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Because governmental fund statements are presented using a measurement focus and basis of accounting different from that used in the government-wide statements, a reconciliation is presented that briefly explains the adjustments necessary to reconcile to ending net position and the change in net position.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*, ("GASB No. 33") the corresponding assets (receivables) in non-exchange transactions are recognized in the period in which the underlying nonexchange transaction occurs, when an enforceable legal claim has arisen, when all eligibility requirements have been met, or when resources are received, depending on the revenue source. Property taxes attach an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied in December, payable in the following year in full by April 30, or in two equal installments due on the last day of February and June 15.

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities. The General Fund is the District's only major governmental fund. The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources of the District.

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Budgets

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- By October 15, the District staff submits to the Board of Directors (the “Board”), a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year beginning the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- Prior to December 31, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
- Any budget revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board through passage of a formal resolution.
- The District legally adopts budgets for all of the funds of the District on a basis consistent with GAAP.
- Budgeted amounts in the financial statements are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board. All appropriations lapse at year end.

The original budgeted expenditures for the General Fund was \$702,823 and there were no revisions to the budget during the year.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and participation in local government investment pools. All cash equivalents have an original maturity date of less than three months.

Restricted Cash

The amount restricted is the cash held by the District that will be used to repay the principal and interest on the District’s note payable.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*.

Receivables

In the government-wide financial statements, receivables are reported at their gross value and, when appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. No amounts were determined to be uncollectible at December 31, 2016. Property taxes levied on December 31, 2016 are identified as property taxes receivable and deferred inflows of resources.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond year-end are recorded as prepaid items in the government-wide financial statements and will be reflected as expenditures in the year paid in the governmental fund financial statements.

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Debt Issuance Costs

In the government-wide and fund financial statements, debt issuance costs are recognized as an expense during the period of issuance. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize debt issuance costs during the period of issuance. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the applicable District activities in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives.

Description	Estimated Lives
Land	N/A
Buildings	20 - 50 years
Vehicles	10 - 20 years
Equipment	5 - 10 years

Compensated Absences

The District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*. Personal leave benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services rendered and it is probable that the District will compensate the employees for the benefits earned. Upon termination of employment from the District, an employee will be compensated for all unused personal leave. The District has no liability for compensated absences at December 31, 2016.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements, regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, claims and judgments and the noncurrent portion of long-term liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they will be paid with current, expendable, available financial resources. In general, payments made within 60 days after year-end are considered to have been made with current available financial resources. Capital lease obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements until due.

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Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

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

Fund Balance and Net Position

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

Net Investment in Capital Assets - This category groups all capital assets into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these assets reduce this category.

Restricted Net Position - This category presents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position - This category represents the net position of the District, which is not restricted for any project or other purpose. A deficit will require future funding.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - amounts that cannot be spent either because they are not in spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, charter requirements or enabling legislation, or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed - amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Directors (the "Board"). The Board is the highest level of decision making authority for the District. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions approved by the Board.

Assigned - amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. The Board has the authority to assign amounts for specific purposes.

Unassigned - all other spendable amounts.

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When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, the District considers restricted resources to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

Revenue Recognition/Property Taxes

Property taxes attach an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied in December, payable in the following year in full by April 30, or in two equal installments due on the last day of February and June 15. The county treasurer bills and collects property taxes for all taxing entities within the county. Property tax receipts collected by the county treasurer each month are remitted to the District by the tenth day of the subsequent month. Property tax revenues are recognized in the government-wide financial statements in the year that the property taxes are used to fund the operations of the District.

In the fund financial statements, property taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied provided they become available and measurable. Property tax revenues are considered available when they become due or past due and are received by the District within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year.

Pensions

The District contributes to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan (“SWDB”). The plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”). For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the SWDB plan and additions to/deductions from the SWDB plan fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the FPPA. 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.

In addition, the District contributes to a defined benefit pension plan to provide retirement income for volunteer firefighters in recognition of their service to the District. This plan is an agent multiple-employer Public Employee Retirement System affiliated with the FPPA for the purpose of administering the plan and managing the funds of the plan for investment.

Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Cash and Investments

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Colorado state statutes govern the entity’s deposits of cash. For deposits in excess of federally insured limits, Colorado Revised Statutes require the depository institution to maintain collateral on deposit with an official custodian (as authorized by the State Banking Board). The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (“PDPA”) requires state regulators to certify eligible depositories for public deposit. PDPA requires the eligible depositories with public deposits in excess of the amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance

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Corporation (“FDIC”) to create a single institutional collateral pool of obligations of the State of Colorado or local Colorado governments and obligations secured by first lien mortgages on real property located in the state. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the assets in the pool must be at least 102% of the uninsured deposits. At December 31, 2016, the District had deposits with financial institutions with a carrying amount (book balance) of \$535,065. The bank balances with the financial institutions were \$539,016, of which \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance. The remaining balance of \$289,016 was collateralized with securities held by the financial institutions’ agents but not in the District’s name.

At December 31, 2016, the District had cash and cash equivalent balances, including restricted cash and cash equivalents, as follows:

Cash with county treasurer	\$	2,112
Bank deposits		535,065
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$	537,177

Cash and cash equivalents are reported on the statement of net position as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	408,931
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		128,246
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$	537,177

Investments

Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which the District may invest, which include:

- Certificates of deposit with an original maturity in excess of three months
- Certain obligations of the United States and U.S. Government agency securities
- Certain international agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Banker’s acceptance of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts
- Local government investment pools

The District’s policy is to hold investments until maturity.

The District categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. 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.

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At December 31, 2016, assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis have been categorized into the hierarchy as follows:

Description	Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
ColoTrust	\$ -	\$ 111,957	\$ -	\$ 111,957
Certificates of deposit	-	73,661	-	73,661
	\$ -	\$ 185,618	\$ -	\$ 185,618

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a counter party, the District would not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District does not have a specific policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2016, the District had no investments exposed to custodial credit risk outside of its investment in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (the “Trust”), discussed below.

Interest Rate Risk

Colorado Revised Statutes limit investment maturities to five years or less from the date of purchase. This limit on investment maturities is a means of limiting exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Local Government Investment Pools

At December 31, 2016, the District had invested \$111,957 in the Trust, a local government investment pool. As an investment pool, the Trust operates under the Colorado Revised Statutes (24-75-701) and is overseen by the Colorado Securities Commissioner. The Trust is exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Trust offers shares in two portfolios, COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+. Both portfolios are rated AAAM by Standard and Poor’s and may invest in U.S. Treasury Securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury Securities, and the highest rated commercial paper. Wells Fargo Bank serves as custodian for the Trust’s portfolios and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments owned by the Trust. Separate financial statements can be obtained by calling (303) 864-7474 or going to www.colotrust.com.

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3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2016, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 157,849	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,849
Construction in Progress	38,576	-	(38,576)	-
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	196,425	-	(38,576)	157,849
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	2,427,879	54,916	-	2,482,795
Vehicles	468,843	166,081	-	634,924
Equipment	249,818	-	(29,042)	220,776
Total capital assets, being depreciated	3,146,540	220,997	(29,042)	3,338,495
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(412,581)	(49,868)	-	(462,449)
Vehicles	(329,973)	(16,165)	-	(346,138)
Equipment	(155,265)	(13,601)	29,042	(139,824)
Total accumulated depreciation	(897,819)	(79,634)	29,042	(948,411)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	2,248,721	141,363	-	2,390,084
Total capital assets, net	\$ 2,445,146	\$ 141,363	\$ (38,576)	\$ 2,547,933

Depreciation for governmental activities capital assets have been allocated to the various activities as follows:

Firefighting equipment	\$ 16,165
Operations	63,469
Depreciation expense	\$ 79,634

4. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following at December 31, 2016:

Note Payable

On April 17, 2006, the District entered into a financing arrangement with a financial institution to borrow \$1,500,000 to be used for the construction of two new fire stations, one in Ault and one in Pierce, Colorado. The note is payable over twenty years in semi-annual installments of \$60,126, principal and interest at 5%, maturing June 1, 2027. As detailed in Note 10, this note was refinanced at a lower interest rate in May 2017. The note is collateralized by a pledge agreement dated April 17, 2006, in the amount of \$1,500,000, naming tax revenues as approved by the voters on November 1, 2005, of up to \$149,000 per year for 20 years.

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Capital lease obligations

On December 22, 2015, the District entered into a capital lease with a financial institution for the lease of equipment costing \$44,850. The lease requires six annual payments of \$7,908, principal and interest at 4.75%. The lease matures on June 16, 2021.

The book value of assets acquired through capital lease at December 31, 2016, is as follows:

Equipment	\$	44,850
Less: accumulated depreciation		(4,485)
Book value	\$	40,365

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt of the District for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
2006 note payable	\$ 1,016,620	\$ -	\$ (68,343)	\$ 948,277	\$ 71,999
2015 capital lease	44,850	-	(10,518)	34,332	6,226
Total	\$ 1,061,470	\$ -	\$ (78,861)	\$ 982,609	\$ 78,225

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of December 31, 2016, are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Note Payable		Capital Lease		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2017	\$ 71,999	\$ 41,264	\$ 6,226	\$ 1,682	\$ 121,171
2018	78,452	30,157	6,531	1,377	116,517
2019	81,261	27,348	6,851	1,057	116,517
2020	84,100	24,509	7,186	722	116,517
2021	87,181	21,428	7,538	369	116,516
2022 - 2026	484,980	58,065	-	-	543,045
2027	60,304	944	-	-	61,248
Totals	\$948,277	\$ 203,715	\$ 34,332	\$ 5,207	\$ 1,191,531

5. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District carries commercial insurance covering specific and general risks of loss, including workers compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage.

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6. Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan

Plan description. The District has established the Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan (the "Plan"), an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado ("FPPA"). As of December 31, 2015, the Plan had 20 retirees and beneficiaries, no inactive, nonretired members, and 17 active members. FPPA issues an annual, publicly available financial report that includes the assets of the Volunteer Plan. The report may be obtained on FPPA's website at www.fppaco.org.

Benefits provided. Any firefighter who has both attained the age of 50 and completed 20 years of active service shall be eligible for a monthly pension. Pro rata pensions would apply to volunteers who reached 50 years of age and had between 10 and 20 years of service. A firefighter, who is disabled in the line of duty and whose disability is of such character and magnitude as to deprive the firefighter of earning capacity which extends beyond one year, shall be compensated in an amount determined by the Pension Board. The Plan also provides for a lump-sum burial benefit upon the death of an active or retired firefighter. Spouses of deceased firefighters may receive benefits as authorized by State statute.

Funding Policy. The contributions are not actuarially determined. An actuary is used to determine the adequacy of contributions. The actuarial study as of January 1, 2016, indicated that the current level of contributions to the fund are adequate to support, on an actuarially sound basis, the prospective benefits for the present Plan.

The District contributed \$84,668 and the State of Colorado contributed \$18,209 to the plan for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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

At December 31, 2016, the District reported a net pension liability of \$354,925. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2015. Standard update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2016.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the District recognized pension expense of \$74,409. At December 31, 2016, 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
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 32,174	\$ -
Net difference between expected and actual experience	-	20,783
District contributions subsequent to measurement date	84,668	-
	\$ 116,842	\$ 20,783

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The \$84,668 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Amortization
2017	\$ (2,598)
2018	(1,475)
2019	8,355
2020	7,109
	\$ 11,391

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Dollar Open
Remaining Amortization Period	20 years
Asset valuation Period	5-year smoothed market
Inflation	3.00%
Salary Increases	N/A
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%
Retirement Age	50% per year of eligibility until 100% at age 65
Mortality	Pre-retirement: RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table with Blue Collar Adjustment, 40% multiplier for off-duty mortality. Post-retirement: RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table, with Blue Collar Adjustment Disabled: RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table All tables projected with Scale AA.

Discount rate. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present values using a Single Discount Rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (to the extent that the plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits) and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the plan's projected fiduciary net position is not sufficient to pay benefits).

For the purpose of this valuation, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.50%; the municipal bond rate is 3.57% (based on the weekly rate closest to but not later than the measurement date of the "state & local bonds" rate from Federal Reserve statistical release (H.15)); and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 7.50%.

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The assumptions shown above pertain to the actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2013 and the associated Actuarially Determined Contribution for the year ending December 31, 2015. Following a regularly scheduled experience study in 2015, the Board adopted a new assumption set for first use in the January 1, 2016 valuations. Due to the biennial valuation process, the new assumptions will first apply to the January 1, 2017 Volunteer valuations.

The primary changes, which can be observed in the January 1, 2017 valuation, as compared to the assumptions shown are as follows:

Inflation	2.50%
Mortality	Pre-retirement: RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Blue Collar Employees, projected with Scale BB, 55% multiplier for off-duty mortality. Increased by 0.00020 for on-duty related Fire and Police experience. Post-retirement: For ages less than 55, RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Blue Collar Employees. For ages 65 and older, RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Blue Collar Healthy Annuitants. For ages 55 through 64, a blend of the previous tables. All tables are projected with Scale BB.

Disabled: RP-2014 Disabled Generational Mortality Table generationally projected with Scale BB with a minimum 3% rate for males and 2% rate for females.

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/ (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability/ (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.50 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate:

	1.00% Decrease	Current Rate	Discount	1.00% Increase
District's net pension liability	\$445,721	\$354,925		\$277,796

FPPA System Description. The FPPA administers an agent multiple-employer Public Employee Retirement System ("PERS"). The PERS represents the assets of numerous separate plans that have been pooled for investment purposes. The pension plan has elected to affiliate with FPPA for plan administration and investment only.

7. State of Colorado Fire and Police Pension Association - Defined Benefit Plan

Plan description. The Statewide Defined Benefit Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all full-time employees of participating fire or police departments in Colorado hired on or after April 8, 1978 (New Hires), provided that they are not already covered by a statutorily exempt plan. As of August 1, 2003, the Plan may include clerical and other personnel from fire districts whose services are auxiliary to fire protection. The Plan became effective January 1, 1980 and as of December 31, 2015 has 212 participating employer fire and police departments.

Employers once had the option to elect to withdraw from the Plan, but a change in state statutes permitted no further withdrawals after January 1, 1988.

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Colorado Revised Statutes Title 31, Article 31 grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado Board of Directors. The Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.fppaco.org.

Benefits provided. The annual normal retirement benefit is 2 percent of the average of the member's highest three years' base salary for each year of credited service up to ten years, plus 2.5 percent for each year of service thereafter. The benefit earned prior to January 1, 2007 for members of affiliated Social Security employers will be reduced by the amount of Social Security income payable to the member annually. Effective January 1, 2007, members currently covered under Social Security will receive half the benefit when compared to the SWDB. Benefits paid to retired members are evaluated and may be re-determined every October 1. The amount of any increase is based on the Board's discretion and can range from 0 to the higher of 3 percent or the Consumer Price Index.

In addition, upon retirement a member may receive additional benefits credited to the member's "Separate Retirement Account" each year after January 1, 1988. These are attributable to contributions in excess of the actuarially determined pension cost and the allocation of the net Fire & Police Members' Benefit Investment Fund earnings and losses thereon. Members do not vest in amounts credited to their Separate Retirement Account until retirement, and the Plan may use such stabilization reserve amounts to reduce pension cost in the event such cost exceeds contributions. It was previously mentioned that reentry members have a higher contribution rate. As a result their Separate Retirement Account ("SRA") has two components; the standard SRA and the reentry SRA. The component of a member's SRA attributable to the higher contribution rate is considered the reentry SRA. The reentry SRA cannot be used to subsidize the costs for the non-reentry members. Effective July 1, 2014, the standard Separate Retirement Account contribution rate for members of the Fire & Police Statewide Defined Benefit Plan was set at 0 percent. The reentry Separate Retirement Account contribution rate was set at 3.60 percent.

A member is eligible for an early retirement at age 50 or after 30 years of service. The early retirement benefit equals the normal retirement benefit reduced on an actuarially equivalent basis. Upon termination, an employee may elect to have member contributions, along with 5 percent as interest, returned as a lump sum distribution. Alternatively, a member with at least five years of accredited service may leave contributions with the Plan and remain eligible for a retirement pension at age 55 equal to 2 percent of the member's average highest three years' base salary for each year of credited service up to ten years, plus 2.5 percent for each year of service thereafter.

A member may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan ("DROP") after reaching eligibility for normal retirement, early retirement, or vested retirement and age 55. A member can continue to work while participating in the DROP, but must terminate employment within 5 years of entry into DROP. The member's percentage of retirement benefit is determined at the time of entry into the DROP. The monthly payments that begin at entry into the DROP are accumulated in a DROP account until the member terminates service, at which time the DROP accumulated benefits can be paid as periodic installments, a lump sum, or if desired, a member may elect to convert the DROP to a lifetime monthly benefit with survivor benefits. While participating in the DROP, the member continues to make pension contributions that are credited to the DROP. Effective January 1, 2003, the member shall self-direct the investments of their DROP funds. The DROP balance invested with the asset custodian at December 31, 2015 was \$55,176,831. This amount was not included in the SWDB Plan Net Position.

Contributions. The Plan sets contribution rates at a level that enables all benefits to be fully funded at the retirement date of all members. Contribution rates for this Plan are set by state statute. Employer contribution rates can only be amended by state statute. Member contribution rates can be amended by state statute or by election of the membership.

Members of this Plan and their employers are contributing at the rate of 9.0 percent and 8.0 percent, respectively, of base salary for a total contribution rate of 17.0 percent in 2016. In 2014, the members

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elected to increase the member contribution rate to the Plan beginning in 2015. Member contribution rates will increase 0.5 percent annually through 2022 to a total of 12.0 percent of base salary. Employer contributions will remain at 8 percent resulting in a combined contribution rate of 20 percent in 2022.

Contributions from members and employers of plans re-entering the system are established by resolution and approved by the FPPA Board of Directors. The reentry group has a combined contribution rate of 21.0 percent of base salary in 2016. The Town is contributing 8.0 percent of base salary and the employees are contributing 13.0 percent of base salary for the reentry group. It is a local decision as to whether the member or employer pays the additional 4.0 percent contribution. Per the 2014 member election, the reentry group will also have their required member contribution rate increase 0.5 percent annually beginning in 2015 through 2022 for a total combined member and employer contribution rate of 24 percent in 2022.

The contribution rate for members and employers of affiliated social security employers is 4.5 percent and 4.0 percent, respectively, of base salary for a total contribution rate of 8.5 percent in 2016. Per the 2014 member election, the affiliated social security group will also have their required member contribution rate increase 0.25 percent annually beginning in 2015 through 2022 to a total of 6.0 percent of base salary. Employer contributions will remain at 4.0 percent resulting in a combined contribution rate of 10 percent in 2022.

There were no contributions to the Plan from the District for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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

At December 31, 2016, the District reported an asset of \$200 for its proportionate share of the net pension asset. The net pension asset was measured as of December 31, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension asset was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating Departments, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2015, the District's proportion was 0.01135 percent, which was a decrease of 0.00190 from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2014.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the District recognized pension expense of \$3,131. At December 31, 2016, 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
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,618	\$ 236
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	3,142	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	10,179	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	862	-
	\$ 15,801	\$ 236

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

Year Ended December 31,	Amortization
2017	\$ 3,191
2018	3,191
2019	3,191
2020	2,896
2021	572
Thereafter	2,524
	\$ 15,565

Actuarial assumptions. The actuarial valuations for the plan were used to determine the total pension liability and actuarially determined contributions for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The valuations used the following actuarial assumption and other inputs:

	Total Pension Liability	Actuarially Determined Contributions
Actuarial Valuation Date	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2015
Actuarial Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level % of Payroll, Open	Level % of Payroll, Open
Amortization Period	30 Years	30 Years
Long-term Investment rate of return *	7.5 percent	7.5 percent
Projected salary increases *	4.0 - 14.0 percent	4.0 - 14.0 percent
Cost of Living Adjustment	0.0 percent	0.0 percent
* Includes Inflation at	2.5 percent	3.0 percent

For determining the total pension liability, the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Blue Collar Employees, projected with Scale BB, 55 percent multiplier for off-duty mortality is used in the valuation for off-duty mortality of active members. On-duty related mortality is assumed to be 0.00020 per year for all members. The RP-2014 Mortality Table for Blue Collar Employees, projected with Scale BB is used in the projection of post-retirement benefits for members under age 55. For post-retirement members ages 65 and older, the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Blue Collar Healthy Annuitants, projected with Scale BB are used. For post-retirement members ages 55 through 64, a blend of the previous tables is used.

For determining the actuarially determined contributions, the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table with Blue Collar Adjustment, projected with Scale AA, 40 percent multiplier for off-duty mortality is used in the valuation for off-duty mortality of active members. On-duty related mortality is assumed to be 0.00020 per year for all members. The RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table with Blue Collar Adjustment, projected with Scale AA is used in the projection of post-retirement benefits.

At least every five years the FPPA's Board of Directors, in accordance with best practices, reviews its economic and demographic actuarial assumptions. At its July 2015 meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed and approved recommended changes to the actuarial assumptions. The recommendations were made by the FPPA's actuaries, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co., based upon their analysis of past experience and expectations of the future. The assumption changes were effective for actuarial valuations beginning January

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1, 2016 and were used in the rollforward calculation of total pension liability as of December 31, 2015. Actuarial assumptions effective for actuarial valuations prior to January 1, 2016 were used in the determination of the actuarially determined contributions as of December 31, 2015. The actuarial assumptions impact actuarial factors for benefit purposes such as purchases of service credit and other benefits where actuarial factors are used.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund’s target asset allocation as of December 31, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Rate of Return
Global Equity	37.0%	6.5%
Equity Long/Short	10.0%	4.7%
Illiquid Alternatives	20.0%	8.0%
Fixed Income	16.0%	1.5%
Absolute Return	11.0%	4.1%
Managed Futures	4.0%	3.0%
Cash	2.0%	0.0%*
Total	100.0%	

*While the expected inflation exceeds the expected rate of return for cash, a 0.0 percent real rate of return is utilized.

Discount rate. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present values using a Single Discount Rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (to the extent that the plan’s fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits) and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the plan’s projected fiduciary net position is not sufficient to pay benefits).

For the purpose of this valuation, the expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.50%; the municipal bond rate is 3.57% (based on the weekly rate closest to but not later than the measurement date of the “state & local bonds” rate from Federal Reserve statistical release (H.15)); and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 7.50%.

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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/ (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability/ (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.50 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate:

	1.00% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.00% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability/ (asset)	\$28,018	\$(200)	\$(23,606)

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Fire & Police Pension association of Colorado financial report.

8. Voluntary Investment Program

Description - Effective May 1, 2010, employees of the District who are members of the SWDB (see Note 7) may voluntarily contribute to the Voluntary Investment Program ("457 Plan"), an Internal Revenue Code Section 457 defined contribution plan administered by FPPA. Plan participation is optional, and contributions are separate from others made to FPPA. Title 24, Article 51, Part 14 of the CRS, as amended, assigns the authority to establish the 457 Plan provisions to the State Legislature.

Funding Policy - The 457 Plan is funded by voluntary member contributions of up to a maximum limit set by the IRS (\$18,000 for the calendar years 2016 and 2015, and \$17,500 for calendar year 2014). Catch-up contributions up to \$6,000 for calendar years 2016 and 2015 and \$5,500 for the calendar year 2014 were allowed for participants who had attained age 50 before the close of the plan year, subject to the limitations of IRC §414(v). For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014, no member contributions were made to this 457 Plan.

9. TABOR Compliance

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed an amendment (the "Amendment" or "TABOR") to the State Constitution (Article X, Section 20), which limits the revenue raising and spending abilities of state and local districts. The limits on property taxes, revenue, and "fiscal year spending" include allowable annual increases tied to inflation and local growth in construction valuation. Fiscal year spending, as defined by the Amendment, excludes spending from certain revenue and financing sources, such as federal funds, gifts, property sales, fund transfers, damage awards, and fund reserves (balances). The Amendment requires voter approval for any increase in mill levy or tax rates, new taxes, or creation of multi-year debt. Revenue earned in excess of the "spending limit" must be refunded or approved to be retained by the District under specified voting requirements by the entire electorate.

The Amendment also requires local districts to establish emergency reserves to be used for declared emergencies only. Emergencies, as defined by the Amendment, exclude economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or fringe benefit increases. These reserves are required to be 3% or more of fiscal year spending (excluding bonded debt service). The District has restricted \$18,165 for this purpose.

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On May 5, 1998, the voting citizens of the Ault Fire Protection District authorized the District to collect, retain, and spend all revenues collected from ad valorem property taxes of 6.480 mills effective fiscal year 2003, and continuing thereafter as provided by law; provided that the District's general operating property tax rate shall not be increased without voter approval; and the revenues from all such revenue sources be spent for general operations purposes as a voter approved revenue change and an exception to the limits which would otherwise apply, including without limitation Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, Section 29-1-301, CRS, as it may be amended, or any other law.

The District believes it is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of its provisions will require judicial interpretation.

10. Subsequent Events

Management of the District has evaluated subsequent events through July 31, 2017, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. In April 2017, the District entered into a contract for \$98,500 to repair roofs at the two station houses and the rental house. In addition, in May 2017, the District refinanced its notes payable to reduce its interest rate on the outstanding note to 3.5 percent from 5.0 percent. No additional transactions or events that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements were identified.

Required Supplementary Information

Ault Fire Protection District
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance (Budget and Actual) - General Fund
Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts Budget Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 481,819	\$ 481,819	\$ 483,579	\$ 1,760
Intergovernmental	18,854	18,854	18,854	-
Earnings on investments	2,300	2,300	1,760	(540)
Grants and contributions	88,000	88,000	83,040	(4,960)
Other	7,200	7,200	138,334	131,134
Total revenues	598,173	598,173	725,567	127,394
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	228,872	228,872	152,188	76,684
Firefighting equipment	53,022	53,022	68,112	(15,090)
Operations	33,400	33,400	30,297	3,103
Debt service				
Principal	76,251	76,251	78,861	(2,610)
Interest	53,278	53,278	48,359	4,919
Capital outlay	198,000	198,000	196,281	1,719
Reserves	60,000	60,000	-	60,000
Total expenditures	702,823	702,823	574,098	128,725
Change in fund balance	\$ (104,650)	\$ (104,650)	151,469	\$ 256,119
Fund balance at beginning of year			<u>644,012</u>	
Fund balance at end of year			<u>\$ 795,481</u>	

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

Ault Fire Protection District
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)
FPPA - Cost-Sharing Defined Benefit Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2016	2015	2014
Distict's proportion of the net pension liability / (asset)	0.01135%	0.01325%	0.01161%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability / (asset)	\$ (200)	\$ (14,954)	\$ (15,146)
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ -	\$ 54,118	\$ 49,222
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability / (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.00%	25.04%	22.91%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension	100.10%	106.80%	105.80%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 12/31 of the prior year.

This schedule is presented to show information for 10 years. Until information for the full 10-year period is available, information will be presented for the years it is available.

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

**Ault Fire Protection District
Schedule of District Contributions
FPPA - Cost-Sharing Defined Benefit Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	2016	2015	2014	2013
Statutorily Required Contribution	\$ -	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,767	\$ 4,033
Contributions in Relation to the Contribution	-	4,400	4,767	4,033
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered employee payroll	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	0.00%	8.00%	8.67%	7.33%

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Ault Fire Protection District
Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability/(Asset)
and Related Ratios - Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Measurement Period Ended December 31,	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability		
Service Cost	\$ 5,960	\$ 5,884
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	70,464	74,320
Benefit Changes	-	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(42,689)
Assumption Changes	-	-
Benefit Payments	(89,592)	(88,379)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	(13,168)	(50,864)
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	980,576	1,031,440
Total Pension Liability - Ending	\$ 967,408	\$ 980,576
Plan Fiduciary Net Position		
Employer Contributions	\$ 80,811	\$ 54,108
Pension Plan Net Investment Income	9,128	35,689
Benefit Payments	(89,592)	(88,379)
Pension Plan Administrative Expenses	(3,271)	(1,230)
State of Colorado Supplemental Discretionary Payment	27,163	23,055
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	24,239	23,243
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	588,244	565,001
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	\$ 612,483	\$ 588,244
Net Pension Liability/(Asset) - Ending	\$ 354,925	\$ 392,332
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	63.31%	59.99%
Covered Employee Payroll	N/A	N/A
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	N/A	N/A

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**Ault Fire Protection District
Schedule of District Contributions
Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

FY Ending December 31,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll
2007	\$ 57,351	\$ 57,351	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2008	\$ 60,581	\$ 60,581	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2009	\$ 61,994	\$ 61,994	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2010	\$ 65,845	\$ 65,845	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2011	\$ 67,749	\$ 67,749	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2012	\$ 63,605	\$ 63,605	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2013	\$ 68,231	\$ 68,231	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2014	\$ 77,163	\$ 77,163	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2015	\$ 107,974	\$ 107,974	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2016	\$ 107,974	\$ 102,877	\$ 5,097	N/A	N/A

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

Notes to Schedule of Contributions:

Actual Contribution includes both the employer and State of Colorado Supplemental Discretionary Payment.

Valuation Date:

Actuarially determined contributions rates are calculated as of January 1 of odd number years. The contribution rates have a one-year lag, so the actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2015, determines the contribution amounts for 2016 and 2017.