

**LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Lefthand Fire Protection District

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Lefthand Fire Protection District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lefthand Fire Protection District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Lefthand Fire Protection District, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for 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 Lefthand Fire Protection District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

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The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 Lefthand Fire Protection District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Lefthand Fire Protection District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund balances – Budget and Actual, Schedule of Contributions – Multiyear, Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability / (Asset) and Related Ratios Multiyear, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – FPPA SWDB, Schedule of Pension Contributions – FPPA SWDB, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lefthand Fire Protection District'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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 3, 2024 on our consideration of the Lefthand Fire Protection District'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 Lefthand Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Lefthand Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



September 3, 2024
Fort Collins, Colorado

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Lefthand Fire Protection District

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Introduction:

Management's Discussion and Analysis is intended to provide the reader and user of our financial statements with a narrative overview of the District's financial activities. Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements and notes to the financial statements, beginning on page 7.

Overview of the Financial Statements of the District:

The audited financial statements of the District are:

- Statement of Net Position
- Statement of Activities
- Balance Sheet – Governmental Fund
- Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Governmental Fund
- Notes to the Financial Statements

The financial statements of the District are presented as a special purpose government engaged in government type activities. These financial statements distinguish between the functions of the District that will be principally supported by taxes. The functions of the District include the provision of fire protection services, emergency medical response, and the preventive mitigation of fire dangers.

The **Statement of Net Position** is prepared using the full accrual basis of accounting, provides information about what is owned (assets) by the District, what is owed (liabilities) by the District, and what is the District's equity in its assets (Net Position). Over time, the comparison of changes in Net Position may provide a useful method of evaluating whether the financial position of the District is improving, deteriorating, or maintaining a status quo.

The **Statement of Activities** provides information about the components – Program Expenses, Program Revenue, General Revenue – of the District's annual operating activities and how those activities affected Net Position.

The **Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds** presents the financial position of the District's funds using the traditional government modified accrual method of accounting, which does not reflect capital assets and debt obligations.

The **Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds** presents the activities of the District's funds using the modified accrual method of accounting which includes expenditures for capital assets and debt service obligations. This method approximates the reporting on a cash basis and closely follows the budgetary method.

The two reconciliations, which accompany these governmental funds statements, provide explanations of the specific differences in these statements as compared to the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

The **Notes to Financial Statements** provide additional, required disclosures about the District, its accounting policies and practices, its financial position and operating activities, and other required information. The information included in these notes is essential to a full understanding of the information contained in the financial statements.

Condensed Comparative Financial Information:
Statement of Net Position

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 563,831	\$ 891,018
Other current assets	1,282,132	922,862
	<u>1,845,963</u>	<u>1,813,880</u>
Non Current Assets		
Capital assets – net	5,997,478	5,716,062
Other	506,632	846,864
Total Assets	<u>8,350,073</u>	<u>8,376,806</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	255,450	127,874
Current Liabilities	218,775	389,066
Long Term Liabilities	927,584	986,000
Total Liabilities	<u>1,146,359</u>	<u>1,375,066</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,104,038</u>	<u>1,125,888</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	5,011,478	4,651,562
Restricted	25,149	25,720
Unrestricted	1,318,499	1,326,444
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,355,126</u>	<u>\$ 6,003,726</u>

Statement of Activities

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Program Expenses		
Firefighting and rescue	\$ 1,580,818	\$ 682,986
Mitigation	293,336	283,641
Wildfire dispatch services	351,688	348,062
Total Program Expenses	<u>2,225,842</u>	<u>1,314,689</u>
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	669,633	678,345
Grants & contributions	1,016,674	428,397
Total Program Revenue	<u>1,686,307</u>	<u>1,106,742</u>
Net Program Expense	<u>539,535</u>	<u>207,947</u>
General Revenues	890,935	874,953
Change in Net Position	351,400	667,006
Net Position, Beginning of Year	6,003,726	5,336,720
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 6,355,126</u>	<u>\$ 6,003,726</u>

This foregoing information is a summary of the financial information contained in the District's financial statements. For more about the information contained in this condensed, comparative financial information, we recommend a close review of the accompanying audited financial statements beginning on page 7.

Discussion of Financial Position and Operating Activities

The District's Net Position as of December 31, 2023 was \$6,355,126. This is an increase of \$351,400 from 2022. Capital expenditures are not expensed in this statement.

Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents of the District at December 31, 2023, totaled \$563,831. This is a decrease in cash and equivalents of from the prior year due to the purchase of capital assets.

Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation, of the District at December 31, 2023, totaled \$5,997,478, which represents an increase of \$281,416 from the prior year.

General revenues increased in 2023 to \$890,935 from \$874,953 due to the increase in taxes. See page 8 of the accompanying Financial Statements for details of these revenues and expenses. Capital expenditures for the year were \$508,967. The District disposed of one fully depreciated asset.

Fund Discussion

The Governmental Fund – General Fund balance decreased by \$56,324 in 2023. The fund balance includes \$25,149 for emergencies in accordance with TABOR requirements. The assets and liabilities are comprised primarily of cash, investments and property tax revenues to be realized in 2024.

General Fund Budgetary Discussion

Actual revenues for 2023 were \$911,983 more than the final budget. Actual expenditures for 2023 were \$582,973 more than the final budgeted expenditures primarily because of lower than expected capital outlay. See the accompanying financial statements for more detail. The budget was not amended for the year, as such all numbers are compared to the final budgeted amounts.

Capital Assets and Long-term Obligations

Capital Assets. The District's primary capital assets are buildings and fire suppression equipment. Capital asset additions in 2023 consisted primarily of the construction of a new fire station. There were no disposals during the year. See Note 3 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Long-term Debt. The only activity in long-term debt was the scheduled repayment of debt.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget. Tax revenue for 2024 should be similar to 2023. The District is completing necessary space expansion to Station Two for housing firefighting equipment.

Requests for Information. This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Lefthand Fire Protection District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional information should be addressed to the District at 900 Lefthand Canyon Dr., Boulder, CO 80302.

Basic Financial Statements

**Lefthand Fire Protection District
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023**

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	\$ 563,831
Accounts receivable	156,547
Due from other governments	2,810
Property taxes receivable	1,065,657
Prepaid expenses	57,118
Total Current Assets	<u>1,845,963</u>

Noncurrent Assets

Net pension asset - Volunteer	506,632
Capital assets	
Nondepreciable	590,410
Depreciable	9,153,912
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,746,844)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>5,997,478</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>6,504,110</u>
Total Assets	<u>8,350,073</u>

Deferred Outflows of Resources

FPPA Volunteer Pension	82,479
FPPA SWDB Pension	172,971
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>255,450</u>

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	98,313
Accrued wages	19,141
Compensated absences	2,396
Other accrued liabilities	16,709
Accrued interest on lease purchase agreement	1,916
Lease purchase agreement - current portion	80,300
Total Liabilities	<u>218,775</u>

Long Term Liabilities

Lease purchase agreement -long term portion	905,700
Net pension liability - SWDB	21,884
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>927,584</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,146,359</u>

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred property taxes	1,065,657
FPPA Volunteer Pension	22,600
FPPA SWDB Pension	15,781
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,104,038</u>

Net Position

Net investments in capital assets	5,011,478
Restricted	25,149
Unrestricted	1,318,499
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,355,126</u>

**Lefthand Fire Protection District
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Service	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities				
Firefighting and rescue operations	\$ 1,580,818	\$ -	\$ 11,353	\$ (1,569,465)
Mitigation services	293,336	151,016	1,005,321	863,001
Wildfire dispatch services	351,688	518,617	-	166,929
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 2,225,842</u>	<u>\$ 669,633</u>	<u>\$ 1,016,674</u>	<u>(539,535)</u>
General Revenues				
Property taxes				801,318
Specific ownership taxes				36,991
Earnings on investments				20,771
Other				22,055
Gain on sale of capital assets				9,800
Total Revenues				<u>890,935</u>
Change in Net Position				351,400
Net Position - Beginning of Year				6,003,726
Net Position - End of Year				<u>\$ 6,355,126</u>

Fund Financial Statements

**Lefthand Fire Protection District
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023**

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	\$ 563,831
Accounts receivable	156,547
Due from other governments	2,810
Property taxes receivable	1,065,657
Prepaid expenses	57,118

Total Assets \$ 1,845,963

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 98,313
Accrued wages	19,141
Compensated absences	2,396
Other accrued liabilities	16,709

Total Liabilities 136,559

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred property tax revenue	1,065,657
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Total Deferred Inflows of Resources 1,065,657

Equity

Fund Balance	
Restricted - TABOR	25,149
Nonspendable	57,118
Unassigned	561,480

Total Fund Balance 643,747

Total Liabilities, Fund Balance and Deferred Inflows \$ 1,845,963

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

Amounts reported for governmental funds in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total fund balance 643,747

Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. 5,997,478

Long-term debt is not due and payable in the current period and therefore, is not reported in the funds. (986,000)

Accrued interest on long-term debt does not require current financial resources therefore is not reported in the fund. (1,916)

Net pension liability, asset, and the related deferred inflows and outflows of resources are not current financial resources and are therefore not reported in the fund financial statements. 701,817

Total Net Position \$ 6,355,126

Lefthand Fire Protection District
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Revenues	
Property taxes	\$ 801,318
Specific ownership taxes	36,991
Earnings on investments	20,771
Dispatch revenue	518,617
Donations	11,353
Mitigation income	151,016
Grants	1,005,321
Other	22,055
Proceeds from sales of assets	9,800
Total Revenue	<u>2,577,242</u>
Expenditures	
Wages and benefits	838,397
Administration	109,572
Operations	240,952
Mitigation services	40,785
Dispatch expense	66,483
County treasurer fees	12,034
Grants passed through to other agencies	714,563
Debt service - principal	78,500
Debt service - interest	23,313
Capital outlay	508,967
Total Expenditures	<u>2,633,566</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(56,324)
Fund Balance, beginning of year	<u>700,071</u>
Fund Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 643,747</u>
Total Change in Fund Balance Governmental Fund	\$ (56,324)
Depreciation expense reported in the Statement of Activities does not require the use of current financial resources therefore is excluded from the fund statements.	(227,551)
Changes arising from the change in Net pension liability and the related deferred inflows and outflows of resources are not current financial resources and are therefore not reported in the fund financial statements.	47,808
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	78,500
Capital outlay to purchase or build capital assets is reported in governmental funds as an expenditure. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the Statement of Net Position and allocated over their useful lives.	508,967
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 351,400</u>

Lefthand Fire Protection District
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Reporting Entity

In conformance with Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Lefthand Fire Protection District, (the "District"), is the reporting entity for financial reporting purposes. The District is the primary government financially accountable for all activities of the District within the geographical area organized as the Lefthand Fire Protection District. The District meets the criteria of a primary government: its Board of Directors is the publicly elected governing body; it is a legally separate entity; and it is fiscally independent.

In accordance with governmental accounting standards, the District has considered the possibility of inclusion of additional entities in its financial statements. The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on financial accountability. No other entities have been included in the District's financial statements.

Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government and exclude the activity of funds that are fiduciary in nature.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the governmental activities at the end of the year. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between program expenses and the program revenue for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Program expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department; and therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenue includes charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenue are presented as general revenue of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of program expenses with program revenue identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenue of the District.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds.

Lefthand Fire Protection District
Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 2023

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds which are considered a separate accounting entity. Funds used by the District are described below.

General Fund –is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Government-wide Financial Statement

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All assets and liabilities associated with the District are included in the Statement of Net Position.

Fund Financial Statements

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet and only revenues that are available within 60 days are recorded in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance reports on the sources and uses of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Revenue

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially the same value, is recorded on the accrual basis, when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are both measurable and available to finance expenditures, which is typically within sixty days of realization. The transactions are classified as operating revenues.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from property tax is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized. These transactions are classified as non-operating revenues.

Property Taxes

The County Treasurer collects and remits property taxes to the District monthly. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied for the current year prior to December 31 and are payable in full on April 30 of the subsequent year, or in two installments on February 28 and June 15. Property taxes are recorded as receivables and deferred revenue when levied. As taxes are collected, the receivable and deferral are reduced and income is recognized.

**Lefthand Fire Protection District
Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 2023**

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Expenses/Expenditures

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

Cash and cash equivalents- The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short term investments with maturities of 90 days or less at the date of their acquisition.

Investments – investments are recorded at fair value, which approximates cost.

Receivables – all receivables are reported at their book value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. No allowance for doubtful accounts has been established since the District has the right to place a lien on the property to collect the balance due.

Assets and Liabilities

Capital assets –Capital assets are stated at cost or estimated cost. The capitalization threshold for fixed assets is \$5,000. Depreciation over the estimated useful lives of the assets is computed using the straight-line method. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land	N/A
Buildings	50 years
Vehicles	8-25 years
Equipment	10-20 years
Mitigation equipment	5-10 years

These assets are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligation

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. Long-term debt obligations are not recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements but instead are recorded when paid.

The District implemented the provisions of GASB No. 101 Compensated absences, which represent the accumulated unpaid vacation time accrued by the employees. Upon termination of employment each employee will be compensated for their unused vacation time at their current rate of pay. The District allows each employee to carry over up to 40 hours of vacation time each year. The net change in compensated absences for the year ended was \$0.

Lefthand Fire Protection District
Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 2023

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Deferred Outflows / Inflows of Resources

The District implemented the provisions of GASB No. 63 Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position (GASB 63) and the provisions of GASB No. 65 Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities (GASB 65). As a result in addition to assets, liabilities and net position, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period (deferred outflow) or the acquisition of net position that applies to future periods (deferred inflows).

Net Position

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investments in capital assets – consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted Net Position – consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District utilizes restricted net position before utilizing unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for both purposes.
- c. Unrestricted Net Position – all other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.” These net position are available for future operations or distributions.

Fund Balance

Nonspendable- consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The nonspendable fund balance was \$57,118 as of December 31, 2023.

Restricted - General Fund - Article X, Section 20 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado (TABOR) requires the District to establish Emergency reserves (see Note 5). A reservation of \$25,149 of the General Fund balance has been made in compliance with this requirement.

Committed- General Fund - Committed fund balance includes those items which can be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors formally removes or changes the specified uses. The District had a committed fund balance of \$0 as of December 31, 2023.

Assigned – Includes all amounts that are constrained by the District’s intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither committed nor restricted. The assignment of these balances must occur through a formal action of the Board of Directors. As of December 31, 2023 the assigned fund balance was \$0.

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Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Unassigned- consists of the residual classification for the General Fund. This represents amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned for specific purposes.

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

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Budgets are adopted on a cash basis except for accrual of current vendor invoices. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The District adheres to the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Budgets are required by state law for all funds. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All appropriations lapse at year-end.
- Prior to December 31, the budget is adopted by formal resolution.
- Budgets are required to be filed with the State of Colorado within thirty days after the beginning of the fiscal year.
- Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level.
- The District Board must approve revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund.
- Budgeted amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted by the District Board or revised by the District Board.

Actual expenditures exceeded appropriations, which may be a violation of State budget law.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 Cash and Investments

Cash Deposits

As of December 31, 2023, the District's cash deposits had a carrying balance of \$292,452 with corresponding bank balance of \$265,688 of which \$250,000 is federally insured. The District had deposits in the amount of \$15,688 which are in excess of FDIC coverage. These deposits are collateralized under the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act. 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. The eligible collateral is specified under the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool for all uninsured public deposits as a group is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

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Note 2 Cash and Investments (Continued)

The Colorado Divisions of Banking and Financial Services are required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

Investments

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

- Obligations of the United States and certain United States government agency securities.
- Certain international agency securities.
- General obligation and revenue bonds of United States local government entities.
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks.
- Commercial paper.
- Local government investment pools.
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities.
- Certain money market funds.
- Guaranteed investment contracts.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's deposit policy is in accordance with State statute. As of December 31, 2023, none of the District's bank deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk.

At December 31, 2023 District had \$271,379 invested in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST) (the Trust), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust offers shares in three portfolios, COLOTRUST PRIME, COLOTRUST PLUS+, and COLOTRUST EDGE.

COLOTRUST PRIME and COLOTRUST PLUS+ - The Trust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. Both portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. COLOTRUST PLUS+ may also invest in certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper and any security allowed under section 24-75-601, C.R.S., as amended.

COLOTRUST EDGE - The Trust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$10.00. The portfolio may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper and any security allowed under CRS 24-75-601.

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Note 2 Cash and Investments (Continued)

A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for the Trust's portfolios pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for the Trust's investment portfolios and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. The custodian's internal records segregate investments owned by the Trust. COLOTRUST is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's and is measured at net asset value (NAV). There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily, and there is no redemption notice period.

Interest Rate Risk

Colorado statutes require that no investment may have a maturity in excess of five years from the date of purchase, unless an available active market exists. The District's investment portfolio does not contain investments that exceed that limitation of five years. The Board has not formally adopted an investment policy. A summary of cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2023, is as follows:

Cash deposits	\$ 292,452
Colostrust	271,379
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 563,831</u>

Note 3 Capital Assets

	Balance at 12/31/2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 12/31/2023
Nondepreciable				
Land	\$ 160,028	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,028
Construction in progress	4,784,144	202,498	(4,556,260)	430,382
Total Nondepreciable	<u>4,944,172</u>	<u>202,498</u>	<u>(4,556,260)</u>	<u>590,410</u>
Depreciable				
Buildings	295,751	4,556,260	-	4,852,011
Firetrucks and equipment	4,062,760	306,469	(126,755)	4,242,474
Improvements	59,427	-	-	59,427
Total Depreciable	<u>4,417,938</u>	<u>4,862,729</u>	<u>(126,755)</u>	<u>9,153,912</u>
TOTAL	<u>9,362,110</u>	<u>5,065,227</u>	<u>(4,683,015)</u>	<u>9,744,322</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings	(273,725)	(80,510)	-	(354,235)
Firetrucks and equipment	(3,336,152)	(144,579)	126,755	(3,353,976)
Improvements	(36,171)	(2,462)	-	(38,633)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,646,048)</u>	<u>(227,551)</u>	<u>126,755</u>	<u>(3,746,844)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 5,716,062</u>	<u>\$ 4,837,676</u>	<u>\$ (4,556,260)</u>	<u>\$ 5,997,478</u>

Depreciation expense has been allocated to the various activities as follows:

Firefighting and rescue operations	227,551
Total depreciation charged to expense	<u>\$ 227,551</u>

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Note 4 Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in Long-term Debt for the year ended December 31, 2023 were:

Governmental activities

	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2023	Due Within One Year
Lease purchase	1,064,500	-	(78,500)	986,000	80,300
Total Long-term Debt	<u>\$ 1,064,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (78,500)</u>	<u>\$ 986,000</u>	<u>\$ 80,300</u>

Lease Purchase Agreement

On April 7, 2020 the District entered into a \$1,300,000 lease purchase agreement through Zions Bank, with an interest rate of 2.19% to fund the expansion of fire station number one. Payment amounts vary throughout the term of the lease. The lease purchase agreement is subject to annual renewals at the discretion of the District through 2034. Interest payments on the lease are due on June 1, and December 1 of each year commencing June 1, 2020. Principal is due annually on December 1 through 2034. Future maturities are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 80,300	\$ 21,593	\$ 101,893
2025	82,000	19,835	101,835
2026	83,800	18,039	101,839
2027	85,600	16,204	101,804
2028	87,500	14,329	101,829
2029-2033	467,100	42,048	509,148
2034	99,700	2,183	101,883
Total	<u>\$ 986,000</u>	<u>\$ 134,231</u>	<u>\$ 1,120,231</u>

Note 5 Tax, Spending, and Debt Limitation

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), contains several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments. TABOR is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of TABOR. Spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's fiscal year spending adjusted for allowable increases based upon inflation and local growth. Fiscal year spending is generally defined as expenditures plus reserve increases with certain exceptions. Revenue in excess of the fiscal year spending limit must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

TABOR requires local governments to establish emergency reserves, which must be at least 3% of fiscal year spending, excluding bonded debt service. Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls or salary or benefit increases. This District had an emergency reserve of \$25,149 as of December 31, 2023.

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Note 6 Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disaster. The District maintains commercial insurance to mitigate their risks of loss. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 7 Pension Plans

Volunteer Fireman's Pension Plan

The District has established an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan for volunteer firefighters (the "Plan") as authorized by the State of Colorado statute. The Plan is administered by the FPPA. Any firefighter who has both attained the age of 50 and completed 20 years of active service shall be eligible for monthly pension. A lesser pension is available after 10 years of active service. A firefighter, who is disabled in the line of duty and whose disability is of such character and magnitude as to deprive the firefighter of earning capacity and extends beyond one year, shall be compensated in an amount determined by the pension Board of Directors. The annual financial report of FPPA may be obtained by contacting FPPA at 5290 DTC Parkway, Suite 100, Greenwood Village, CO 80111-2721. The plan consists of 20 retirees, 30 active members and 1 inactive non-retired members.

The Plan receives contributions from the District based on amounts determined by the pension board. As established by the legislature, the State of Colorado contributes 90% of the District's contribution. The contributions are not actuarially determined. An actuary is used to determine the adequacy of contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District contributed \$3,000. For the year ended December 31, 2022 the District contributed \$3,000 and the State contributed \$2,700 which was equal or greater than the required contributions to the Plan.

The plan provides retirement benefits as established by the pension fund's board of trustees which is comprised of the five directors of the district and two district volunteer firefighters. The pension board is responsible for establishing and amending benefit terms. Volunteers right to a benefit vests after 10 years and there are no forfeiture rules. Upon retirement, beneficiaries receive \$20 per month for every year of service. All contributions are made by the district.

At December 31, 2023, the Department reported an asset of \$506,632 for its net pension asset. The net pension asset was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension asset used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Department recognized pension income of \$47,141.

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Note 7 Pension Plans (Continued)

At December 31, 2023, the Department reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows Resources	of	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$0		\$22,600
Changes in assumptions	4,639		0
Net difference between actual and projected earnings on pension plan investments	74,840		0
Department contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,000		0
Total	\$82,479		\$22,600

\$3,000 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Department contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2023. Deferred outflows / inflows of resources to be amortized are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Net Deferred Outflows / (Inflows) of Resources</u>
2024	(27,871)
2025	10,510
2026	25,670
2027	48,570
2028	-
Thereafter	-
Total	<u>56,879</u>

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension asset in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Investment rate of return	7.00 percent, compounded annually net of operating expenses, and including inflation
Projected salary increases	N/A
Cost of Living Adjustment	0.0 percent
Inflation	2.5 percent

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Note 7 Pension Plans (Continued)

On-duty related mortality is assumed to be 0.00020 per year for all members. The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2012–December 31, 2016.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Rate of Return
Cash	1%	3.92%
Fixed Income - Rates	10%	5.45%
Fixed Income - Credit	5%	6.90%
Absolute Return	10%	6.49%
Long Short	9%	7.47%
Global Public Equity	35%	8.93%
Private Markets	34%	10.31%
Total	100%	

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Plans target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, are summarized in the above table.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on the Fire & Police Pension Association Board of Director's funding policy, which establishes the contractually required rates under Colorado statutes. Based on those assumptions, the Plan fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Department's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Department's net pension liability/(asset) calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the Department's net pension liability/(Asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentagepoint lower (6.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1.00% Decrease*	Current Discount Rate*	1.00% Increase*
Department's net pension liability/(asset)	\$(413,677)	\$(506,632)	\$(585,473)

* The long-term rate of return used was 7.0 percent. The municipal bond rate used was 1.84 percent. The single discount rate for the plans was 7.00 percent.

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Note 7 Pension Plans (Continued)

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

State of Colorado Fire and Police Pension Association – Defined Contribution Plan

There were no contributions from plan members in any of the last three years.

Statewide Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description. The District contributes to the Fire and Police Pension Association (FPPA) to provide retirement benefits for paid employees and beneficiaries. Colorado statutes assign the authority to establish benefit provisions to the state legislature. FPPA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report that can be obtained on FPPA's website at <http://www.fppaco.org>.

The Statewide Defined Benefit Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all full-time employees of participating fire or police Districts in Colorado hired on or after April 8, 1978 (New Hires), provided that they are not already covered by a statutorily exempt plan. As of August 5, 2003, the Plan may include clerical and other personnel from fire districts whose services are auxiliary to fire protection. The Plan became effective January 1, 1980. As of January 1, 2023, Statewide Defined Benefit Plan and the Statewide Hybrid Plan have merged to form the Statewide Retirement Plan (SRP) and the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan becomes the Defined Benefit Component of the Statewide Retirement Plan.

Colorado Revised Statutes Title 31, Article 31 grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado Board of Directors.

Benefits Provided. SWDBP provides retirement and disability, annual increases and death benefits to members or their beneficiaries. A member is eligible for normal retirement pension once the member has completed 25 years of credited service and has attained the age of 55.

Effective January 1, 2021, a member may also qualify for a normal retirement pension if the member's combined years of service and age equals at least 80, with a minimum age of 50 (rule of 80).

The annual normal retirement benefit is 2.0 percent of the average of the member's highest three years' base salary for each year of credited service up to ten years, plus 2.5 percent for each year of service thereafter. The benefit earned prior to January 1, 2007 for members of affiliated Social Security employers will be reduced by the amount of Social Security income payable to the member annually. Effective January 1, 2007, members currently covered under Social Security will receive half the benefit when compared to the SWDB. Benefits paid to retired members are evaluated and may be re-determined every October 1. The amount of any increase is based on the Board's discretion and can range from zero percent to the higher of 3.0 percent or the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers.

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Note 7 Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Contributions. Contribution rates for employers and members may be increased equally by the FPPA Board of Directors upon approval through an election by both the employers and members.

In 2014, the members elected to increase the member contribution rate to the SWDB plan beginning in 2015. Member contribution rates increased 0.5 percent annual through 2022 to a total of 12 percent of pensionable earnings. Employer contributions increased 0.5 percent annually beginning in 2021 through 2030 to a total of 13.0 percent of pensionable earnings. In 2022, members of the SWDB plan and their employers were contributing at the rate of 12.0 percent and 9.0 percent, respectively, of pensionable earnings for a total contribution rate of 21.0 percent.

Contributions from members and employers of departments reentering the system are established by resolution and approved by the FPPA Board of Directors. The member and employer contribution rates will increase through 2030 as described above for the non-reentering departments. Effective January 1, 2021, reentry departments may submit a resolution to the FPPA Board of Directors to reflect the actual cost of reentry by department. Each reentry department is responsible to remit contributions to the plan in accordance with their most recent FPPA Board of Directors approved resolution.

The contribution rate for members and employers of affiliated social security employers is 6.0 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively, of pensionable earnings for a total contribution rate of 10.5 percent in 2021. Per the 2014-member election, members of the affiliate social security group had their required contribution rate increase 0.25 percent annually beginning in 2015 through 2022 to a total of 6.0 percent of pensionable earnings. Employer contributions will increase 0.25 percent annually beginning in 2021 through 2030 to a total of 6.5 percent of pensionable earnings. Contributions to the Plan from the District were \$20,105 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Pension Asset, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At December 31, 2023, the District reported a net pension liability of \$21,884 for its proportionate share. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The proportion of the net pension asset was based on a projection of the long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions, actuarially determined.

At December 31, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.0246547820 percent, which was an increase of 0.0017631996 from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

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Note 7 Pension Plans (Continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District recognized pension income of \$667. At December 31, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$ 47,371	\$2,686
Changes in assumptions	28,036	0
Net difference between actual and projected earnings on pension plan investments	49,523	0
Net impact in change in proportionate share	27,936	13,095
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	20,105	N/A
Total	\$ 172,971	\$ 15,781

\$20,105 in total reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from District's contributions subsequent to measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended	Pension Expense
2024	\$ 13,710
2025	23,657
2026	32,398
2027	43,657
2028	10,708
Thereafter	12,955
Total	<u>\$ 137,085</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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Note 7 Pension Plans (Continued)

	Total Pension Liability	Actuarial Determined Contributions
	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2022
Actuarial Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	N/A	Level % of Payroll, Open
Amortization Period	N/A	30 Years
Long-term Investment Rate of Return*	7.0%	7.0%
Projected Salary Increases*	4.25-11.25%	4.25-11.25%
Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0%	0.0%
*Includes Inflation at	2.5%	2.5%

For determining the total pension liability, the post-retirement mortality tables for non-disabled retirees uses the Pub-2010 Safety Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables projected with the ultimate values of the MP-2020 projection scale. The preretirement off-duty mortality tables are adjusted to 60% of the MP-2020 mortality tables for active employees. The on-duty mortality rate is 0.00015.

For determining the actuarially determined contributions, the post-retirement mortality tables for non-disabled retirees uses the 2006 central rates from the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Tables projected to 2018 using the MP-2017 projection scales, and the projected prospectively using the ultimate rates of the scale for all years. The pre-retirement off-duty mortality tables are adjusted to 50% of the RP-2014 mortality tables for active employees. The on-duty mortality rate is 0.00015.

At least every five years the FPPA's Board of Directors, in accordance with best practices, reviews its economic and demographic actuarial assumptions. At its July 2022 meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed and approved recommended changes to the actuarial assumptions. The recommendations were made by the FPPA's actuaries, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, based upon their analysis of past experience and expectations of the future. The assumption changes were effective for actuarial valuations beginning January 1, 2023. The actuarial assumptions impact actuarial factors for benefit purposes such as purchases of service credit and other benefits where The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.25%. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

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Note 7 Pension Plans (Continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Global Equity	35.00 %	8.93 %
Equity Long/Short	6.00	7.47 %
Private Markets	34.00	10.31 %
Fixed Income - Rates	10.00	5.45 %
Fixed Income - Credit	5.00	6.90 %
Absolute Return	9.00	6.49 %
Cash	1.00	3.92 %
Total	100.00	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on the FPPA Board's funding policy, which establishes the contractually required rates under Colorado statutes. Based on those assumptions, the SWDB plan fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

For the purpose of this valuation, the expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00 percent; the municipal bond rate is 4.05 percent (based on the weekly rate closest to but not later than the measurement date of the "state & local bonds" rate from Federal Reserve statistical release (H.15)); and the resulting single discount rate is 7.00 percent.

Regarding the sensitivity of the net pension liability/(asset) to changes in the single discount rate, the following presents the plan's net pension liability/(asset), calculated using a single discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the plan's net pension liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a single discount rate that is one percent lower or one percent higher:

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

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

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Note 7 Pension Plans (Continued)

<u>Discount Rate:</u>	<u>1% Decrease 6.00%</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate 7.00%</u>	<u>1% Increase 8.00%</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$150,864</u>	<u>\$21,884</u>	<u>\$(84,954)</u>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the SWDB's fiduciary net position is available in FPPA's annual comprehensive financial report, which can be obtained at <http://www.fppaco.org>.

Required Supplementary Information

Lefthand Fire Protection District
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance with final budget favorable (unfavorable)
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 830,659	\$ 838,309	\$ 7,650
Earnings on investments	2,100	20,771	18,671
Dispatch revenue	-	518,617	518,617
Donations	-	11,353	11,353
Mitigation income	-	151,016	151,016
Grants	822,000	1,005,321	183,321
Other	10,500	22,055	11,555
Proceeds from sales of assets	-	9,800	9,800
Total Revenue	1,665,259	2,577,242	911,983
Expenditures			
Operations:			
Wages and benefits	352,900	838,397	(485,497)
Administration	128,800	109,572	19,228
Operations	176,500	240,952	(64,452)
Mitigation services	178,500	40,785	137,715
Dispatch expense	-	66,483	(66,483)
County treasurer fees	-	12,034	(12,034)
Grants passed through to other agencies	-	714,563	(714,563)
Debt service			
Principal	78,500	78,500	-
Interest	23,393	23,313	80
Capital outlay	1,112,000	508,967	603,033
Total Expenditures	2,050,593	2,633,566	(582,973)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (385,334)	(56,324)	\$ 329,010
Fund Balance, beginning of year		700,071	
Fund Balance, end of year		\$ 643,747	

**Lefthand Fire Protection District
Schedule of Contributions Multiyear - Volunteer
Last 10 Fiscal Years**

FY Ending December 31, (a)	Actuarially Determined Contribution (b)	Actual Contribution * (c)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (d) = (b) - (c)	Covered Payroll (e)	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll (f)
2013	\$ 46,974	\$ 46,974	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2014	\$ 46,974	\$ 46,974	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2015	\$ 46,974	\$ 46,974	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2016	\$ 46,974	\$ 46,974	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2017	\$ -	\$ 14,474	\$ (14,474)	N/A	N/A
2018	\$ -	\$ 5,700	\$ (5,700)	N/A	N/A
2019	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ (3,000)	N/A	N/A
2020	\$ -	\$ 2,700	\$ (2,700)	N/A	N/A
2021	\$ 843	\$ 5,700	\$ (4,857)	N/A	N/A
2022	\$ -	\$ 5,700	\$ (5,700)	N/A	N/A

* Includes both employer and State of Colorado Supplemental Discretionary Payment

Notes to the Schedule of Contributions

Valuation Date

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of January 1 of odd numbered years. The contribution rates have a one-year lag, so the actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2023, determines the contribution amounts for 2023 and 2024.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Dollar, Open*
Remaining Amortization Period	20 Years*
Asset Valuation Method	5-Year smoothed market
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	N/A
Rate of Return	7.00%
Retirement Age	50% per year of eligibility until 100% at age 65
Mortality	Pre-retirement: RP -2014 Combined Mortality Table with Blue Collar Adjustment, 55% multiplier for off-duty mortality Post-retirement: RP-2014 Combined Mortality Table, with Blue Collar Adjustment Disabled:RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table All tables projected with Scale BB

* Plans that are heavily weighted with retiree liabilities use an amortization period based on the expected remaining lifetime of the participants.

Lefthand Fire Protection District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability / (Asset) and Related Ratios Multiyear
Last 10 Fiscal Years

Measurement date December 31,	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Pension Liability								
Service cost	\$ 16,637	\$ 16,637	\$ 26,319	\$ 26,319	\$ 21,092	\$ 21,354	\$ 21,354	\$ 22,797
Interest	62,203	61,457	67,545	66,075	65,317	60,322	58,743	58,134
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	57,110	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(4,228)	-	(108,029)	-	(31,331)	(3,080)	-	(11,920)
Changes of assumptions	6,959	-	-	-	31,516	26,640	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(67,440)	(67,440)	(68,640)	(74,040)	(72,404)	(57,600)	(60,400)	(59,988)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	14,131	10,654	(82,805)	75,464	14,190	47,636	19,697	9,023
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	913,584	902,930	985,735	910,271	896,081	869,740	802,406	793,383
Total Pension Liability - Ending	927,715	913,584	902,930	985,735	910,271	917,376	822,103	802,406
Plan Fiduciary Net Position								
Contributions - Employer	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	35,500	35,500
Net investment income	(130,763)	216,421	175,035	180,699	1,069	65,278	21,577	78,085
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(67,440)	(67,440)	(68,640)	(74,040)	(72,404)	(57,600)	(60,400)	(59,988)
Administrative expense	(9,541)	(8,655)	(8,099)	(15,270)	(9,895)	(2,216)	(2,999)	(2,184)
State of Colorado supplemental discretionary payments	2,700	2,700	2,700	-	2,700	11,474	11,474	11,474
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Positions	(202,044)	146,026	100,996	94,389	(75,530)	19,936	5,152	62,887
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	1,636,391	1,490,365	1,389,369	1,294,980	1,370,510	1,239,946	1,234,794	1,171,907
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	1,434,347	1,636,391	1,490,365	1,389,369	1,294,980	1,259,882	1,239,946	1,234,794
Net Pension liability (asset) - Ending	(506,632)	(722,807)	(587,435)	(403,634)	(384,709)	(342,506)	(417,843)	(432,388)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	179.12%	179.12%	165.06%	142.26%	142.26%	144.86%	150.83%	153.89%
Covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Lefthand Fire Protection District
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - FPPA SWDB
Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability / asset	0.0246547820%	0.0228915824%	0.0308652615%	0.0275683132%	0.0301799365%	0.0368527263%	0.0380117512%	0.0327705289%	0.0264769071%
District's proportional share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 21,884	\$ (124,057)	\$ (67,009)	\$ (15,592)	\$ 38,156	\$ (53,756)	\$ 13,735	\$ (578)	\$ (29,880)
District's percentage of net pension liability (asset) as a percent of covered payroll	10.24%	-65.77%	-28.65%	-6.80%	19.08%	-24.69%	7.04%	-0.36%	-20.05%
District's covered payroll	213,611	188,635	233,913	229,263	200,000	217,733	195,150	159,200	149,042
Total pension liability	3,752,109,029	3,352,605,624	3,230,485,701	2,919,378,738	4,653,120,261	2,269,410,684	2,021,526,883	1,846,961,999	1,652,901,084
Plan fiduciary net position	3,663,348,061	3,894,539,387	3,447,586,098	2,975,935,079	2,526,692,808	2,413,276,447	1,985,393,043	1,848,724,853	1,765,758,630
Net pension liability (asset)	\$ 88,760,968	\$ (541,933,763)	\$ (217,100,397)	\$ (56,556,341)	\$ 2,126,427,453	\$ (143,865,763)	\$ 36,133,840	\$ (1,762,854)	\$ (112,857,546)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension	98%	116%	107%	102%	54%	106%	98%	100%	107%

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**Lefthand Fire Protection District
Schedule of Contributions Multiyear - FPPA SWDB
Last 10 Fiscal Years**

FY Ending December 31, (a)	Actuarially Determined Contribution (b)	Actual Contribution * (c)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (d) = (b) - (c)	Covered Payroll (e)	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll (f)
2023	\$ 20,105	\$ 20,105	\$ -	\$ 211,632	9.50%
2022	19,225	19,225	-	213,611	9.00%
2021	16,034	16,034	-	188,635	8.50%
2020	18,713	18,713	-	233,913	8.00%
2019	18,341	18,341	-	229,263	8.00%
2018	16,000	16,000	-	200,000	8.00%
2017	17,419	17,419	-	217,733	8.00%
2016	15,612	15,612	-	195,150	8.00%
2015	12,736	12,736	-	159,200	8.00%
2014	11,923	11,923	-	149,042	8.00%

* Includes both employer and State of Colorado Supplemental Discretionary Payment

Notes to the Schedule of Contributions

Valuation Date

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of January 1 of odd numbered years. The contribution rates have a one-year lag, so the actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2021, determines the contribution amounts for 2021 and 2022.

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SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Commissioners
Lefthand Fire Protection District

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 governmental activities and the major fund of Lefthand Fire Protection District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Lefthand Fire Protection District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 3, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Lefthand Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Lefthand Fire Protection District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Lefthand Fire Protection District'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-001 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Lefthand Fire Protection District'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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*.

Lefthand Fire Protection District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Lefthand Fire Protection District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Lefthand Fire Protection District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Fort Collins, Colorado
September 3, 2024

Green & Associates LLC

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRE BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Commissioners
Lefthand Fire Protection District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Lefthand Fire Protection District'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 Lefthand Fire Protection District's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Lefthand Fire Protection District'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, Lefthand Fire Protection District 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 Lefthand Fire Protection District 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 Lefthand Fire Protection District'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 Lefthand Fire Protection District's federal programs.

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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 Lefthand Fire Protection District'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 for 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 Lefthand Fire Protection District'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 Lefthand Fire Protection District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding Lefthand Fire Protection District'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 Lefthand Fire Protection District'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.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Lefthand Fire Protection District's compliance.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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 designed 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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Fort Collins, Colorado
September 3, 2024

**Lefthand Fire Protection District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
December 31, 2023**

<u>Federal Grantor</u>	<u>ALN Number</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security		
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044	\$ 822,137
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security		<u>822,137</u>
Total Federal Financial Assistance		<u>\$ 822,137</u>

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented in accordance with requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Therefore some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in the financial statement.

The Organization uses the de minimis rate of 10% to recover allowable indirect costs.

The Organization passed through \$624,082 worth of radios that were purchased with the Federal funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant to other agencies for the year ended December 31, 2023.

**Lefthand Fire Protection District
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
December 31, 2023**

Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material Weakness identified? Yes No
- Significant deficiency identified that are not considered to be material weakness? Yes None reported

Noncompliance material to financial

- statements noted? Yes No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material Weakness identified? Yes No
- Significant deficiency identified that are not considered to be material weakness? Yes None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

Yes No

Identification of major programs:

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Assistance Listing Number 97.044

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Audited qualified as low-risk audited? Yes No

**Lefthand Fire Protection District
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
December 31, 2023**

Current Year Findings:

2023 – 001: Audit Adjustments

Type of Finding: Material Weakness in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Condition: Management of a financial reporting entity is required to establish and maintain internal controls over financial reporting to ensure that financial statements and the underlying information are properly stated in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP). External auditors cannot be considered a part of this control system. During our testing, we noted that multiple adjustments to accounts payable and expenses were required in order to fairly present the financial statements under U.S. GAAP.

Criteria or specific requirement: Internal controls should be in place to provide reasonable assurance that financial statements and underlying information are properly stated in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Effect: A lack of controls in place over the financial reporting function increases the risk of the occurrence of misstatements, fraud, or errors not being detected and corrected.

Cause: The Organization's financial close process did not detect and correct the errors mentioned above.

Repeat Finding: This is not a repeat finding.

Recommendation: The organization should evaluate their financial reporting processes and controls, to determine whether additional controls over its financial close process can be implemented to provide reasonable assurance that financial statements and underlying information are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Prior Year Findings:

None

**Lefthand Fire Protection District
Corrective Action Plan
December 31, 2023**

Material Weakness

2023-001 Audit Adjustments

Recommendation: The organization should evaluate their financial reporting processes and controls, to determine whether additional controls over its financial close process can be implemented to provide reasonable assurance that financial statements and underlying information are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Explanation of disagreement with audit finding: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Action in response to finding: The Organization will review the financial close process to determine if additional controls can be implemented in the process.

Name of the contact person responsible for corrective action: Chris O'Brien, Fire Chief

Planned completion date for corrective action plan: January 2025