# GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED

JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Gold Ridge Fire Protection District Sebastopol, California

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Gold Ridge Fire Protection District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 - 8 and 16 - 17, schedule of CalPERS on pages 32 - 35, and roster of board members in page 36 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Goranson and Associates, Inc.

December 1, 2021 Santa Rosa, CA



As management of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District (District) we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activates of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's financial statements (pages 9-17) and the accompanying notes to the basic financial statements (pages 18-31).

#### Financial Highlights

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$5,987,804 and \$4,198,924 (net position) for 2021 and 2020, respectively. Of this amount \$3,842,879 and \$2,131,758 (unrestricted net position) for 2021 and 2020, respectively, may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The District's total net position increased by \$1,788,880 and \$601,185 for 2021 and 2020. This increase for 2021 is a result of an increase in property taxes and intergovernmental revenue. The increase for 2020 is primarily due to intergovernmental revenue.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported an ending fund balance of \$3,966,383 and \$2,728,131 for 2021 and 2020, respectively, a net increase of \$1,238,252 and \$654,353 for 2021 and 2020 in comparison with the prior years.
- The District's long-term liabilities of notes payable had a net increase of \$205,212 and a net increase of \$5,786,907 for 2021 and 2020. The increase for 2021 is primarily due to the net pension liability. The net increase for 2020 is due to a revaluation of the net pension liability.

#### Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9-11 of this report.

**Fund financial statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District's funds are governmental funds.

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

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

The District uses governmental funds to account for its activities, which include fire protection services in the district boundaries. The district adopts an annual appropriated budget for its funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12-17 of this report.

**Notes to the basic financial statements** - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 18-31 of this report.

#### Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$5,987,804 and \$4,198,924 at the close of the fiscal years ended 2021 and 2020, respectively.

A large portion of the district's net position (36 percent for 2021 and 49 percent for 2020) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. buildings and improvements and equipment). The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

#### **NET POSITION**

		2021		2020
Current and other assets	\$	4,084,278	\$	2,792,401
Capital assets		2,144,925		2,067,166
Non current assets		6,491,582		5,881,840
Total assets		12,720,785		10,741,407
Long-term liabilities outstanding		6,615,086		6,409,874
Liabilities due within one year		117,895		132,609
Total liabilities	6,732,981			6,542,483
Net position:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		2,144,925		2,067,166
Unassigned		3,842,879		2,131,758
Total net position	\$	5,987,804	\$	4,198,924

The balance of the unrestricted net position \$3,842,879 for 2021 and \$2,131,758 for 2020 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and vendors.

Long-term liabilities increased by \$205,212 during 2021 and increased by \$5,786,907 in 2020 due to the recording of the CalPERS retirement deferred outflows and principal payments to note payables for 2021 and 2020 as well as an increase in compensated absences.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District is able to report positive balances in all categories of net assets. The same held true for the prior fiscal year.

**Governmental activities** - Governmental activities increased the Districts net position by \$1,788,880 for 2021 and \$601,185 for 2020. This increase is a result of net income in the governmental activities.

#### CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	2021	2020
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Public safety - fire protection	\$ 2,709,339	\$ 1,632,527
General revenues:		
Property taxes	3,311,411	2,086,004
Investment income and other	6,125	4,388
Total revenues	6,026,875	3,722,919
Expenses:		
Public safety - fire protection	4,237,995	3,121,734
Change in net position	1,788,880	601,185
Net position - beginning of the year	4,198,924	3,597,739
Net position - end of the year	\$ 5,987,804	\$ 4,198,924

#### Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements.

#### **Governmental Funds**

The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the 2021 fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$3,966,383, a net increase of \$1,238,252 in comparison with the prior year. As of the end of the 2020 fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$2,728,131, a net increase of \$654,353 in comparison with the prior year.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$3,734,557 for 2021 and \$2,496,305 for 2020. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unreserved fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 78 percent of total general fund expenditures which were \$4,788,622 for 2021. Unreserved fund balance represents 81 percent of total general fund expenditures which were \$3,068,566 for 2020.

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Material differences between the original budget and the final amended budget can be briefly summarized as follows:

- Increase in property tax revenue
- Increase in salaries and benefits

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets - The District's investment in capital assets, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, amounts to \$2,144,925 and \$2,067,166 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes equipment, buildings and improvements.

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found on Note 1 on page 21 and note 5 on pages 24-25 of this report.

#### **Debt Administration**

At the end of the fiscal year ended 2021, the District had total long-term obligations of \$136,696 in compensated absences \$6,478,390 in deferred outflows for a total of \$6,615,086. During the fiscal year, the District's long-term debt increased by \$205,212. At the end of the fiscal year ended 2020, the District had total long-term obligations of \$110,908 in compensated absences, \$5,987,982 in deferred outflows and \$310,984 in notes payable for a total of \$6,409,874. During the fiscal year, the District's long-term debt increased by \$5,786,907.

#### Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The following factors were considered in preparing the District's budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

- Property tax revenues the county anticipates a small increase in tax collection levels. The budget is adjusted accordingly
- Amount of intergovernmental revenue anticipated based on contracts.
- Equipment purchases planned for fiscal year.

#### Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, 4500 Hessel Road, Sebastopol, California.

#### GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ 3,920,478	\$ 2,546,274
Accounts receivable, government agency	163,800	246,127
Total current assets	4,084,278	2,792,401
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation):		
Land	40,066	40,066
Building and improvements	714,692	571,399
Equipment	1,390,167	1,455,701
Total capital assets	2,144,925	2,067,166
Deferred inflows	6,491,582	5,881,840
Total assets	\$ 12,720,785	\$ 10,741,407
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 117,895	\$ 77,597
Current portion of note payable		55,012
Total current liabilities	117,895	132,609
Long term liabilities:		
Note payable	-	310,984
Compensated absences	136,696	110,908
Deferred outflows		
Net pension liability	6,478,390	5,987,982
Total long term liabilities	6,615,086	6,409,874
Total liabilities	6,732,981	6,542,483
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	2,144,925	2,067,166
Unassigned	3,842,879	2,131,758
Total net position	5,987,804	4,198,924
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 12,720,785	\$ 10,741,407

### GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

Program Expenses	2021	2020
Public safety - fire protection		
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 3,497,740	\$ 2,564,274
Services and supplies	542,743	407,038
Interest	58,474	14,281
Depreciation	139,038	136,141
Total program expenses	4,237,995	3,121,734
Program Revenues		
Intergovernmental revenue	2,603,534	1,575,384
Donations	11,210	11,116
Rent revenue	39,840	39,940
Charges for services	1,955	2,192
Other charges for services	52,800	3,895
Total program revenues	2,709,339	1,632,527
Net program revenues (expenses)	(1,528,656)	(1,489,207)
General revenues		
Property taxes	3,311,411	2,086,004
Investment earnings	6,125	4,388
Total general revenues	3,317,536	2,090,392
Change in net position	1,788,880	601,185
Net position, beginning of year	4,198,924	3,597,739
Net position, end of year	\$ 5,987,804	\$ 4,198,924

#### GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

	 2021		2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash received from government, grants, program revenue	\$ 5,983,743	\$	3,457,129
Cash paid to vendors and employees	(4,032,871)		(2,921,128)
Investment income received	 6,125	_	4,388
Net cash provided (used) by operations	 1,956,997	_	540,389
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of equipment	 (216,797)	_	(7,081)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Net proceeds (principal payments) on note payable	 (365,996)		(50,285)
NET CHANGE IN CASH	1,374,204		483,023
CASH, beginning of year	 2,546,274		2,063,251
CASH, end of year	\$ 3,920,478	\$	2,546,274
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO			
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Change in net position	\$ 1,788,880	\$	601,185
Adjustments to reconcile change in net			
assets to cash from operations			
Depreciation and amortization	139,038		136,141
(Increase) decrease in:			
Receivables	82,327		(172,755)
Prepaids	(609,742)		(5,881,840)
Increase (decrease) in:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	66,086		64,465
Net deferred inflows and outflows	490,408		5,793,193
Total cash provided (used) by operations	\$ 1,956,997	\$	540,389

## GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALANCE SHEETS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ 3,920,478	\$ 2,546,274
Accounts receivable	163,800	246,127
Total assets	\$ 4,084,278	\$ 2,792,401
LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 117,895	\$ 64,270
Total liabilities	117,895	64,270
Fund balance		
Assigned for capital improvements	231,826	231,826
Unreserved	3,734,557	2,496,305
Total fund balance	3,966,383	2,728,131
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 4,084,278	\$ 2,792,401

## GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEETS TO THE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

	 2021	 2020
Fund balances - total government funds	\$ 3,966,383	\$ 2,728,131
Non current assets are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the		
governmental funds.		
Deferred inflows	6,491,582	5,881,840
Amount reported for governmental activities in the		
statement of net assets is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities		
are not financial resources and, therefore,		
are not reported in the governmental funds.	2,144,925	2,067,166
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current		
period and, therefore, are not reported in the		
governmental funds.		
Compensated absences	(136,696)	(110,908)
Deferred outflow	(6,478,390)	(6,001,309)
Notes and interest payable	 	 (365,996)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 5,987,804	\$ 4,198,924

# GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

	 2021	2020
Revenues:		
Property taxes	\$ 3,311,411	\$ 2,086,004
Investment earnings	6,125	4,388
Intergovernmental revenue	2,603,534	1,575,384
Donations	11,210	11,116
Rental income	39,840	39,940
Charges for Services	1,955	2,192
Miscellaneous	52,799	3,895
Total revenues	 6,026,874	3,722,919
Expenditures: Current:		
Salaries and employee benefits	3,814,911	2,588,155
Services and supplies	542,744	414,120
Debt Service:	542,144	414,120
Principal	372,493	50,285
Interest	58,474	16,006
Total expenditures	 4,788,622	3,068,566
Net change in fund balances	1,238,252	654,353
Fund balance, beginning of year	 2,728,131	2,073,778
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 3,966,383	\$ 2,728,131

# GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

Amount reported for governmental activities in the statements of activities		
is different because:	2021	2020
Net change in fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 1,238,252	\$ 654,353
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However,		
in the statements of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over		
their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Current year depreciation	(139,038)	(136,141)
Capital outlay	223,627	7,081
Repayment of the note's principal is an expenditure in the governmental		
funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement		
of net positions		
Principal repayment	372,493	50,285
Some expenses reported in the statements of activities do not require the		
use of current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as		
expenditures in governmental funds		
Change in compensated balances	(25,788)	(49,713)
Change in deferred inflows	609,742	5,881,840
Change in deferred outflows	(490,408)	(5,806,520)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 1,788,880	\$ 601,185

### GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET TO ACTUAL

#### GENERAL FUND

#### FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

#### 2021

				Variance
	Budgeted	l Amounts		Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 3,022,813	\$ 3,180,955	\$ 3,311,411	\$ 130,456
Investment earnings	4,178	4,178	6,125	1,947
Intergovernmental revenue	1,290,480	1,290,480	2,603,534	1,313,054
Donations	2,000	2,000	11,210	9,210
Miscellaneous revenue	39,840	39,840	92,639	52,799
Total revenues	4,359,871	4,518,013	6,026,874	1,508,861
Expenditures				
Current:				
Salaries and employee benefits	2,970,804	3,069,136	3,814,911	(745,775)
Services and supplies	462,450	480,950	542,744	(61,794)
Debt service:				
Principal	50,994	50,994	372,493	(321,499)
Interest	15,297	15,297	58,474	(43,177)
Appropriations for contingency	857,612	898,922	-	898,922
Total expenditures	4,357,157	4,515,299	4,788,622	(273,323)
Net change in fund balance	2,714	2,714	1,238,252	1,235,538
Fund balance, beginning of year	2,728,131	2,728,131	2,728,131	
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 2,730,845	\$ 2,730,845	\$ 3,966,383	\$ 1,235,538

### GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET TO ACTUAL

#### **GENERAL FUND**

#### FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

#### 2020

	Budgeted	d Amounts		Variance Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 2,060,507	\$ 2,022,812	\$ 2,086,004	\$ 63,192
Investment earnings	1,935	4,178	4,388	210
Intergovernmental revenue	1,010,518	1,010,480	1,575,384	564,904
Donations	8,293	8,293	11,116	2,823
Charges for services	2,334	2,435	2,192	(243)
Miscellaneous revenue	39,244	39,244	43,835	4,591
Total revenues	3,122,831	3,087,442	3,722,919	635,477
Expenditures				
Current:				
Salaries and employee benefits	2,316,491	2,316,491	2,588,155	(271,664)
Services and supplies	317,714	317,714	414,120	(96,406)
Debt service:				
Principal	50,995	50,995	50,285	710
Interest	15,297	15,297	16,006	(709)
Appropriations for contingency	422,334	386,945	-	386,945
Total expenditures	3,122,831	3,087,442	3,068,566	18,876
Net change in fund balance	-	-	654,353	654,353
Fund balance, beginning of year	2,073,778	2,073,778	2,073,778	
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 2,073,778	\$ 2,073,778	\$ 2,728,131	\$ 654,353

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### REPORTING ENTITY

The District was formed in 1993 when the fire districts of Hessel and Twin Hills merged, serving the communities of Hessel, Twin Hills, and Freestone. They provide all-risk fire protection and emergency medical response across 75 square miles of rural Sebastopol and mutual aid to all surrounding fire districts. The June 29, 1993 resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County created the reorganization under Resolution No. 93-0888. Under resolution No. 92-93-05, the Gold Ridge Fire District name was created. The District operates under Health and Safety Code Sections, 13816 through 13822. The District's governmental powers are exercised through the seven-member Board of Directors.

#### INTRODUCTION

The District's financial statements are prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS**

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major fund).

In the government-wide financial statements (i.e. the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities), the district's activities are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position are reported in two parts:(I) net investment in capital assets, and (2) unrestricted net position. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the grantor have been met.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS (Continued)**

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the District's functions. The functions are supported by general government revenues (property taxes, Intergovernmental revenues, and fire related charges, i.e. fire permit fees). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expense's (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while capital grants reflect capital-specific grants.

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.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Governmental fund financial statements include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for its major governmental fund. An accompanying schedule is present to reconcile and explain the difference in net position as presented in these statements to the net position presented in the Government-wide financial statements.

The General fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

The District reports on the following major governmental fund:

The 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.

#### ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS OR EQUITY

<u>Cash and Investments</u> – The District reports certain investments at fair value in the balance sheet, and recognizes the corresponding change in the fair value of investments in the year in which the change occurred.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

#### Receivables and Payables

Flat charges Receivable – Flat charges collected are apportioned to the District to supplement property taxes collected for operating costs. Not all of the assessments are collected as of June 30, 2021 and 2020; therefore, the remainder of the uncollected assessments is considered flat charges receivable.

Property Taxes – The County of Sonoma is responsible for assessing, collecting and distributing property taxes in accordance with state law. Liens on real property are established January 1 for the ensuing fiscal year. The property tax is levied as of July on all taxable property located in the County of Sonoma. Secured property taxes are due in two installments, on November 1 and February 1, and are delinquent after December 10 and April 10, respectively. Additionally, supplemental property taxes are levied on a pro rata basis when changes in assessed valuation occur due to sales transactions or the completion of construction.

Since the passage of California's Proposition 13, beginning with the fiscal year 1978/1979, general property taxes are based either on a flat 1% rate applied to the 1975/1976 full value, or on one percent of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the 1975/1976 valuation. Taxable values on properties (exclusive of increases related to sales and construction) can rise at a maximum of two percent per year.

On June 30, 1993, the board of Supervisors adopted the "Teeter" Method of property tax allocation. This method allocates property taxes based on the total property tax billed. At Year-end, the county advances cash to each taxing jurisdiction equal to its current year delinquent property taxes based on the total property tax billed. At year-end, the County advances cash to each taxing jurisdiction equal to its current year delinquent property taxes. In exchange, the county receives the penalties and interest on delinquent taxes when collected. The penalties and interest are used to pay the interest cost of borrowing the cash used for the advances.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of five years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost of purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Buildings and improvements and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset	Years
Buildings and improvements	30-50
Equipment	5-20

#### **Compensated Absences**

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignation and for retirement.

#### **Deferred Inflows and Outflows**

The District has deferred inflows and outflows for the CalPERS retirement plans they hold and per GASB No. 68.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

#### **Net Position**

Net position is classified into two components – invested in capital assets and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

- Invested in capital assets, net of related debt This component of net assets consists of capital assets, net accumulated depreciation and net of related debt if any.
- Unrestricted net position This component of net assets consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of 'restricted" or "Invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

#### **Fund Equity**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

#### NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### **Budgetary Information**

Budgetary revenue estimates represent original estimates modified for any authorized adjustments which were contingent upon new or additional revenue resources. Budgetary expenditure amounts represent original appropriations adjusted by budget transfers and authorized appropriation adjustments made during the year. All budgets are adopted on a non-GAAP basis. The District's budgetary information was amended during the year.

#### NOTE 3 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Hold funds in an Insured Cash Sweep account and other funds that are all federally insured, except for a petty cash fund at local financial institutions.

The amount of cash at June 30 is as follows:

	 2021	 2020
Cash held with financial institution	\$ 3,920,046	\$ 2,546,093
Petty Cash	432	181
Total	\$ 3,920,478	\$ 2,546,274

#### NOTE 4 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts Receivable represents the outstanding balance for services provided rendered to fire service clients that haven't paid for services rendered as well as flat charges collected that are apportioned to the District to supplement property taxes collected for operating costs, and other intergovernmental revenue. Management believes receivables at June 30, 2021 and 2020 will be fully collected. Accordingly, no allowance for doubtful receivables is recorded. The balance of accounts receivable at June 30 is as follows:

	 2021	2020		
Property tax receivable	\$ 163,800	\$	83,627	
Other government agencies	-		162,500	
Total	\$ 163,800	\$	246,127	

#### NOTE 5 DETAILED NOTES

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the years ended on June 30 is as follows:

#### 2021

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:			
Land	\$ 40,066		\$ 40,066
Total capital assets, not being			
depreciated	40,066		40,066
Capital assets, being depreciated:			
Buildings and improvements	1,239,932	\$ 172,527	1,412,459
Equipment	2,817,096	44,267	2,861,363
Total capital assets, being			
depreciated	4,057,028	216,794	4,273,822
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and improvements	(668,533)	(29,234)	(697,767)
Equipment	(1,361,392)	(109,804)	(1,471,196)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,029,925)	(139,038)	(2,168,963)
Total capital assets, being			
depreciated, net	2,027,103	77,756	2,104,859
Capital assets, net	\$ 2,067,169	\$ 77,756	\$ 2,144,925

Depreciation expense is charged to functions/programs of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District government as follows:

Governmental activities:

Public safety - fire protection \$ 139,038

#### NOTE 5 DETAILED NOTES (continued)

#### Capital Assets, continued

#### 2020

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being			
depreciated:			
Land	\$ 40,066		\$ 40,066
Total capital assets, not being			
depreciated	40,066		40,066
Capital assets, being depreciated:			
Buildings and improvements	1,239,932		1,239,932
Equipment	2,810,012	\$ 7,083	2,817,095
Total capital assets, being			
depreciated	4,049,944	7,083	4,057,027
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and improvements	(641,256)	(27,277)	(668,533)
Equipment	(1,252,528)	(108,867)	(1,361,395)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,893,784)	(136,144)	(2,029,928)
Total capital assets, being			
depreciated, net	2,156,160	(129,060)	2,027,099
Capital assets, net	\$ 2,196,226	\$ (129,060)	\$ 2,067,166

Depreciation expense is charged to functions/programs of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District government as follows:

#### Governmental activities:

Public safety - fire protection \$ 136,141

#### NOTE 5 DETAILED NOTES (continued)

#### Long-term Liabilities

#### Changes in long-term liabilities

Long term liability activity for the years ended June 30, was as follows:

#### 2021

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Note payable	\$ 310,984		\$ (310,984)		
Deferred outflows	5,987,982	\$ 490,408	-	\$ 6,478,390	
Compensated absences	110,908	25,788		136,696	\$ -
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 6,409,874	\$ 516,196	\$ (310,984)	\$ 6,615,086	\$ <u>-</u>
		2020			
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Note payable	\$ 366,983		\$ (55,999)	\$ 310,984	\$ 55,012
Deferred outflows	194,789	\$ 5,881,840	(88,647)	5,987,982	-
Compensated absences	61,195	49,713		110,908	
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 622,967	\$ 5,931,553	\$ (144,646) ===================================	\$ 6,409,874	\$ 55,012

#### NOTE 6 OTHER INFORMATION

#### **Employee Retirement Plan**

During fiscal year 2005/2006 the District enrolled in the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) cost-sharing multiple-employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan. In cost-sharing multiple-employer plans the benefit obligations are pooled. A single actuarial valuation is performed covering all participants, all employers contribute at the same rate, and all plan assets are available to pay plan benefits pertaining to the employee and retirees of any employer.

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the CalPERS Financial Office. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when currently due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. CalPERS audited financial statements are publicly available reports that can be obtained at CalPERS' website under Forms and Publications.

GASB 68 requires that the reported results must pertain to liability and asset information within certain defined timeframes. For this report, the following timeframes are used.

Valuation Date (VD) June 30, 2021 Measurement Date (MD) June 30, 2020

Measurement Period (MP) July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

#### Plan Description, Benefits Provided and Employees Covered

The Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). A full description of the pension plan benefit provisions, assumptions for funding purposes but not accounting purposes, and membership information is listed in the June 30, 2020 Annual Actuarial Valuation Report. Details of the benefits provided can be obtained in Appendix B of the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation report. This report is a publicly available valuation report that can be obtained at CalPERS' website under Forms and Publications.

#### NOTE 6 OTHER INFORMATION, continued.

#### Contribution Description

Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers be determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. The total plan contributions are determined through the CalPERS' annual actuarial valuation process. For public agency cost-sharing plans covered by either the Miscellaneous or Safety risk pools, the Plan's actuarially determined rate is based on the estimated amount necessary to pay the Plan's allocated share of the risk pool's costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, and any unfunded accrued liability. The employer is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees. For the measurement period ended June 30, 2020 (the measurement date), the active employee contribution rate is 6.891 percent of annual pay, and the average employer's contribution rate is 11.623 percent of annual payroll. Employer contributions rates may change if plan contracts are amended. It is the responsibility of the employer to make necessary accounting adjustments to reflect the impact due to any Employer Paid Member Contributions or situations where members are paying a portion of the employer contribution.

#### Actuarial Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Total Pension Liability

For the measurement period ending June 30, 2020 (the measurement date), the total pension liability was determined by rolling forward the June 30, 2019 total pension liability. Both the June 30, 2019 total pension liability and the June 30, 2020 total pension liability were based on the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal in accordance with the requirements of GASB
Actuarial Cost Method	Statement No. 68
Actuarial Assumptions	
Discount Rate	7.50%
Inflation	2.75%
Salary Increases	Varies by Entry Age and Service
Investment Date of Datum	7.50% Net of Pension Plan Investment and Administrative
Investment Rate of Return	Expenses; includes Inflation
Mortality Rate Table	Derived using CalPERS' Membership Data for all Funds
Post Retirement Benefits Increase	Contract COLA up to 2.75% until Purchasing Power Protection
FOST Retirement benefits increase	Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies, 2.75% thereafter

#### NOTE 6 OTHER INFORMATION, continued

All other actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the fiscal years 1997 to 2011, including updates to salary increase, mortality and retirement rates. The Experience Study report can be obtained at CalPERS' website under Forms and Publications.

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50 percent. To determine whether the municipal bond rate should be used in the calculation of a discount rate for each plan, CalPERS stress tested plans that would most likely result in a discount rate that would be different from the actuarially assumed discount rate. Based on the testing, none of the tested plans run out of assets. Therefore, the current 7.50 percent discount rate is adequate and the use of the municipal bond rate calculation is not necessary. The long term expected discount rate of 7.50 percent is applied to all plans in the Public Employees Retirement Fund. The stress test results are presented in a detailed report called "GASB Crossover Testing Report" that can be obtained at CalPERS' website under the GASB 68 section.

According to Paragraph 30 of Statement 68, the long-term discount rate should be determined without reduction for pension plan administrative expense. The 7.50 percent investment return assumption used in this accounting valuation is net of administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are assumed to be 15 basis points. An investment return excluding administrative expenses would have been 7.65 percent. Using this lower discount rate has resulted in a slightly higher total pension liability and net pension liability. This difference was deemed immaterial to the Public Agency Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan. However, employers may determine the impact at the plan level for their own financial reporting purposes.

#### NOTE 6 OTHER INFORMATION, continued.

CalPERS is scheduled to review all actuarial assumptions as part of its regular Asset Liability Management review cycle that is scheduled to be completed in February 2022. Any changes to the discount rate will require Board action and proper stakeholder outreach. For these reasons, CalPERS expects to continue using a discount rate net of administrative expenses for GASB 67 and 68 calculations through at least the 2017 -2018 fiscal year. CalPERS will continue to check the materiality of the difference in calculation until such time as we have changed our methodology.

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.

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, staff took into account both short-term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Such cash flows were developed assuming that both members and employers will make their required contributions on time and as scheduled in all future years. Using historical returns of all the funds' asset classes, expected compound (geometric) returns were calculated over the short-term (first 10 years) and the long-term (11-60 years) using a building-block approach. Using the expected nominal returns for both short-term and long-term, the present value of benefits was calculated for each fund. The expected rate of return was set by calculating the single equivalent expected return that arrived at the same present value of benefits for cash flows as the one calculated using both short-term and long-term returns. The expected rate of return was then set equivalent to the single equivalent rate calculated above and rounded down to the nearest one quarter of one percent.

The table below reflects long-term expected real rate of return by asset class. The rate of return was calculated using the capital market assumptions applied to determine the discount rate and asset allocation. These geometric rates of return are net of administrative expenses.

	New Strategic	Real Return	Real Return
Asset Class	Allocation	Years 1 - 101	Years 11+2
Global Equity	47.00%	5.25%	5.71%
Global Fixed Income	19.00	0.99	2.43
Inflation Sensitive	6.00	0.45	3.36
Private Equity	12.00	6.83	6.95
Real Estate	11.00	4.50	5.13
Infrastructure and Forestland	3.00	4.50	5.09
Liquidity	2.00	(0.55)	(1.05)

#### NOTE 6 OTHER INFORMATION, continued

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The plan fiduciary net position disclosed in your GASB 68 accounting valuation report may differ from the plan assets reported in your funding actuarial valuation report due to several reasons. First, for the accounting valuations, CalPERS must keep items such as deficiency reserves, fiduciary self-insurance and OPEB expense included in fiduciary net position. These amounts are excluded for rate setting purposes in your funding actuarial valuation. In addition, differences may result from early CAFR closing and final reconciled reserves.

#### NOTE 7 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District has evaluated subsequent events through December 1, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Prior to year ending June 30, 2021, The District signed a purchase and sale agreement for a new Water Tanker with a sales price of \$583,895. Delivery of the Tanker was not taken as of June 30, 2021.

In January 2020, COVID-19 emerged and has subsequently spread worldwide. The World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a pandemic resulting in federal, state and local governments and private entities mandating various restrictions. This could have a material effect on the District's operations, financial position, and cash flows.

REQUIRED	SUPPLEMENTAF	RY INFORMATIO	ϽN

#### GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2021

SCHEDULE OF THE PLAN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS AS OF THE MEASUREMENT DATE IN RELATION TO PERF C

Net pension liability and fiduciary net position are allocated to the pension are allocated to the plan based on its propositions as a percentage of the total plan (PERF C, excluding the 1959 Survivors Risk Pool), which includes both the Miscellaneous or Safety within PERF C. Therefore, to assist employers in meeting the requirements of GASB 68, proportions shown in the table below represent the plan's proportion of PERF C, excluding the 1959 Survivors Risk Pool, and not its proportions of the Miscellaneous Risk Pool.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PLAN

	06	5/30/2020
Plan's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)		0.00239%
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$	421,174
Plan's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$	71,705
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll		587.37%
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the		
Plan's Total Pension Liability		0.00241%
Plan's Proportionate Share of Aggregate Employer Contributions	\$	24,583

#### GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2021

SCHEDULE OF THE PLAN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS AS OF THE MEASUREMENT DATE IN RELATION TO PERF C

#### SAFETY

	06	6/30/2020
Plan's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)		0.02640%
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$	6,057,216
Plan's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$	216,983
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll		2791.56%
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the		
Plan's Total Pension Liability		0.02497%
Plan's Proportionate Share of Aggregate Employer Contributions	\$	70,885

#### GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2021

#### SCHEDULE OF PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

#### MISCELLANEOUS PLAN

	Fis	scal Year
	20	)19-2020
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$	24,583
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution		(24,583)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$	_
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$	71,705
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll		34.28%

#### SAFETY

	Fiscal Year	
	2019-2020	
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$	70,885
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution		(70,885)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$	-
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$	216,983
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll		32.67%

#### GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2021

#### NOTES TO SCHEDULE

Change in Benefit Terms: The figures above do not include any liability impact that may have resulted from plan changes which occurred after June 30, 2021 as they have minimal cost impact. This applies for voluntary benefit changes as well as any offers of Two Years Additional Service Credit (a.k.a Golden Handshakes). Employers that have done so may need to report this information as a separate liability in their financial statement as CalPERS considers such amounts to be separately financed employer-specific liabilities. These employers should consult with their auditors.

Change in Assumptions: None

#### GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ROSTER OF BOARD MEMBERS JUNE 30, 2021

#### Directors:

Robert Gloeckner December 2022 Chairman December 2022 Domenic Carinalli Secretary Joe Petersen December 2024 Christopher Tachouet December 2024 Antonia Bello December 2022 Charles Lachman December 2024 December 2022 Steve Petrucci

#### Clerk of the Board:

Shepley Schroth-Cary Chief Continuous

<u>Regular Meetings:</u> The regular meetings of the Board of Directors is held at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month. The schedule of locations can be found on the District's website.