

GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Eaton, Colorado

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This report is for the Galeton Fire Protection District for the year ending December 31, 2017. The Management Discussion and Analysis (M D & A) is designed to provide an overview of the financial activities of the District during 2017 and the integration of those activities within the long-term financial programs and planning of the District. The M D & A should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

Overview of Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator on whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the net position has changed during the past 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 the cash flows. Therefore, the revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the government-wide financial statements are combined with the fund financial statements and can be found in this report.

Fund Financial Statements. A fund is a group of accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been set aside for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has one governmental fund, a General Fund.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of expendable resources, as well as the balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for government funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The readers will have a better understanding of the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found in this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis.

The net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$11,238,512 at the close of the year. The largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investments and capital assets.

Financial Efforts of 2017.

This section contains a condensed comparison of revenues and expenses and explanations for significant differences.

District Assets	2017	2016	2015	Dollar Change
Cash	\$ 513,768	\$ 4,746,212	\$ 4,218,692	\$ (3,704,924)
Investments	5,615,421	0	0	5,615,421
Property Taxes Receivable	1,853,250	1,790,689	3,044,140	(1,190,890)
Other Receivables	9,692	0	2,267	7,425
Land	66,381	66,381	79,713	(13,332)
Capital Assets	4,386,786	4,562,317	2,381,888	2,004,898
Net Pension Asset	380,329	301,523	100,110	280,219
Deferred Outflows-Pension	303,717	162,488	260,897	42,820
Total Assets & Deferred Outflows	\$ 13,129,344	\$ 11,629,610	\$10,087,707	\$ 3,041,637
District Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,701	\$ 5,049	\$ 85,812	\$ (75,111)
Deferred Inflow-Prop Tax	1,853,250	1,790,689	3,044,140	(1,190,890)
Deferred Inflow-Pension	26,881	23,746	30,942	(4,061)
Total Liabilities & Deferred Inflows	\$ 1,890,832	\$ 1,819,484	\$ 3,160,894	\$ (1,270,062)
Net Position:				
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 4,453,167	\$ 4,628,698	\$ 2,461,601	\$ 1,991,566
Restricted	0	547,519	395,920	(395,920)
Unrestricted	6,785,345	4,633,909	4,069,292	2,716,053
Total Net Position	\$11,238,512	\$ 9,810,126	\$ 6,926,813	\$ 4,311,699
TOTAL Liabilities & Net Position	\$ 13,129,344	\$11,629,610	\$10,087,707	\$ 3,041,637
General Revenue:				
	2017	2016	2015	Dollar Change
General Property Taxes	\$ 1,790,881	\$ 3,038,905	\$ 2,038,815	\$ (247,934)
Specific Ownership Taxes	139,061	173,574	150,404	(11,343)
Investment Earnings	9,503	6,346	3,537	5,966
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	112,573	0	0
Other Revenue	1,439	45,080	2,395	(956)
Total	\$ 1,940,884	\$ 3,376,478	\$ 2,195,151	\$ (254,267)
General Expenses:				
Fire Protection	\$ 300,449	\$ 302,497	\$ 263,791	\$ 36,658
Depreciation	175,531	180,935	76,799	98,732
Capital Outlay	37,419	9,733	17,645	19,774
Total	\$ 513,399	\$ 493,165	\$ 358,235	\$ 155,164
Changes in Net Position:	\$ 1,427,485	\$ 2,883,313	\$ 1,836,916	\$ (409,431)

Material Changes:

Due to the decrease in the oil and gas industry, the Fire District realized a decrease in general property tax revenue from 2016 to 2017 of \$1,248,024.

Due to the reduced production of oil and gas, the Fire District realized a decrease in specific ownership taxes from 2016 to 2017 of \$34,513.

Due to favorable interest rates and decreased expenditures resulting in maintaining higher bank account balances, the District realized an increase in investment earnings from 2016 to 2017 of \$3,157.

Due to decrease in expenses for a fire chief and an administrative assistant, the Fire District realized a decrease in expenses from 2016 to 2017, for Fire Protection-Operations of \$2,048.

Due to needs of the District, the Fire District realized an increase in expenses from 2016 to 2017, for Capital Outlay of \$27,686.

General Fund

The general fund was established and 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, and fire station and buildings. The general fund also provides for such other items as insurance, utilities and other costs the District incurs. The primary funding source for the general fund is taxation of real property. Other sources of income for the general fund include interest income on reserved funds and specific ownership taxes. The primary projects or program efforts for establishing funding during 2017 were:

1. Normal operational costs of the District.
2. Capital Outlay

General Fund Budgetary Highlights.

It should be noted that the 2017 budget was monitored to more closely align expenses with the areas of responsibility.

The difference from the original budgeted revenues and the actual revenues was due to an increase in specific ownership taxes and investment earnings, resulting in an increase to the budget of \$41,195.

The difference from the original budgeted expenditures and the actual expenditures was due to the Board's decision to delay purchase of most Capital Outlay items until a Fire Chief was hired, the unforeseen delay in hiring a fire chief, and the realization of cost savings on expenditures, resulting in a savings to the budget of \$1,064,544.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental type activities as of December 31, 2017 totals \$4,453,167. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, equipment, vehicles and firefighting/EMS equipment.

Capital assets are classified as follows as of December 31, 2017:

Land	\$ 66,381
Buildings/Improvements – all stations	4,150,560
Equipment & Vehicles	1,111,627
Depreciation (Buildings/Improvements)	(208,326)
Depreciation (Equipment/Vehicles)	(667,075)
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$ 4,453,167

Long-term Debt

As of December 31, 2017, the District had no long-term debt funded from General Fund taxes.

Fiduciary Fund Activities

Pension Fund

The Pension Fund was established and continually funded to provide for the provision of retirement pension benefits for volunteer firefighters of the District. The fund provides for the payment of benefits and the expenses of providing those benefits. The primary funding source for the pension fund is the transfer of amounts from the General Fund as designated by the Fire District Board of Directors. Additional funding is derived from the interest from previously invested assets of the fund and from a State of Colorado funding mechanism specifically developed for these benefit efforts.

1. The Pension Fund investments accumulated an increased amount of interest due to increased fund balance.
2. The Pension Fund maintained a normal course of activity.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

In comparison, the 2018 budget year will show an increase in expenses due to comparison of salary and benefits packages for a new full-time Fire Chief, as well as to continue to fund the new and ongoing needs of the District, and to honor the commitments of providing the level and quality of service which the District residents deserve and have come to expect.

The District's budget for 2017 anticipated general property tax revenue of \$1,790,689 (based on an assessed valuation for the District, as certified by the Assessors of Weld County, of \$437,180,050 and a mil levy of 4.096 mils).

The District's budget for 2018 anticipates general property tax revenue of \$1,853,250 (based on an assessed valuation for the District, as certified by the Assessors of Weld County, of \$473,855,640 and a mil levy of 3.911 mils).

Summary

The Galeton Fire Protection District successfully placed into operation or completed all project or program efforts funded with the 2017 annual budget. Though funding for some specific line items may have been estimated at an amount greater than the actual expensed amount at the end of the year, the year was completed with very few excess expenses in any funding line item area.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Galeton Fire Protection District
Eaton, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Galeton Fire Protection District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, 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 of material misstatement.

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

We believe that 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 each major fund of the Galeton Fire Protection District as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof 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, General Fund budgetary comparison information, and pension plan historical information on pages i through iv and 23 through 25 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.

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June 12, 2018

GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	General Fund	Adjustments (Page 3)	Statement of Net Position
<u>Assets and deferred outflows of resources</u>			
Assets:			
Cash (Note 2)	\$ 513,768	\$ -	\$ 513,768
Investments (Note 2)	5,615,421	-	5,615,421
Accounts receivable	9,692	-	9,692
Accrued property taxes	1,853,250	-	1,853,250
Land	-	66,381	66,381
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	-	4,386,786	4,386,786
Net pension asset	-	380,329	380,329
Total assets	7,992,131	4,833,496	12,825,627
Deferred outflows of resources:			
Deferred outflow - pensions	-	303,717	303,717
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	303,717	303,717
Total Assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 7,992,131	\$ 5,137,213	\$ 13,129,344
<u>Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 10,701	\$ -	\$ 10,701
Total liabilities	10,701	-	10,701
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Deferred inflow - pensions	-	26,881	26,881
Deferred property taxes	1,853,250	-	1,853,250
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,853,250	26,881	1,880,131
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	1,863,951	26,881	1,890,832
<u>Fund Balances/Net Position</u>			
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-
Committed	59,499	(59,499)	-
Assigned	6,068,681	(6,068,681)	-
Unassigned	-	-	-
Total fund balance/net position	6,128,180	(6,128,180)	-
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$ 7,992,131		
Net position:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		4,453,167	4,453,167
Unrestricted		6,785,345	6,785,345
Total net position		\$ 11,238,512	\$ 11,238,512

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The accompanying notes on pages 6 to 22 are an
integral part of the financial statements.

**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Fund balance per Statement of Net Position	\$ 6,128,180
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund balance sheet	4,453,167
Net pension asset or liability and related deferred inflows and outflows are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the balance sheet	657,165
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Net position per Statement of Net Position	\$ <u>11,238,512</u>

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**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUE,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments (Page 5)</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Revenues:			
General property taxes	\$ 1,790,881	\$ -	\$ 1,790,881
Specific ownership taxes	139,061	-	139,061
Investment earnings	9,503	-	9,503
Other	1,439	-	1,439
Total revenues	<u>1,940,884</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,940,884</u>
Expenditures/expenses:			
Fire protection:			
Administration	414,122	(216,900)	197,222
Fire fighting	68,856	-	68,856
Fire station and buildings	34,371	-	34,371
Depreciation	-	175,531	175,531
Capital outlay	37,419	-	37,419
Total expenditures/ expenses	<u>554,768</u>	<u>(41,369)</u>	<u>513,399</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,386,116</u>	<u>41,369</u>	<u>1,427,485</u>
Other financing sources/uses:			
Disposition of assets	-	-	-
Transfers-internal activities	-	-	-
Total other financing sources/ uses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and transfers in over expenditures and transfers out	<u>1,386,116</u>	<u>(1,386,116)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net position	-	1,427,485	1,427,485
Fund balance/net position, beginning of year	<u>4,742,064</u>	<u>5,068,963</u>	<u>9,811,027</u>
Fund balance/net position, end of year	<u>\$ 6,128,180</u>	<u>\$ 5,110,332</u>	<u>\$ 11,238,512</u>

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**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Excess of revenues and transfers in over expenditures and transfers out - governmental funds	\$ 1,386,116
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Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Capital outlay	-
Depreciation	(175,531)
Disposition of assets	-

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

Adjustment for changes in pension assets and liabilities	<u>216,900</u>
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Change in Net Position	<u><u>\$ 1,427,485</u></u>
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**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Galeton Fire Protection District was originally established in 1954 as a special district to provide fire suppression, education and basic life medical support services to property owners within the town of Galeton, Colorado.

The District operates under a governing Board of Directors and is considered a separate political subdivision of the State of Colorado providing fire protection services in portions of Weld County.

The District's basic financial statements include the accounts and funds of all District operations. The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The following is a summary of such significant policies:

A. Principles Determining Scope of Reporting Entity

The financial statements of the District consist only of the funds and account groups of the District. The District has no oversight responsibility for any other governmental entity since no other entities are considered to be controlled by or dependent on the District. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, funding, and election of the respective governing board.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The Government-Wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the government. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues.

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 the related cash flows.

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**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

The following fund was used by the District during 2017:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund – To account for all financial resources of the District.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement Focus

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. 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 government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when the payment is due. The major source of revenue susceptible to accrual is property tax. All revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

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**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

Basis of Accounting

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for all governmental fund types. The following are modifications of the accrual basis method:

- F. Expenditures other than accrued interest on general long-term debt are recognized at the same time the liabilities are incurred. Interest on long-term debt is recorded only when due.
- 2. Revenue is recorded when received in cash except for revenue that is not received but is measurable and available and therefore susceptible to accrual.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

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

- F. Prior to October 31, management submits to the Board of Directors a proposed operating budget for each fund for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget for each fund includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted by the District Board of Directors to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior to December 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution for each fund. The resolutions can be adjusted by the Board for unforeseen circumstances. Equal line item adjustments must be approved by the Board.
- 4. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.

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**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (continued)

5. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
6. The District Board of Directors approves all expenditures, including any revisions that alter the total expenditures.
7. All appropriations lapse at year-end.
8. Budgeted line items for the different expenditures are for management use only.

E. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is not used.

F. Fund Equity

The District has implemented GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balances more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

- Nonspendable fund balance—amounts that are in nonspendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted fund balance—amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

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**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

F. Fund Equity (continued)

- **Committed fund balance**—amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., Board of Directors). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.
- **Assigned fund balance**—amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board of directors or by an official or body to which the Board delegates the authority.
- **Unassigned fund balance**—amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

District's Board establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund. Assigned fund balance is established by District's Board through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose (such as the purchase of fixed assets, construction, debt service, or for other purposes).

The District considers funds as expended from restricted funds before unrestricted funds are reduced, when an expenditure can come from either category. Within unrestricted funds, the District reduces committed amounts first, followed by assigned, and unassigned last, when an expenditure can come from any of those categories.

The committed fund balance of \$59,499 represents the District's 3% reserve for TABOR. The assigned fund balance of \$6,068,681 is assigned by the Board of Directors for future expenditures of the District.

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**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

G. Use of Estimates

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

2. Cash Deposits and Investments

A. Cash Deposits

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral determined by the PDPA. The institution is allowed to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits would not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of year-end the District's bank balance was either insured or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution through PDPA.

At December 31, 2017, the District had cash balances with maturities less than one year stated at cost as follows:

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**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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2. Cash Deposits and Investments (continued)

A. Cash Deposits (continued)

Insured	\$ 250,000
Deposits Collateralized in single institution pool(s)	263,768
Uninsured: Required to be collateralized	<u>---</u>
 Total Cash Deposits	 513,768
 Cash on hand	 <u>---</u>
 Total Cash	 \$ <u>513,768</u>

The bank balance of the deposits listed above are classified in three categories of credit risk as follows: a) Uncollateralized; b) Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name; c) Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the depositor-government's name.

B. Investments

The District's investments are categorized as either (1) insured or registered, or for which the securities are held by the District or its agent in the District's name, (2) uninsured and unregistered for which the securities are held by the counterpart's trust department or agent in the District's name or (3) uninsured and unregistered for which the securities are held by the counterpart or by its trust department or agent but not in the District's name. As of December 31, 2017, all investments are considered category 1.

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2. Cash Deposits and Investments (continued)

B. Investments (continued)

As of December 31, 2017, the District has \$5,615,421 invested in Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST). COLOTRUST is an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds for investment purposes. COLOTRUST is routinely monitored by the Colorado Division of Securities with regard to its operations and investments, which are also subject to provisions of C.R.S Title 24, Article 75, Section 6. The fair value of the investments in COLOTRUST is the same as the value of the pool shares. None of these types of investments are categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. COLOTRUST is rated AAA from Standard and Poor's Corporation.

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Maturity Year</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Credit Ratings</u>
COLOTRUST	Variable	\$ <u>5,615,421</u>	AAA
Total Investments		\$ <u>5,615,421</u>	

Colorado statutes specify in which instruments the units of local government may invest, which include:

Repurchase Agreements,

Obligations of the United States or obligations unconditionally guaranteed by the United States, federally insured mortgages and student loans. Participation with other local governments in pooled investment funds (trusts), these trusts are supervised by participating governments, and must comply with the same restrictions on cash deposits and investments.

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2. Cash Deposits and Investments (continued)

B. Investments (continued)

Credit Risk – State law limits investments for fire districts to U.S. treasury issues, other federally backed notes and credits, and other agency offerings (not based on derivatives) without limitation. Other investment instruments including bank obligations, general obligation bonds, and commercial paper are limited to at least one of the highest rating categories of at least one nationally recognized rating agency. State law further limits investments in money market funds that are organized according to Federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as specified in rule 2a-7, as amended, as long as such rule does not increase remaining maturities beyond a maximum of three years. Investments in these funds require that the institution have assets in excess of \$1 billion or the highest credit rating from one or more nationally recognized rating agency.

Interest Rate Risk – The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value loss resulting from increasing interest rates. The Colorado revised statute 24-75-601 limits investment maturities to five years or less without governing board approval.

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2. Cash Deposits and Investments (continued)

C. Reconciliation of Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

The following is a reconciliation between the cash and investments recorded in the financial statements and the amounts reported in this footnote:

Financial Statements	
Total Cash and Short-term	
Investments – Governmental Funds	\$ <u>6,129,189</u>
Total Cash Deposits and	
Investments (Book Balance)	\$ <u>6,129,189</u>
Footnote	
Cash	\$ 513,768
Investments	<u>5,615,421</u>
Total Cash Deposits and	
Investments (Footnote)	\$ <u>6,129,189</u>

3. Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on January 1 and are due and payable at that time. All unpaid taxes levied January 1 become delinquent April 30 or June 15 of the current year. The District is permitted to levy taxes for general governmental services, bond retirement and pension payments for volunteer firefighters. The combined tax rate to finance these services for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$4.096 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This raised \$1,790,881 on an assessed valuation of \$437,180,050. The District has applied a temporary 2.000 mill levy reduction for the last several years. Tax revenues for the District are recognized as they become available and are collected the following month.

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4. Capital Assets

Capital assets of \$1,000 or more are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which are as follows:

Building/Improvements	40
Firefighting Equipment	5-10
Firefighting Vehicles	20

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/16</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions &</u> <u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/17</u>
Governmental activities:				
Land and improvements	\$ 66,381	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 66,381
Buildings/Improvements	4,150,560	---	---	4,150,560
Equipment & vehicles	1,111,627	---	---	1,111,627
Construction in progress	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
Totals at Historical				
Cost	<u>5,328,568</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>5,328,568</u>
Less Accumulated				
Depreciation for:				
Buildings/Improvements	(104,308)	(104,018)	---	(208,326)
Equipment & vehicles	<u>(595,562)</u>	<u>(71,513)</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>(667,075)</u>
Total Accumulated				
Depreciation	<u>(699,870)</u>	<u>(175,531)</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>(875,401)</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Net of				
Accum. Depreciation	<u>\$ 4,628,698</u>	<u>\$ (175,531)</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 4,453,167</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$175,531.

5. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to various torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The District carries commercial insurance for all 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. Retirement Plans and Commitments

The District currently maintains two (2) separate pension and retirement plans. The plans cover paid personnel and all volunteer firefighters. The District's local volunteer pension plan is affiliated with the Fire and Police Pension Associations' (FPPA) Fire and Police Members' Benefit Fund under the Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-30-005(1)(k), as amended. Under the FPPA affiliation agreement, the District is responsible for the collection and transmission of all contributions to the local Pension Fund. The FPPA is responsible for the physical safekeeping and investing of such contributions as well as for making the appropriate and legally authorized payments of pension benefits and other expenses of the plan.

The District began contributing in 2017 to the FPPA's State-Wide Defined Benefit Pension Plan for its paid personnel. Since the measurement date for liabilities and related deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources is December 31, 2016, no amounts were recorded for this plan as of December 31, 2017. In 2017, the District contributed \$3,273 on employee's behalf.

As of December 31, 2017, the assets and liabilities from pension plans are as follows:

	<u>Net Pension Liability/(Asset)</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Volunteer Plan	\$ (380,329)	\$ 303,717	\$ 26,881
FPPA Plan	---	---	---
Total	\$ <u>(380,329)</u>	\$ <u>303,717</u>	\$ <u>26,881</u>

As of December 31, 2017, the deferred inflows and outflows of resources resulting from all pension plans are comprised as follows:

Deferred outflows of resources:	
Difference between actual and projected investment earnings	\$ 66,441
Changes in assumptions	21,124
Contributions received after measurement date	<u>216,152</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$ <u>303,717</u>
 Deferred inflows of resources:	
Difference between actual and expected experience	\$ 26,881
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ <u>26,881</u>

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6. Retirement Plans and Commitments (continued)

Deferred inflows and outflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense in future years as follows:

December 31, 2018	\$234,064
2019	17,911
2020	19,389
2021	5,472
2022	---
Thereafter	---
Total	<u>\$276,836</u>

Volunteer Plan - The District's active volunteer firefighters participate in a non-contributing pension plan administered by a Board of Trustees, which includes District Board members and volunteer firefighters.

The benefit provisions and plan requirements were established by Colorado Revised Statutes and the Board of Trustees has adopted the following schedule of monthly benefits which was in effect at December 31, 2017:

Age and service retirement after age 50 with 20 years of service.	\$500
Surviving spouse death benefit:	
After age and service retirement (maximum)	\$250
Lump-sum death benefit	\$600

Total covered payroll for this plan for 2017 was \$0. In 2017, the District contributions were \$216,152. In addition, the State contribution was \$6,741.

An actuarial valuation is performed every two years to determine the pension benefit obligation. The latest available actuarial valuation was performed as of January 1, 2017. The measurement date was December 31, 2016. The following assumptions were used in computing the pension benefit obligation for this plan:

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6. Retirement Plans and Commitments (continued)

- (1) Rate of return on investments and discount rate 7.5%
- (2) Actuarial Method - Entry Age Normal.
- (3) Amortization Method - Level Dollar, Open.
 Remaining period: 20 years.
- (4) Mortality: RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Blue Collar Employees.
- (5) Projected earnings increases for all ages due to inflation: 2.5%

For the January 1, 2017 actuarial valuation, the inflation rate was decreased from 3.0% and the mortality tables were updated from the RP-2000 version.

Plan membership as of December 31, 2017 was as follows:

Active Members	14
Inactive Members receiving benefits	11
Inactive Members not yet receiving benefits	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>27</u>

The pension plan income for 2017 was \$2,949 and the money-weighted rate of return on investments was 5.09%. The net pension liability is impacted by a change in the discount rate as follows:

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
Net pension liability	\$ (282,249)	\$ (380,329)	\$ (462,368)

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6. Retirement Plans and Commitments (continued)

Changes in Net Pension Liability for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Total Pension Liability:

Service cost	\$ 9,848
Interest	64,162
Change in benefit terms	---
Difference between actual and expected experience	(14,074)
Changes in assumptions	28,777
Benefit payments	<u>(65,400)</u>
Net change in total pension liability	23,313
Total pension liability – beginning	<u>882,770</u>
Total pension liability – ending (a)	<u>\$ 906,083</u>

Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

Contributions – employer	\$ 100,000
Net investment income	62,914
Benefit payments	(65,400)
Administrative expense	(2,136)
State of Colorado supplemental discretionary payment	<u>6,741</u>
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	102,119
Plan fiduciary net position – beginning	<u>1,184,293</u>
Plan fiduciary net position – ending (b)	<u>\$ 1,286,412</u>
Net pension liability – ending (a)-(b)	\$ (380,329)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	141.98%

Paid Personnel Plan - The District contributes to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan, cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Colorado Fire and Police Pension Association (FPPA). The Statewide Defined Benefit Plan provides retirement benefits for members and beneficiaries. Colorado statutes assign the authority to establish benefit provisions to the state legislature. FPPA issues a publicly available annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Plan, which is available, by directly contacting the FPPA. The District began contributing to the FPPA plan in 2017 and the measurement date was December 31, 2016, so no net pension liability is recorded as of December 31, 2016.

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6. Retirement Plans and Commitments (continued)

The financial statements of the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. The Plan investments are presented at fair value except for short-term investments, which are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.

Disability and survivor benefits with respect to death and disability are funded by the State and are disbursed by FPPA according to State statute. Participants' contributions are fully refundable with simple interest of 5% upon request or termination of employment. Employer contributions remain with the plan to help provide benefits to remaining participants.

Covered employees are required by State statute to contribute 9.5% of their salary (excluding paid overtime and comp time) to the plan. The District is required to contribute an additional or matching 8.0% of covered salary. For the year ended December 31, 2017, covered employees contributed \$3,887 on a base salary of \$40,913. The District contributed an additional \$3,273 to the plan on covered employees' behalf. Total salaries for the year ended December 31, 2017 were \$57,649.

7. Tax, Spending and Debt Limitations

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments. The District's financial activity provides the basis for calculation of limitations adjusted for allowable increases tied to inflation and local growth. Fiscal year spending is generally defined as expenditures plus reserve increases with certain exceptions. In effect, it has been generally interpreted that fiscal year spending approximates nonexempt revenue or receipts.

Spending excludes spending from certain revenue and financial sources such as federal funds, gifts, property sales, fund transfers, damage awards, and fund reserves. The District considers \$59,499 as committed fund balance for the TABOR three percent Reserved for Emergency for 2017.

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7. Tax, Spending and Debt Limitations (continued)

The Amendment requires, with certain exceptions, voter approval prior to imposing new taxes, increasing tax rates, increasing a mill levy above that for the prior year, extending an expiring tax, or implementing a tax policy change directly causing a net tax revenue gain to any local government.

The Amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the amendment. However, the District has made certain interpretations in the amendment's language in order to determine its compliance.

8. Prior Period Adjustment

During 2017, prior period adjustments were recorded to reflect property taxes receivable from Weld County as of December 31, 2016 and accounts payable as of December 31, 2016. The net impact of these adjustments was \$901. As such, the beginning fund balance for the General Fund has been increased by \$901.

9. Subsequent Events

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the District has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure through the date of the Independent Auditors' Report, the date of the financial statements issuance. No events that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements were identified.

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**REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

2017

	Budget		Actual	Variance favorable (unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
General property taxes	\$ 1,790,689	\$ 1,790,689	\$ 1,790,881	\$ 192
Specific ownership taxes	100,000	100,000	139,061	39,061
Investment earnings	4,000	4,000	9,503	5,503
Other	5,000	5,000	1,439	(3,561)
Total revenues	<u>1,899,689</u>	<u>1,899,689</u>	<u>1,940,884</u>	<u>41,195</u>
Expenditures:				
Administration	511,212	511,212	414,122	97,090
Fire fighting	120,100	120,100	68,856	51,244
Fire station and buildings	53,000	53,000	34,371	18,629
Capital outlay	935,000	935,000	37,419	897,581
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>1,619,312</u>	<u>1,619,312</u>	<u>554,768</u>	<u>1,064,544</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>280,377</u>	<u>280,377</u>	<u>1,386,116</u>	<u>1,105,739</u>
Other financing sources/uses:				
Transfers-internal activities	-	-	-	-
Total other sources (uses):	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and and other financing sources over expenditures	<u>280,377</u>	<u>280,377</u>	<u>1,386,116</u>	<u>1,105,739</u>
Fund balance/net position, beginning of year	<u>4,742,064</u>	<u>4,742,064</u>	<u>4,742,064</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance/net position, end of year	<u>\$ 5,022,441</u>	<u>\$ 5,022,441</u>	<u>\$ 6,128,180</u>	<u>\$ 1,105,739</u>

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**GALETON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
HISTORICAL INFORMATION
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS PENSION PLAN
DECEMBER 31, 2017
(Unaudited)**

Year	Total Pension Liability	Plan Net Position	Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	Net Position as a % of Total Liability	Money- weighted Rate of Return
2014	\$ 877,413	\$ 977,523	\$ (100,110)	111%	5.78%
2015	882,770	1,184,293	(301,523)	134%	1.37%
2016	906,083	1,286,412	(380,329)	142%	5.09%

Year	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Shortfall/(Excess)
2014	\$ 16,723	\$ 250,406	\$ (233,683)
2015	16,723	102,201	(85,478)
2016	-	106,741	(106,741)
2017	-	222,893	(222,893)

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	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Change in Net Pension Liability:			
Total Pension Liability:			
Service Cost	\$ 9,848	\$ 9,848	\$ 8,925
Interest	64,162	63,659	59,985
Change in Benefit Terms	-	-	87,237
Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	(14,074)	-	(38,138)
Change in Assumptions	28,777	-	-
Benefit Payments	(65,400)	(68,150)	(70,750)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	<u>23,313</u>	<u>5,357</u>	<u>47,259</u>
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	882,770	877,413	830,154
Total Pension Liability - Ending	\$ 906,083	\$ 882,770	\$ 877,413
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:			
Contributions - Employer	\$ 100,000	\$ 257,147	\$ 212,000
Net Investment Income	62,914	14,857	50,798
Benefit Payments	(65,400)	(68,150)	(70,750)
Administrative Expenses	(2,136)	(3,825)	(1,503)
State of Colorado supplemental discretionary payment	6,741	6,741	6,741
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>102,119</u>	<u>206,770</u>	<u>197,286</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	1,184,293	977,523	780,237
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	1,286,412	1,184,293	977,523
Net Pension Liability/(Asset) - Ending	\$ (380,329)	\$ (301,523)	\$ (100,110)
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability	141.98%	134.16%	111.41%

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