

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SINGLE AUDIT COMPLIANCE REPORTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors
Delta County Fire Protection District #4
Hotchkiss, Colorado

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the fiduciary activities, and the major funds of the Delta County Fire Protection District #4 (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, fiduciary activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Delta County Fire Protection District #4 as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the governmental funds for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Delta County Fire Protection District #4, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Delta County Fire Protection District #4's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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



Independent Auditors' Report - Continued

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Delta County Fire Protection District #4's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Delta County Fire Protection District #4's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances with budgetary comparison – governmental funds, schedule of revenues and expenditures, budget and actual – pension fund, and schedule of contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Delta County Fire Protection District #4's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Independent Auditors' Report - Continued

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our reported dated May 17, 2024, on our consideration of the Delta County Fire District #4's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Delta County Fire Protection District #4's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Delta County Fire Protection District #4's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Soronon Donley Patterson".

Soronon, Donley, Patterson CPA's PC
May 17, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of Delta County Fire Protection District #4, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the accompanying basic financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE

- The District ended its fiscal year with a net position of \$1,123,172
- The total Program Expenses were \$1,401,056
- The total Program Revenues were \$834,189
- The total General Revenues were \$802,372
- The change in Net Position represents an increase of \$235,505

GENERAL FUND

- The General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$15,106
- The actual resources received in the General Fund were less than the final budget by \$35,243, while actual expenditures were less than final budget by \$54,446.
- At the end of the year, the unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$414 or 1% of General Fund expenditures.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements provide the reader with a longer term view of the District's finances as a whole and include the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. The manner of presentation is similar to a private sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information about the financial position of the District as a whole, including all its capital assets and long-term liabilities on a fully accrual basis. Over time, increases or decreases in net position is one indicator in monitoring the financial health of the District.

The Statement of Activities provides information about all the District's revenues and expenses on a fully accrual basis, with the emphasis on measuring net revenues or expenses of each specific program. This statement explains in detail the change in Net Position for the year.

All of the activities in the government-wide financial statements are principally supported by property taxes, grants, and CERF payments. The government activities of the District include public safety and interest on long-term debt.

The government-wide financial statements use the full accrual basis of accounting method which records revenues when earned and expenses at the time the liability is incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 8 to 9 of this report.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The governmental fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's Governmental Fund, focusing primarily on the short-term activities of the organization. The Governmental Fund financial statements measure only current revenues and expenditures and fund balances, excluding capital assets, long-term debt, and other long-term obligations.

All of the District's basic services are considered to be governmental activities. The District's services are supported by general District revenues such as property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (primarily state reimbursements for out of county incident responses and emergency medical transport).

Government funds focus on how money flows into and out of the fund and the balance left at year-end available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called the modified accrual method, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is itemized in a reconciliation following the fund financial statements on pages 11 and 13.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements: The notes provide additional information that is essential to the reader for a full understanding of the data provided in the Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. The District's combined assets plus deferred outflows exceeded liabilities plus deferred inflows by \$1,123,172 as of December 31, 2023, as shown in the following condensed statement of net position. Of this amount, \$414 is unrestricted and available to meet the District's ongoing financial obligations.

By far the largest portion of net position is the net investment in capital assets of \$1,080,726 (96% of total net position). This amount reflects the investment in all capital assets (e.g., infrastructure, land, buildings, and equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position
As of December 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Current Assets	\$253,766
Net Capital Assets	<u>1,801,158</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,054,924</u>
Current Liabilities	974
Non-Current Liabilities	<u>720,432</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>721,406</u>
Deferred Inflows	210,346
Net Position:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,080,726
Restricted	42,032
Unrestricted	<u>414</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$1,123,172</u></u>

The cost of all Governmental activities this year was \$1,401,056 as shown in the Statement of Activities statement below. Of this cost, \$834,189 was paid for operating and capital grants and contributions. The District's services are supported largely by general District revenues of property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (primarily state reimbursements for out of county incident responses and emergency medical transport). The revenue from these two sources totals \$738,528 or 45% of total District revenues.

Table 2
Condensed Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities
	12/31/2023
Revenues:	
Program Revenues:	
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 11,150
Capital Grants and Contributions	823,039
General Revenues:	
Property Taxes	188,477
Specific Ownership Taxes	30,857
CERF Payments	550,051
State Matching Funds	15,300
Interest and Dividends	747
Other Income	16,940
Total Revenues	1,636,561
Expenses:	
Public Safety	1,367,694
Interest on Long-Term Debt	33,362
Total Expenses	1,401,056
Increase (decrease) in Net Position	
Before Transfers	235,505
Transfers	0
Net Position - Beginning of Year	887,667
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 1,123,172

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the District's operations. They are reported using an accounting basis called modified accrual which reports cash and other short-term assets and liabilities (receivables and payables) that will soon be converted to cash or will soon be paid with cash.

As shown on page 12, the government fund balance increased by \$15,106. The increase was due primarily to capital grants and CERF payments.

On page 13, there is a reconciliation from the modified-accrual net change in fund balance reported in the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance for the governmental fund to the full-accrual change in net position of the Statement of Activities.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, there was an increase in General Fund appropriations of approximately \$889,450 or 213%, between the original and final budget. The increase was principally due to receiving a large capital grant and paying for capital outlay for the District and public safety expenses to neighboring fire districts with the proceeds.

Variations between the final amended budget and actual are shown on page 26.

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of December 31, 2023, the District had approximately \$1,801,158 in net capital assets.

Table 3
Capital Assets
As of December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities
	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Non-depreciable Capital Assets:	
Land	\$421,785
Total Non-depreciable Capital Assets	<u>421,785</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets:	
Vehicles and Equipment	1,524,793
Buildings and Improvements	<u>1,290,817</u>
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	2,815,610
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,436,237)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u><u>\$1,801,158</u></u>

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Contributed capital assets are reported at fair market value as of the date contributed. Depreciation is a systematic approach to allocate the costs of capital assets over their estimated useful lives. The District had adopted a 40 year life for its buildings, 15 years for fire apparatus, 10 years for other motor vehicles, and 5-10 year life for its furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Additional details about capital assets are shown in Note E in the financial statements.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of December 31, 2023, the District had approximately \$720,432 in outstanding debt, a decrease of \$74,629 from December 31, 2022.

Additional details about long-term debt are disclosed in Note F.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District Management.

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$40,942
Receivables	2,478
Property Tax Receivable	210,346
Total Current Assets	<u>253,766</u>
Capital Assets (net of depreciation)	
Land	421,785
Vehicles and Equipment	581,134
Buildings and Improvements	798,239
Net Capital Assets	<u>1,801,158</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$2,054,924</u></u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES & NET POSITION

LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable and Other Current Liabilities	\$974
Long-Term Liabilities	
Portion Due Within One Year	38,954
Portion Due After One Year	681,478
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>721,406</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Revenue - Property Taxes	<u>210,346</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,080,726
Restricted for:	
Emergency Reserve	42,032
Unrestricted	414
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>1,123,172</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION	<u><u>\$2,054,924</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (expense) revenue and change in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Public Safety	\$1,367,694	\$0	\$11,150	\$823,039	(\$533,505)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	33,362	0	0	0	(33,362)
Total District	\$1,401,056	\$0	\$11,150	\$823,039	(\$566,867)
General Revenues					
					188,477
					30,857
					550,051
					15,300
					747
					16,940
					802,372
					235,505
					887,667
					1,123,172

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DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General <u>Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$40,942
Receivables	2,478
Property Tax Receivable	210,346
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$253,766</u>
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable and Other Current Liabilities	\$974
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>974</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Revenue - Property Taxes	<u>210,346</u>
FUND BALANCES	
Restricted for:	
Emergency Reserve	42,032
Unassigned	414
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>42,446</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$253,766</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	42,446
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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds

	Governmental Capital Assets	\$ 3,237,395	
	Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,436,237)</u>	1,801,158

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

		(720,432)
Installment Loans Payable		

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities		<u><u>\$ 1,123,172</u></u>
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DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Fund
REVENUES	
CERF Payments	\$550,051
Property Taxes	188,477
Grants and Contributions	834,189
Specific Ownership Taxes	30,857
State Matching Funds	15,300
Other Income	16,940
Interest and Dividends	747
TOTAL REVENUES	1,636,561
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
General Government	9,832
Public Safety	1,215,624
Pension Contributions	32,300
Capital Outlay	255,708
Debt Service:	
Principal	74,629
Interest	33,362
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,621,455
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	
Over (Under) Expenditures	15,106
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Transfers in	0
Transfers out	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	15,106
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	27,340
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 42,446

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	15,106
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.

	Capital Outlay	\$ 255,708	
	Deprecation Expense	<u>(109,938)</u>	
			145,770

Installment loan proceeds provide current financial resources in the period issued, whereas issuing installment loan borrowing increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the funds, but not in the statement of activities.

Installment Loan Principal Payments		74,629
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>235,505</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

FIDUCIARY FUND

DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Pension Trust Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$57,558
Investments, at Fair Value	745,672
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$803,230</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable and Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>0</u>
NET POSITION	
Held in Trust for Volunteer's Pension Benefits	<u>803,230</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>803,230</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION	<u>\$803,230</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

FIDUCIARY FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

ADDITIONS

Contributions

State Contribution

\$15,300

District Contribution

17,000

Total Contributions

32,300

Investment Income

Net Investment Income

44,730

Net Investment

44,730

TOTAL ADDITIONS

77,030

DEDUCTIONS

Benefit Payments

35,640

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS

35,640

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION

41,390

NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR

761,840

NET POSITION - END OF YEAR

\$803,230

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Entity

The Delta County Fire Protection District #4 (the District) is a separate governmental unit established January 1, 1952, as a special district of the State of Colorado. The District operates under an elected board form of government and provides the following services as authorized by State Statutes to the City of Hotchkiss and the surrounding area: fire protection and emergency medical and related services.

The reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, i.e., the District, and (b) organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is considered financially accountable for legally separate organizations if it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the District. Consideration is also given to other organizations which are fiscally dependent, i.e., unable to adopt a budget, levy taxes, or issue debt without approval by the District. Organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete are also included in the reporting entity. Based on the criteria above, the District is not financially accountable for any other entity, nor is the District a component unit of any other government.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and statement of activities which illustrate the District's financial position as a whole to demonstrate operational accountability and sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the aggregate financial position resulting from activities of the period.

In the statement of net position, financial information is reflected on an accrual basis of accounting and the economic resource measurement focus. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a function are offset by program revenues. This balance identifies the extent to which a government function or business segment is self-funded and the extent to which it draws from general District revenues.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

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. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. 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 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 collectively 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, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, fees, and interest 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. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the government's funds. Separate statements for each fund category, governmental and fiduciary, are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and fiduciary funds. All remaining governmental and fiduciary funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds. Major individual government and fiduciary funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – Used to account for all financial resources of the District except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Colorado and the bylaws of the District.

Cash and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash-on-hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels based on the extent to which inputs used in measuring fair value are observable in the market.

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 inputs are inputs – other than quoted prices included within level 1 – that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

If the fair value of an asset or liability is measured using inputs from more than one level of the fair value hierarchy, the measurement is considered to be based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP required the District's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures (expenses). Actual results could differ from the estimates and assumptions used.

Capital Assets

The District's property, equipment, and infrastructure with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the government-wide financial statements. The District maintains infrastructure asset records consistent with all other capital assets. Proprietary capital assets are also reported in their respective fund's financial statements. Donated assets are stated at fair value on the date donated. The District generally capitalized assets with costs of \$5,000 or more as purchase and construction outlays occur. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extended useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets including those of component units are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

Estimated useful lives in years, for depreciation assets are as follows:

Buildings	40
Fire Apparatus	15
Other Vehicle	10
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5 - 10

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has one item that qualify for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, deferred revenue – property taxes, is reported in both the governmental funds balance sheet and the statement of net position.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments. Net Investment in Capital Assets describes the portion of net position which is represented by the current net book value of the District's capital assets, less the outstanding balance of any debt issued to finance these assets.

Fund Balance

The District reports fund equity in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. The objective of this statement is to enhance the value of fund balance information by providing fund balance classifications which can be more consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund type definitions. The following classifications describe these categories:

- Nonexpendable – This classification includes resources which cannot be spent because they are non-spendable by form or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted – This classification includes resources subject to externally enforceable limitations.
- Committed – This classification includes resources constrained by limitations the government imposed upon itself.
- Assigned – This classification included resources that reflect a government's intended uses.
- Unassigned – This classification includes resources which reflect the residual fund balance of the General Fund.

The District's policy is that committed and assigned fund balances are considered to have been spent first before unassigned fund balances are spent.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are established by Delta County. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on January 1 and are due and payable February 28 and June 15, or in full on April 30. All unpaid taxes become delinquent on August 1. Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year-end. Property taxes levied on December 31, are shown as receivable with an offsetting deferred revenue on December 31. The District's property taxes are collected by the Delta County Treasurer who remits monthly receipts to the District.

NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between total governmental fund balances and net position of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. These differences primarily result from the long-term economic focus of the statement of net position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheets. The details of these differences are reported in the reconciliation.

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance includes a reconciliation between net changes in fund balances-total governmental funds and changes in net position of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. These differences are the result of converting from the current resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis for governmental fund statements to the economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis used for government-wide statements. The details of these differences are reported in the reconciliation.

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NOTE C – BUDGET COMPLIANCE

State law requires a budget for the District. The budget must be balanced; expenditures cannot exceed total available revenues and fund balance. No spending agency may expend, or contract to expend, any monies in excess of the amounts appropriated in the appropriations.

The annual budget serves as the foundation for the District’s financial planning and control. The budget is prepared in compliance with state statute. The budget may be amended during the year through supplemental appropriations.

Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations. Detailed line-item records provide management with the capability to monitor the budget.

NOTE D – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) covers up to \$250,000 in balances per depositor, per insured bank, for each account ownership category. Deposit balances above amounts covered by FDIC are collateralized in accordance with provisions of the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA). The collateral is pooled and held in trust for all uninsured deposits as a group. The total balance of the District’s cash deposits as of December 31, 2023, was \$40,942, all of which was covered by FDIC.

Investments

Credit Risk

Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local government entities may invest including: obligation of the United States and certain United States government agency securities; certain international agency securities; general obligation and revenue bonds of local government entities; bankers’ acceptances of certain banks; commercial paper; local government investment pools; written repurchase agreements; certain money market funds; guaranteed investment contracts; and corporate or bank debt subject to certain limitations. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. The District has \$66,552 in mutual funds. The District has \$141,913 invested in ETF funds on December 31, 2023. There are no quoted market ratings for the individual funds. The underlying assets in the funds are rated from B to AAA.

The District also had \$538,570 invested in corporate and municipal notes with credit qualify ratings as follows:

<u>S&P/Moody Credit Rating</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
AAA	\$ 141,241
AA	83,945
AA-	47,821
A	131,617
Not Rated	<u>133,946</u>
	<u>\$ 538,570</u>

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NOTE D – CASH AND INVESTMENTS – continued

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District's investments in corporate notes have an average weighted maturity of 12 years.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GAAP. 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 include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable inputs for an asset or liability. There were no significant transfers between Levels 1, 2, and 3 of the fair value hierarchy in the current year.

The following table presents the District's investments within the hierarchical framework.

	Market Value December 31, 2023	Quoted Prices in Active Market for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Cash and Cash Alternates	\$ 56,195	\$ 56,195	\$ 0	\$ 0
Mutual Funds	66,552	66,552		
US Corporate/Municipal bonds ETF	141,913	0	141,913	0
Corporate/Municipal notes	538,570	0	538,570	0
Total	\$ 803,230	\$ 122,747	\$ 680,483	\$ 0

NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activities for the year ended December 31, 2023, were as follows:

Governmental Activities

	12/31/2022	Additions	Deletions	12/31/2023
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated				
Land	\$421,785	\$0	\$0	\$421,785
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	421,785	0	0	421,785

Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:

Vehicles and Equipment	1,269,085	255,708	0	1,524,793
Buildings and Improvements	1,290,817	0	0	1,290,817
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	2,559,902	255,708	0	2,815,610

Less Accumulated Depreciation For:

Vehicles and Equipment	(866,040)	(77,619)	0	(943,659)
Buildings and Improvements	(460,259)	(32,319)	0	(492,578)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(1,326,299)	(109,938)	0	(1,436,237)
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	1,233,603	145,770	0	1,379,373
Governmental Activities, Capital Assets, Net	\$1,655,388	\$145,770	\$0	\$1,801,158

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NOTE F – NOTES AND LOAN PAYABLE

Fire Station Mortgage:

Commercial mortgage loan was renegotiated with Bank of Colorado on June 15, 2018, with the initial principal amount of \$656,032. There will be 60 monthly consecutive principal and interest payments in the initial amount of \$3,702, beginning July 15, 2018, with the interest rate of 2.8%. Beginning July 15, 2023, there will be 169 monthly consecutive principal and interest payments in the initial amount of \$4,471, with interest calculated to be at 6.63%, and one principal and interest payment of \$4,470 on August 15, 2037.

2011 Freightliner Heavy Brush Truck:

On June 14, 2018, the USDA loan was renegotiated and transferred to Bank of Colorado with the initial principal amount of \$45,515. There will be 10 semi-annual consecutive principal and interest payments in the initial amount of \$2,201, beginning December 13, 2018, with the interest rate of 3.5%. On May 10, 2023, \$32,009 from the general fund was used to pay this loan off in full to the Bank of Colorado.

2015 KME Pumper Truck:

On May 9, 2019, the district entered into a Business Loan Agreement with First State Bank of Colorado (which in November 2019 was purchased by United Business Bank). The initial principal amount was \$251,500. There will be 30 semi-annual principal and interest payments of \$11,287, at the interest rate of 4.00%, on the 19th of May and November, with the first payment due November 19, 2019.

Redlands Mesa Station Remodel Bank Loan:

On December 21, 2020, the District received a loan from Bank of Colorado for the remodel of the Redlands Mesa Station to accommodate a larger fire engine received in 2021. The initial principal amount was \$44,715. There will be 60 monthly consecutive principal and interest payments in the initial amount of \$321, beginning January 21, 2021, with a 3.5% interest rate, and 59 monthly consecutive payments in the amount of \$321, beginning January 21, 2026, with the interest rate to be determined.

The following is a summary of the District's future annual obligations:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$38,954	\$41,086	\$80,040
2025	45,233	34,807	80,040
2026	47,559	32,481	80,040
2027	50,010	30,030	80,040
2028	52,511	27,529	80,040
Thereafter	<u>486,165</u>	<u>114,615</u>	<u>600,780</u>
Total Obligation	720,432	280,548	1,000,980
Less Amount Due Within 1 Year	<u>(38,954)</u>	<u>(41,086)</u>	<u>(80,040)</u>
Amount Due After 1 Year	<u>\$681,478</u>	<u>\$239,462</u>	<u>\$920,940</u>

CHANGES IN NOTE AND LOAN PAYABLE

The following is a schedule of changes in note and loan payable during the year:

Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$795,061
Repayments	<u>(74,629)</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2023	720,432
Less Amount Due Within 1 Year	<u>(38,954)</u>
Amount Due After 1 Year	<u>\$681,478</u>

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
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DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE G – RETIREMENT PLAN

Defined Benefit Plan

Administration

All District fire fighters participate in the defined benefit Pension Plan administered by the Pension Board of Trustees, composed of members of the Board of Directors and firemen selected in accordance with state statute.

District Contributions

The District can contribute to the Fund an annual amount, with a tax levy not to exceed one mill on the assessed valuation of the District. The District is currently contributing to the fund a level annual dollar amount of \$17,000.

State Contributions

The contribution by the State of Colorado toward fire pension funds has been a fixed dollar amount established by the legislature and allocated pro rate to all fire pension funds in the State who apply for State matching funds, based upon the amounts contributed by the employer up to a maximum of ½ mill on the assessed valuation or 90% of District contributions, whichever is less. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the State contributed \$15,300.

Retirement Benefits

The Board may pension any firefighter having 20 years of active service and being above the age of 50 years, such pension not to exceed \$450 per month, unless an actuarial review indicates a higher payment can be supported by the contributions. No volunteer firefighter shall receive a pension for service in a fire department while an active member of that department. Firefighters shall maintain a minimum training participation of 36 hours each year to qualify for retirement benefits.

The Board may pay a retirement pension to a volunteer firefighter who has less than twenty years of active service if the district's Fund is determined to be, actuarially sound, pursuant to statute. The Board shall determine the period of active service necessary to qualify for this retirement pension, but in no event shall such a period be less than ten years of active service. The Board shall not pay this retirement pension until the volunteer firefighter is fifty years of age. The amount of this retirement pension shall be determined by prorating the amount of the retirement pension based on the volunteer firefighter's years of service.

Disability Benefits

Temporary

In the event of an injury to a member of the department while, in the line of duty as a fireman, the Board shall pay a monthly annuity to said fireman in the amount that is proper and equitable, the financial condition of the Fund considered, but not to exceed \$150 per month for a period of time up to but not to exceed one year.

Permanent

Disabilities of such character and magnitude as to deprive the fireman of his earning capacity and which extend beyond one year shall be compensated for by the Board in monthly annuities in such an amount as the Board determines proper and necessary.

Death Benefits

Duty Death

If a fire department member dies from injuries received while in the line of duty as a volunteer firefighter and leaves a surviving spouse, the Board shall pay the surviving spouse a monthly annuity either in an amount the Board deems proper and necessary, but not more than one-half the amount paid by the Board pursuant to section 31-30-1122 (1) or two hundred twenty-five dollars, whichever is greater, or within limits prescribed by municipal ordinance or by rules of the Board of the affected municipality or district. The annuity shall cease if the surviving spouse remarries.

If there is no surviving spouse but there is a surviving child of the deceased volunteer firefighter under eighteen years of age, the Board shall pay a monthly annuity either in an amount the Board deems proper or necessary, but not more than one-half the amount paid by the Board pursuant to section 31-30-1122 (1) or two hundred twenty-five dollars, whichever is greater, or within limits prescribed by municipal ordinance or by rules of the Board of the affected municipality or district. The Board shall pay this annuity to the guardian of the child on behalf of the child. The annuity shall cease when the child is eighteen years of age.

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
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DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE G – RETIREMENT PLAN - continued

If there is no surviving spouse or child but there is a surviving dependent parent of the deceased volunteer firefighter, the Board shall pay the dependent parent a monthly annuity either in an amount the Board deems proper and necessary, but not more than one-half the amount paid by the Board pursuant to section 31-30-1122 (1) or two hundred twenty-five dollars, whichever is greater, or within limits prescribed by municipal ordinance or by rules of the Board of the affected municipality or district. The annuity shall cease if the dependent parent remarries.

When any active or retired member of the department dies, the Board shall pay from the Fund the sum of \$100 as a death benefit, to be paid to the surviving spouse or family of the deceased, but if there is no surviving spouse or family, said sums should be paid to such other person as the Board designates.

Non-Duty Death

Upon the death of a retired fire department member or a volunteer firefighter who, regardless of age, has served the requisite number of years for retirement under section 31-30-1122 and who leaves a surviving spouse, the Board may pay an annuity of not more than fifty percent of the current pension payment for a fully vested retired fire department member if the Fund is actuarially sound. If the volunteer firefighter had less than twenty years of active service, the annuity to the surviving spouse shall be prorated based upon the number of years of service. This annuity to the surviving spouse shall cease if the surviving spouse remarries.

Plan Membership

As of December 31, 2023, there are currently 9 full retirees receiving full pension benefits and 2 receiving partial benefits.

No actuarial study has been made on the Pension Trust Fund.

NOTE H – 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 Amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation.

The Amendment requires that an emergency reserve be maintained at three percent of fiscal year spending (excluding bonded debt service). A portion of the General Fund's fund balance is classified as restricted for emergencies as required by the Amendment. The District is not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases.

The District's management believes it is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR; however, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of its provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate fiscal year spending limits, will require judicial interpretation.

NOTE I – LEASE AGREEMENTS

The District has a 99 year land lease through December 31, 2080. Each year, the District agrees to pay rent of \$1.

NOTE J – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 17, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
WITH BUDGETARY COMPARISON
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>General Fund Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
CERF Payments	\$ 540,000	\$ 555,000	\$ 550,051	\$ (4,949)
Property Taxes	201,440	198,840	188,477	(10,363)
Grants and Contributions	21,000	848,400	834,189	(14,211)
Specific Ownership Taxes	30,000	31,000	30,857	(143)
State Matching Funds	15,300	15,300	15,300	0
Other Income	21,500	22,350	16,940	(5,410)
Interest and Dividends	730	913	747	(166)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>829,970</u>	<u>1,671,803</u>	<u>1,636,561</u>	<u>(35,242)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
Current:				
General Government	28,000	29,300	9,832	19,468
Public Safety	639,750	1,241,600	1,215,624	25,976
Pension Contributions	32,300	32,300	32,300	0
Capital Outlay	50,200	262,000	255,708	6,292
Debt Service:				
Principal	26,200	76,000	74,629	1,371
Interest	10,000	34,700	33,362	1,338
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>786,450</u>	<u>1,675,900</u>	<u>1,621,455</u>	<u>54,445</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	43,520	(4,097)	15,106	<u>\$19,203</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>27,340</u>	<u>27,340</u>	<u>27,340</u>	
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 70,860</u>	<u>\$ 23,243</u>	<u>\$ 42,446</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES BUDGET AND ACTUAL
PENSION FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Pension Fund Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Net Investment Income	\$ 75,000	\$ 45,500	\$ 44,730	\$ (770)
Contributions	32,300	32,300	32,300	0
TOTAL REVENUES	107,300	77,800	77,030	(770)
EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
Pension Benefits	34,740	35,640	35,640	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	34,740	35,640	35,640	0
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	72,560	42,160	41,390	<u><u>(\$770)</u></u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	761,840	761,840	761,840	
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 834,400</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 804,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 803,230</u></u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

REQUIRED INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>Year</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
2023	\$32,300
2022	\$32,300
2021	\$32,300
2020	\$32,300
2019	\$32,965
2018	\$32,300
2017	\$32,300
2016	\$32,301
2015	\$32,309
2014	\$32,300

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
AND NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM, OR CLUSTER TITLE</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044	<u>\$761,429</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		<u><u>\$761,429</u></u>

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

NOTE A BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Delta County Fire Protection District #4 under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Delta County Fire Protection District #4, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Delta County Fire Protection District #4.

NOTE B SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement

NOTE C DE MINIMUS INDIRECT COST RATE

Delta County Fire Protection District #4 has elected not to use the 10% de minimus indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D SUBRECIPIENTS

Delta County Fire Protection District #4 had no awards passed through to sub recipients for the year ending December 31, 2023.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS



Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Directors
Delta County Fire Protection District #4
Hotchkiss, Colorado

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Delta County Fire Protection District #4's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Delta County Fire Protection District #4's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Delta County Fire Protection District #4's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Delta County Fire Protection District #4 complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Delta County Fire Protection District #4 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Delta County Fire Protection District #4's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Delta County Fire Protection District #4's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Delta County Fire Protection District #4's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Delta County Fire Protection District #4's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.



In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Delta County Fire Protection District #4's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Delta County Fire Protection District #4's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Delta County Fire Protection District #4's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designated to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified. Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed. The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Soronen, Donley, Patterson CPA's PC
June 5, 2023



Independent Auditors' Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Directors
Delta County Fire Protection District #4
Hotchkiss, Colorado

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the fiduciary activities, and the major funds of Delta County Fire Protection District #4 (the District), as of and for the year December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Delta County Fire Protection District #4's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 17, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Delta County Fire Protection District #4's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Delta County Fire Protection District #4's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Delta County Fire Protection District #4's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Delta County Fire Protection District #4's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.



Independent Auditors' Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards - continued

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Soronen, Donley, Patterson CPA's, P.C.

May 17, 2024

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements on whether the financial statements of Delta County Fire Protection District #4 were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
2. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were disclosed during the audit of Delta County Fire Protection District #4.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Delta County Fire Protection District #4, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the internal control over major programs were disclosed during the audit of Delta County Fire Protection District #4.
5. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Delta County Fire Protection District #4 expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
6. Audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a) are reported in this schedule.
7. The following programs were tested as major programs:

<u>Program</u>	<u>CFDA No.</u>
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044
8. The threshold for distinguishing type A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. Delta County Fire Protection District #4 was determined not to be a low risk auditee.
10. No audit findings were disclosed during the audit of Delta County Fire Protection District #4 that the auditor is required to report under 2 CFR 200.516(a).

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

CURRENT YEAR

None

PRIOR YEAR

Not Applicable – First Year Single Audit

DELTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

CURRENT YEAR

None

PRIOR YEAR

Not Applicable – First Year Single Audit