

**COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE AT THE
CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT**

To the Board of Directors
Lake County Fire Protection District
Clearlake, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Lake County Fire Protection District for the year ended June 30, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you during the planning of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS**Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in the notes to the financial statements. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In 2016-17, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Nos. 74, 77, 78, 80 and 82. We noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the District's financial statements are depreciation of capital assets, net pension liability, and net OPEB obligation.

Management's estimate of depreciation is based on actual or estimated historical costs and the estimated useful lives of assets. Management's estimates of the net pension liability and net OPEB obligation are based on actuarial reports. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the District's estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

To the Board of Directors
Lake County Fire Protection District
Clearlake, California

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

OTHER MATTERS

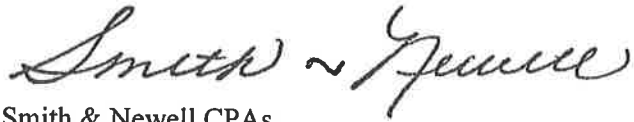
We were engaged to report on the supplementary information that accompanies the financial statements. With respect to the supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with the modified cash basis of accounting, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory section, which accompanies the financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

To the Board of Directors
Lake County Fire Protection District
Clearlake, California

RESTRICTION ON USE

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Smith & Newell CPAs
Yuba City, California
January 25, 2018

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**LAKE COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT,
CALIFORNIA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TOGETHER WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2017**

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LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Annual Financial Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

- **List of Officials**

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LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
List of Officials
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Board of Directors

Mike Dean	Chairperson
Diane Watson	Vice Chairperson
John Spriet	Director
Dennis Raleigh	Director
Thomas Meisenbach	Director
Richard Moore	Director

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FINANCIAL SECTION

- **Independent Auditor's Report**
- **Basic Financial Statements**
- **Supplementary Information**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Lake County Fire Protection District
Clearlake, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Lake County Fire Protection District, California (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1C; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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.

To the Board of Directors
Lake County Fire Protection District
Clearlake, California

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1C.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1C of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 1N to the financial statements, in 2016-17, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Nos. 74, 77, 78, 80 and 82. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Report on Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The District Pension Plan - Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, District Pension Plan - Schedule of Contributions, Notes to District Pension Plan, District OPEB Plan - Schedule of Funding Progress and budgetary comparison information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

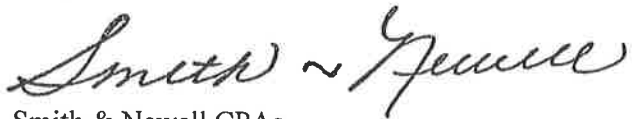
Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1C.

The introductory section is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

To the Board of Directors
Lake County Fire Protection District
Clearlake, California

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 25, 2018 on our consideration of the 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 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 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Smith & Newell CPAs
Yuba City, California
January 25, 2018

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Basic Financial Statements

- **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

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LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Modified Cash Basis Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 1,931,740
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable	243,642
Depreciable, net	<u>1,674,267</u>
Total capital assets	<u>1,917,909</u>
Total Assets	<u>3,849,649</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension adjustments	<u>1,019,744</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,019,744</u>
LIABILITIES	
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	166,248
Due in more than one year	614,746
Net pension liability	2,879,772
Net OPEB obligation	<u>718,844</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,379,610</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension adjustments	<u>223,044</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>223,044</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,660,655
Restricted for capital projects	41,323
Unrestricted	<u>(1,435,239)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 266,739</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Modified Cash Basis Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>Functions/Programs:</u>	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental activities:				
Public protection	\$ 3,746,762	\$ 2,760,733	\$ 340,848	\$ -
Interest on long-term debt	7,916	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	3,754,678	2,760,733	340,848	-
Total	\$ 3,754,678	\$ 2,760,733	\$ 340,848	\$ -
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes				1,029,032
Interest and investment earnings				13,983
Miscellaneous				119,721
				1,162,736
				509,639
				(242,900)
				\$ 266,739

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Basic Financial Statements

- **Fund Financial Statements**

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LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Modified Cash Basis Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

	General	Mitigation Fees	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$ 1,890,417	\$ 41,323	\$ 1,931,740
Total Assets	\$ 1,890,417	\$ 41,323	\$ 1,931,740
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	-	41,323	41,323
Assigned	998,373	-	998,373
Unassigned	892,044	-	892,044
Total Fund Balances	1,890,417	41,323	1,931,740
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,890,417	\$ 41,323	\$ 1,931,740

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Modified Cash Basis
Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Modified Cash Basis
Statement of Net Position - Governmental Activities
June 30, 2017

Total Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 1,931,740
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	1,917,909
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the governmental funds.	1,019,744
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the governmental funds.	(223,044)
Certain liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Capital leases	(257,254)
Compensated absences	(523,740)
Net pension liability	(2,879,772)
Net OPEB obligation	(718,844)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 266,739</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Modified Cash Basis Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	General	Mitigation Fees	Total
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,029,032	\$ -	\$ 1,029,032
Licenses and permits	11,204	-	11,204
Fines and forfeitures	59,792	-	59,792
Use of money and property	13,671	312	13,983
Intergovernmental revenues	340,848	-	340,848
Charges for services	2,637,447	52,290	2,689,737
Other revenues	119,721	-	119,721
Total Revenues	<u>4,211,715</u>	<u>52,602</u>	<u>4,264,317</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current public protection:			
Salaries and benefits	2,702,083	-	2,702,083
Services and supplies	1,103,101	-	1,103,101
Debt service:			
Principal	41,341	-	41,341
Interest and other charges	7,916	-	7,916
Capital outlay	432,416	-	432,416
Total Expenditures	<u>4,286,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,286,857</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(75,142)</u>	<u>52,602</u>	<u>(22,540)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	30,000	-	30,000
Transfers out	-	(30,000)	(30,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>30,000</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(45,142)</u>	<u>22,602</u>	<u>(22,540)</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,935,559</u>	<u>18,721</u>	<u>1,954,280</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,890,417</u>	<u>\$ 41,323</u>	<u>\$ 1,931,740</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Modified Cash Basis Statement of
Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of
Governmental Funds to the Government-Wide Modified Cash
Basis Statement of Activities - Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds **\$ (22,540)**

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Expenditures for capital outlay	432,416
Less current year depreciation	(203,563)

Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

Principal retirements	41,341
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Certain changes in deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources reported in the statement of activities related to long-term liabilities and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Change in deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	792,046
Change in deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	210,252

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

Change in compensated absences	(49,773)
Change in net pension liability	(571,119)
Change in net OPEB obligation	(119,421)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities **\$ 509,639**

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Basic Financial Statements

- **Notes to Modified Cash Basis Financial Statements**

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LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Modified Cash Basis Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Lakeshore Fire Protection District was formed pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code. On December 14, 1942, after the election of December 8, 1942, the County Board of Supervisors passed the formation resolution. The Lower Lake Fire Protection District was formed pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code. The Board of Supervisors passed the formation resolution following the February 24, 1942, election. The resolution ordering the consolidation of the Lakeshore Fire Protection District and the Lower Lake Fire Protection District to form the Lake County Fire Protection District was adopted, without an election, by the Board of Directors of the Lakeshore Fire Protection District and the Lower Lake Fire Protection District on December 19, 2000. The Local Agency Formation Commission of Lake County certified the completion of the consolidation on July 18, 2001. The new District provides fire protection services to Clearlake and Lower Lake.

Generally accepted accounting principles require government financial statements to include the primary government and its component units. Component units of a governmental entity are legally separate entities for which the primary government is considered to be financially accountable and for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the combined financial statements to be misleading. The primary government is considered to be financially accountable if it appoints a majority of an organization's governing body and is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government.

Component Units

Based on the application of the criteria set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, management has determined that there are no component units of the District.

Joint Agencies

The District is a participant in Fire District's Association of California - Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FDAC-FASIS), the purpose of which is to provide workers' compensation benefits to each member agency including claims administration and program administration. FDAC-FASIS is composed of approximately 200 members and is governed by a board of directors appointed by the members. Complete financial information can be obtained from the Association office at 700 R Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95811. The District is not financially accountable for this organization and therefore it is not a component unit under Statement Nos. 14, 39 and 61 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information on all of the activities of the District. These statements include the financial activities of the overall District. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements report the governmental activities of the District, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The District had no business-type activities at June 30, 2017.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Modified Cash Basis Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Continued)

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include 1) charges paid by the recipients of goods and services offered by the program, 2) operating grants and contributions and 3) capital grants and contributions. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are presented instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the District are organized into two funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. The funds of the District are organized into the governmental category. The emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The General fund is used to account for all revenues and expenditures necessary to carry out basic governmental activities of the District.
- The Mitigation Fees fund is a special revenue fund used to account for revenues and expenditures related to mitigation fees. Funding comes primarily from mitigation fees collected and interest earnings.

C. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of presentation differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) in that certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Such variances are presumed to be material. However similar to financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP, these financial statements reflect the capitalized cost of equipment and related depreciation, and long-term debt.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus, within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting. In the governmental funds general capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures and proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Modified Cash Basis Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Non-Current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

Non-current governmental assets and liabilities, such as capital assets and long-term liabilities, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide statement of net position.

E. Cash and Investments

The District pools cash and investments, other than cash on hand, with the County of Lake. The Lake County Treasury is an external investment pool for the District and the District is considered an involuntary participant. Each fund's share in this pool is displayed in the accompanying financial statements as cash and investments.

Participant's equity in the investment pool is determined by the dollar amount of participant deposits, adjusted for withdrawals and distributed investment income. Investment income is determined on an amortized cost basis. Interest payments, accrued interest, accreted discounts, amortized premiums, and realized capital gains and losses, net of administrative fees, are apportioned to pool participants every quarter. This method differs from the fair value method used to value investments in these financial statements as unrealized gains or losses are not apportioned to pool participants.

F. Inventory

Inventories are recorded as expenditures at the time inventory is purchased rather than when consumed. Records are not maintained of inventory and supplies on hand, although these amounts are not considered material.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are defined by the District as assets with a cost of more than \$5,000. Capital assets are recorded at historical or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is unavailable. Contributed capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value at the date of donation.

Capital assets used in operations are depreciated or amortized using the straight-line method over the asset's estimated useful life in the government-wide financial statements. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

<u>Depreciable Asset</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Structures and Improvements	5-50 years
Equipment	3-40 years

Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Betterments and major improvements which significantly increase values, change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of capital assets, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Modified Cash Basis Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Property Tax

Lake County is responsible for the collection and allocation of property taxes. Under California law, property taxes are assessed and collected by the County of Lake up to 1 percent of the full cash value of taxable property, plus other increases approved by the voter and distributed in accordance with statutory formulas.

The valuation/lien date for all taxes is January 1. Secured property tax is due in two installments, the first is due November 1 and delinquent with penalties after December 10; the second is due February 1 and delinquent with penalties after April 10. Unsecured property taxes are due on March 1, and become delinquent, if unpaid on August 31.

The County uses the alternative method of property tax apportionment known as the "Teeter Plan". Under this method of property tax apportionment, the County remits the entire amount levied and handles all delinquencies, retaining interest and penalties.

I. Interfund Transactions

Interfund transactions are reflected as either loans, services provided or used, reimbursements or transfers.

Loans reported as receivables and payables are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion of interfund loans) as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a nonspendable fund balance account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not in spendable form.

Services provided or used, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures or expenses. These services provide information on the net cost of each government function and therefore are not eliminated in the process of preparing the government-wide statement of activities.

Reimbursements occur when the funds responsible for particular expenditures or expenses repay the funds that initially paid for them. Such reimbursements are reflected as expenditures or expenses in the reimbursing fund and reductions to expenditures or expenses in the reimbursed fund.

All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide presentation.

J. Compensated Absences

The District has adopted the requirements for recording compensated absences as outlined in GASB Statement No. 16. The District's policy regarding compensated absences is to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick leave. In the government-wide financial statements the accrued compensated absences is recorded as an expense and related liability, with the current portion estimated based on historical trends. In the governmental fund financial statements, the expenditures and liabilities related to those obligations are recognized only when they mature. The District includes its share of medicare taxes payable on behalf of the employees in the accrual for compensated absences.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

K. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the District's California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) plan (Plan) and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CalPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

L. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. This item relates to the outflows from changes in the net pension liability and is reportable on the Statement of Net Position.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. This item relates to the inflows from changes in the net pension liability and is reportable on the Statement of Net Position.

M. Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

N. Implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements (GASB)

The following Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements have been implemented, if applicable, in the current financial statements.

Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans. This statement improves the usefulness of information about postemployment benefits other than pensions included in the general purpose external financial reports of state and local governmental OPEB plans for making decisions and assessing accountability.

Statement No. 77, Tax Abatement Disclosures. This statement requires disclosure of tax abatement information about (1) a reporting government's own tax abatement agreements and (2) those that are entered into by other governments and that reduce the reporting government's tax revenue.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

N. Implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements (GASB) (Continued)

Statement No. 78, Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans. This statement establishes requirements for recognition and measurement of pension expense, expenditures, and liabilities; note disclosures; and required supplementary information for pensions that have certain characteristics.

Statement No. 80, Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14. This statement amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments.

Statement No. 82, Pension Issues - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73. This statement addresses certain issues that have been raised with respect to Statements No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, and No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not Within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68. This statement specifically addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements.

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

A. Financial Statement Presentation

As of June 30, 2017, the District's cash and investments consisted of the following:

Cash:		
Cash on hand	\$	200
Total Cash		200
Investments:		
Lake County Treasurer's pool		1,931,540
Total Investments		1,931,540
Total Cash and Investments	\$	1,931,740

B. Cash

At year end, the District had cash on hand of \$200.

Custodial Credit Risk for Deposits - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover its deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District complies with the requirements of the California Government Code. Under this code, deposits of more than \$250,000 must be collateralized at 105 percent to 150 percent of the value of the deposit to guarantee the safety of the public funds.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

C. Investments

The District does not have a formal investment policy. At June 30, 2017, all investments of the District were in the County of Lake investment pool. Under the provisions of the County's investment policy and the California Government Code, the County may invest or deposit in the following.

- Banker's Acceptances
- Commercial Paper
- Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)
- Mutual Funds
- Medium Term Corporate Notes
- Negotiable Certificates of Deposit
- Repurchase Agreements
- Securities of the Federal Government or its Agencies
- State of California Obligations
- Local Agency Bonds
- U.S. Treasury Obligations
- Obligations of California Local Agencies

Fair Value of Investments - The District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;
- Level 2: Observable inputs other than quoted market prices; and,
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs

The District's position in external investment pools is in its self regarded as a type of investment and looking through to the underlying investments of the pool is not appropriate. Therefore, the District's investments in external investment pools are not recognized in the three-tiered fair value hierarchy described above.

At June 30, 2017, the District had the following recurring fair value measurements:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using</u>		
		<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Investments by Fair Value Level				
None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Investments Measured at Fair Value	-	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Investments in External Investment Pool				
County Treasurer's Pool	<u>1,931,540</u>			
Total Investments	<u>\$ 1,931,540</u>			

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

C. Investments (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk - Interest rate risk is the risk of loss due to the fair value of an investment falling due to interest rates rising. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. To limit exposure to fair value losses resulting from increases in interest rates, the County's investment policy limits investment maturities to a term appropriate to the need for funds so as to permit the County to meet all projected obligations.

Credit Risk - Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The County's investment policy sets specific parameters by the type of investment to be met at the time of purchase. As of June 30, 2017, the District's investments were all pooled with the County of Lake investment pool which is not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Custodial Credit Risk- Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover its deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investments in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools.

Concentration of Credit Risk - Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the District's investment in a single issuer of securities. When investments are concentrated in one issuer, this concentration presents a heightened risk of potential loss. State law and the investment policy of the County contain limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. All investments of the District are in the County investment pool which contains a diversification of investments.

D. Investments in External Pools

Lake County Pooled Investment Fund - The Lake County Pooled Investment Fund is a pooled investment fund program governed by the County which monitors and reviews the management of public funds maintained in the investment pool in accordance with the County investment policy and the California Government Code. The Board of Supervisors review and approve the investment policy annually. The County Treasurer prepares and submits a comprehensive investment report to the Board of Supervisors every month. The report covers the type of investments in the pool, maturity dates, par value, actual cost and fair value. Investments in the Lake County Pooled Investment fund are regarded as highly liquid as deposits and withdrawals can be made at any time without penalty. The Pool does not impose a maximum investment limit. Required disclosure information regarding categorization of investments and other deposit and investment risk disclosures can be found in the County's financial statements. The County of Lake's financial statements may be obtained by contacting the County of Lake Auditor-Controller's office at 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport, CA 95453.

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NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2017, was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2017</u>
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 162,557	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 162,557
Construction in progress	<u>58,760</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,085</u>
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>221,317</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243,642</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	1,382,549	20,782	-	1,403,331
Equipment	<u>2,602,986</u>	<u>389,309</u>	<u>(265,548)</u>	<u>2,726,747</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>3,985,535</u>	<u>410,091</u>	<u>(265,548)</u>	<u>4,130,078</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Buildings and improvements	(541,036)	(35,780)	-	(576,816)
Equipment	<u>(1,976,760)</u>	<u>(167,783)</u>	<u>265,548</u>	<u>(1,878,995)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,517,796)</u>	<u>(203,563)</u>	<u>265,548</u>	<u>(2,455,811)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>1,467,739</u>	<u>206,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,674,267</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 1,689,056</u>	<u>\$ 228,853</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,917,909</u>

Depreciation

Depreciation was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Public Protection	<u>\$ 203,563</u>
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 203,563</u>

NOTE 4: INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Transfers

Transfers are indicative of funding for capital projects, lease payments or debt service, and re-allocations of special revenues. The following are the interfund transfer balances as of June 30, 2017.

	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
General	\$ 30,000	\$ -
Mitigation Fees	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>

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NOTE 5: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2017:

<u>Type of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Capital Leases	\$ 298,595	\$ -	(\$ 41,341)	\$ 257,254	\$ 42,224
Compensated Absences	473,967	332,526	(282,753)	523,740	124,024
Total	<u>\$ 772,562</u>	<u>\$ 332,526</u>	<u>(\$ 324,094)</u>	<u>\$ 780,994</u>	<u>\$ 166,248</u>

NOTE 6: LEASES

Operating Leases

Rental expenses incurred under operating leases are not considered material.

Capital Leases

The District has entered into certain capital lease agreements under which the related equipment will become the property of the District when all terms of the lease agreements are met.

	<u>Stated Interest Rate</u>	<u>Present Value of Remaining Payments at June 30, 2017</u>
Governmental activities	1.85 - 2.69%	\$ 257,254
Total		<u>\$ 257,254</u>

Equipment and related accumulated depreciation under capital leases are as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Equipment	\$ 429,568
Less: accumulated depreciation	(117,553)
Net Value	<u>\$ 312,015</u>

As of June 30, 2017, capital lease annual amortization is as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
2018	\$ 49,001
2019	49,001
2020	37,168
2021	37,168
2022	37,168
2023-2024	<u>74,335</u>
Total Requirements	283,841
Less Interest	(26,587)
Present Value of Remaining Payments	<u>\$ 257,254</u>

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NOTE 7: NET POSITION

The government-wide financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted.

- **Net investment 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.
- **Restricted net position** - consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. These principally include restrictions for capital projects, debt service requirements and other special revenue fund purposes.
- **Unrestricted net position** - all other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

Net Position Flow Assumption

When a government funds outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. When both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, it is considered that restricted resources are used first, followed by the unrestricted resources.

NOTE 8: FUND BALANCES

As prescribed by GASB Statement No. 54, governmental funds report fund balance in classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the funds can be spent. As of June 30, 2017, fund balance for governmental funds is made up of the following:

- **Nonspendable fund balance** - 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 “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example: inventories and prepaid amounts.
- **Restricted fund balance** - amounts with constraints placed on their use that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Committed fund balance** - amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes determined by formal action of the District’s highest level of decision-making authority. The Board of Directors is the highest level of decision making authority for the District that can, by adoption of an ordinance commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed remains in place until a similar action is taken to remove or revise the limitation. The underlying action that imposed the limitation needs to occur no later than the close of the reporting period.

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NOTE 8: FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

- **Assigned fund balance** - amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes. The intent can be established at either the highest level of decision-making, or by a body or an official designated for that purpose.
- **Unassigned fund balance** - the residual classification for the District's General fund that includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classification is used only if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

The fund balances for all governmental funds as of June 30, 2017, were distributed as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Mitigation Fees</u>	<u>Total</u>
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	\$ -	\$ 41,323	\$ 41,323
Subtotal	<u>-</u>	<u>41,323</u>	<u>41,323</u>
Assigned to:			
General	3,926	-	3,926
Equipment	301,250	-	301,250
Building	333,525	-	333,525
OPEB	42,057	-	42,057
Medical services and equipment	<u>317,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>317,615</u>
Subtotal	<u>998,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>998,373</u>
Unassigned	<u>892,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>892,044</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,890,417</u>	<u>\$ 41,323</u>	<u>\$ 1,931,740</u>

Fund Balance Flow Assumption

When a government funds outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance), a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. When both restricted and unrestricted fund balance are available, it is considered that restricted fund balance is depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Fund Balance Policy

The Board of Directors adopted the Lake County Fire Protection District's Fund Balance Policy for Financial Statement Reporting in 2012. The policy establishes procedures for reporting fund balance classifications, establishes prudent reserve requirements and establishes a hierarchy of fund balance expenditures.

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NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN

A. General Information about the Pension Plan

All qualified permanent and probationary employees are eligible to participate in the District's Safety and Miscellaneous (all other) Employee Pension Plan, a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). Benefit provisions under the Plan are established by State statute and District resolution. CalPERS issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plan regarding benefit provisions, assumptions and membership information that can be found on the CalPERS website.

Effective January 1, 2013, the District added retirement tiers for both the Miscellaneous and Safety Benefit Tiers for new employees as required under the Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA). Classic employees are generally defined as employees who have been a member of any public retirement system who have had less than a six month break in service. Applicable new hires to the District defined as classic employees as determined by PERS will be subject to the appropriate non-PEPRA benefit tier (i.e. Safety or Miscellaneous). New non-classic employees hired on or after January 1, 2013 will be subject to new, lower pension formulas, caps on pensionable income levels and new definitions of pensionable income. In addition, new non-classic employees will be required to contribute half of the total normal cost of the pension benefit unless impaired by an existing Memorandum of Understanding. The cumulative effect of these PEPRA changes will ultimately reduce the District's retirement costs. As of the valuation date there were no Miscellaneous PEPRA employees.

Summary of Rate Tiers and Eligible Participants

Open for New Enrollment

Miscellaneous PEPRA	Miscellaneous members hired on or after January 1, 2013
Safety PEPRA	Safety members hired on or after January 1, 2013

Closed to New Enrollment

Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous members hired before January 1, 2013
Safety	Safety members hired before January 1, 2013

Benefits Provided

CalPers provides service retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments and death benefits to plan members, who must be public employees and beneficiaries. Benefits are based on years of credited service, equal to one year of full time employment. Members with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 50 with statutorily reduced benefits. Retirement benefits are paid monthly for life. All members are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after 10 years of service. The death benefit is one of the following: the Basic Death Benefit, the 1957 Survivor Benefit, or the Optional Settlement 2W Death Benefit. The cost of living adjustments for the plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees' Retirement Law.

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NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

A. General Information about the Pension Plan (Continued)

Benefits Provided (Continued)

Each Rate Tier's specific provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2017, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Benefit Formula</u>	<u>Retirement Age</u>	<u>Monthly Benefits as a % of Eligible Compensation</u>
Miscellaneous	3.0% @ 60	60	3.0%
Miscellaneous PEPRA	2.0% @ 62	62	2.0%
Safety	3.0% @ 55	55	3.0%
Safety PEPRA	2.7% @ 57	57	2.7%

Contributions

Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law 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. Funding contributions for all Plans are determined annually on an actuarial basis as of June 30 by CalPERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The District is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees.

	<u>Employer Contribution Rates</u>	<u>Employee Contribution Rates</u>	<u>Employer Paid Member Contribution Rates</u>
Miscellaneous	13.962%	8.000%	8.000%
Miscellaneous PEPRA	6.724%	6.500%	0.000%
Safety	19.606%	9.000%	9.000%
Safety PEPRA	13.043%	12.250%	0.000%

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the contributions recognized as part of pension expense were as follows:

	<u>Contributions-Employer</u>	<u>Contributions-Employee (Paid by Employer)</u>
Miscellaneous	\$ 8,432	\$ 5,209
Safety	212,109	86,029

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NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

B. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The District's net pension liability for the Plan is measured as the proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability of the Plan is measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability for the Plan used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2014 rolled forward to June 30, 2016 using standard update procedures. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Plan as of June 30, 2015 and 2016 was as follows:

	<u>Proportion June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Proportion June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Change - Increase (Decrease)</u>
Miscellaneous	.00174%	.00159%	(.00015%)
Safety	.03190%	.03169%	(.00021%)

As of June 30, 2017, the District reported net pension liabilities for its proportionate share of the net pension liability as follows:

	<u>Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability</u>
Miscellaneous	\$ 137,728
Safety	<u>2,742,044</u>
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 2,879,772</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the District recognized pension expense of \$85,867. At June 30, 2017, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Pension contributions subsequent to measurement date	\$ 389,063	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	-	(141,173)
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	(28,252)
Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	599,396	-
Difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	31,285	-
Adjustment due to differences in proportions	<u>-</u>	<u>(53,619)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,019,744</u>	<u>(\$ 223,044)</u>

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NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

B. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

\$389,063 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Year Ended <u>June 30</u>	
2018	(\$ 3,524)
2019	17,069
2020	231,137
2021	162,952
Thereafter	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 407,634</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liabilities in the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2015
Measurement Date	June 30, 2016
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry-Age Normal Cost Method
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount Rate	7.65%
Inflation	2.75%
Projected Salary Increase	Varies by entry-age and service
Mortality	Derived using CalPERS membership data for all funds
Post-Retirement Benefit Increase	Contract COLA up to 2.75% until Purchasing Power Protection Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies, 2.75% thereafter

The underlying mortality assumptions and all other actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period 1997 to 2011 including updates to salary increase, mortality and retirement rates. Further details of the Experience Study can be found on the CalPERS website.

Change of Assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions during the measurement period ended June 30, 2016. Deferred inflows for changes of assumptions presented represents the unamortized portion of the changes of assumptions related to prior measurement periods.

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NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

B. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.65 percent for the Plan. To determine whether the municipal bond rate should be used in the calculation of a discount rate for the 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 7.65 percent discount rate is adequate and the use of the municipal bond rate calculation is not necessary. The long term expected discount rate of 7.65 percent is applied to all plans in the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF). The stress test results are presented in a detailed report called "GASB Crossover Testing Report" that can be obtained at the CalPERS website under the GASB 68 section.

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, CalPERS took into account both short-term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Using historical returns of all the funds' asset classes, expected compound 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 the 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 rates of return are net of administrative expenses.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>New Strategic Allocation</u>	<u>Real Return Years 1 - 10(a)</u>	<u>Real Return Years 11+(b)</u>
Global Equity	51.0%	5.25%	5.71%
Global Fixed Income	20.0%	0.99%	2.43%
Inflation Sensitive	6.0%	0.45%	3.36%
Private Equity	10.0%	6.83%	6.95%
Real Estate	10.0%	4.50%	5.13%
Infrastructure and Forestland	1.0%	4.50%	5.09%
Liquidity	2.0%	-0.55%	-1.05%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>		

(a) An expected inflation of 2.5% used for this period

(b) An expected inflation of 3.0% used for this period

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Modified Cash Basis Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

B. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Sensitivity of the 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 for the Plan as of the measurement date, calculated using the discount rate for the Plan, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>6.65%</u>	Discount Rate <u>7.65%</u>	1% Increase <u>8.65%</u>
Miscellaneous	\$ 199,949	\$ 137,728	\$ 86,306
Safety	4,103,366	2,742,044	1,624,540

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about each pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial reports.

NOTE 10: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

A. Plan Description

The District provides the following OPEB: medical, dental, and vision plan coverage for eligible, qualifying retirees.

Safety employees hired prior to July 1, 2016 who retire with the District at age 55 or older with 20 years of service are eligible for medical, dental and vision plan coverage until age 65. Coverage is available (at the retiree's expense) for his or her spouse up to the retiree's age 65.

Safety employees hired prior to July 1, 2016 who do not meet the eligibility requirements above, Miscellaneous employees, employees hired after June 30, 2016 and surviving spouses of deceased retirees are not eligible for continuation of healthcare coverage or any subsidy toward healthcare coverage from the District in retirement, other than as required by COBRA.

For qualifying retirees eligible for continuation of health coverage, the District pays 100 percent of the medical, dental and vision premiums for the retiree only (single coverage) until the retiree reaches age 65.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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NOTE 10: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

A. Plan Description (Continued)

The monthly medical premiums applicable during calendar year 2017 vary based on the member's age, as shown below:

<u>Age</u>	<u>2017 Monthly Premium</u>
55	\$ 1,037.31
56	1,085.22
57	1,133.60
58	1,185.23
59	1,210.82
60	1,262.45
61	1,307.10
62	1,336.41
63	1,373.16
64	1,395.48
65	1,395.48

The 2017 premium for retiree only dental coverage is \$83.20 per month and the monthly premium for retiree only vision coverage is \$7.13 per month.

As of June 30, 2017, two retirees were receiving benefits. Both of the retirees receive \$300 per month for the remainder of their lifetime.

B. Funding Policy

As required by GASB 45, an actuary will determine the District's Annual Required Contributions (ARC) at least once every three fiscal years. The ARC is calculated in accordance with certain parameters, and includes (1) the Normal Cost for one year and (2) a component for amortization of the total unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) over a period not to exceed 30 years.

GASB 45 does not require pre-funding of OPEB benefits. Therefore, the District's funding policy is to continue to pay healthcare premiums for retirees as they fall due.

C. Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The District's OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC). The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess).

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Modified Cash Basis Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 10: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

C. Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation (Continued)

The following table shows the District's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and the resulting net OPEB obligation.

Annual Required Contribution	\$ 132,726
Interest on Prior Year Net OPEB Obligation	23,977
Amortization of Prior Year Net OPEB Obligation	<u>(30,082)</u>
Annual OPEB Cost	126,621
Contributions Made:	
Pay As You Go Contribution	<u>(7,200)</u>
Increase in Net OPEB Obligation	119,421
Net OPEB Obligation - Beginning of year	<u>599,423</u>
Net OPEB Obligation - End of year	<u>\$ 718,844</u>

The District's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for the current and prior two years is as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ended</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>OPEB Cost</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Contribution</u>	<u>% of</u> <u>Annual OPEB</u> <u>Cost Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB</u> <u>Obligation</u>
June 30, 2015	\$ 111,141	\$ 9,535	8.58%	\$ 487,669
June 30, 2016	118,954	7,200	6.05%	599,423
June 30, 2017	126,621	7,200	5.69%	718,844

D. Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of June 30, 2016, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was 0.00 percent funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$1,003,798 and the actuarial value of assets was \$0, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$1,003,798. The covered payroll (annual payroll of employees covered by the plan) was \$1,187,331, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 84.5 percent.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of the reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the District are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information (as it becomes available) about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Modified Cash Basis Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 10: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

E. Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The most recent valuation was performed as of June 30, 2016. The assumptions used for this valuation are in accordance with CalPERS' "OPEB Assumption Model", which describes guidelines to be used for retiree healthcare valuations for plans intending to pre-fund benefits through California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT).

In the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation, the entry-age normal actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.0 percent investment rate of return, payroll increases of 3.25 percent, and assumed health inflation of 7.5 percent graded down to 4.50 percent over 7 years. Dental and vision premiums are assumed to increase by 3 percent annually. The OPEB plan's unfunded actuarial liability is being amortized over a closed, 30-year amortization period and level percent of pay basis beginning in the 2009/10 fiscal year. The remaining amortization period for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 is 24 years.

NOTE 11: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District has joined together with other fire districts in the state to participate in Fire District's Association of California - Fire Association Self Insurance System. This joint venture is a public entity risk pool which serves as a common risk management and insurance program for workers compensation coverage for member districts. The District pays an annual premium to the joint venture for its insurance coverage. The agreement with the joint venture provides that they will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for excess coverage.

The District continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 12: OTHER INFORMATION

A. Commitments and Contingencies

There are potential claims and legal actions pending against the District for which no provisions have been made in the financial statements. In the opinion of the District management and legal counsel, liabilities arising from these claims and legal actions, if any, either will not be material or cannot be estimated at this time.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Modified Cash Basis Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 12: OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

B. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events subsequent to June 30, 2017 through January 25, 2018, the date on which the financial statements were available for issuance. Management has determined no subsequent events requiring disclosure have occurred.

Supplementary Information
(Unaudited)

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LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Supplementary Information
District Pension Plan
Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017
Last 10 Years*

Measurement Date	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Miscellaneous			
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.00192%	0.00170%	0.00159%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 119,169	\$ 119,215	\$ 137,728
Covered employee payroll	86,637	113,997	65,120
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	137.55%	104.58%	211.50%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	70.76%	72.18%	70.20%
Safety			
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.03570%	0.03190%	0.03169%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,221,349	\$ 2,189,438	\$ 2,742,044
Covered employee payroll	1,172,873	1,196,639	1,222,413
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	189.39%	182.97%	224.31%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	75.66%	76.70%	72.66%

* The District implemented GASB 68 for fiscal year June 30, 2015, therefore only three years are shown.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Supplementary Information
District Pension Plan
Schedule of Contributions
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017
Last 10 Years*

Fiscal Year	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2016/17</u>
Miscellaneous			
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	\$ 31,495	\$ 8,432	\$ 10,262
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	<u>(31,495)</u>	<u>(17,612)</u>	<u>(20,122)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (9,180)</u>	<u>\$ (9,860)</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 113,997	\$ 65,120	\$ 73,500
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	27.63%	27.05%	27.38%
Safety			
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	\$ 333,401	\$ 212,110	\$ 228,019
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	<u>(333,401)</u>	<u>(336,753)</u>	<u>(368,942)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (124,643)</u>	<u>\$ (140,923)</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 1,196,639	\$ 1,222,413	\$ 1,260,711
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	27.86%	27.55%	29.26%

* The District implemented GASB 68 for fiscal year June 30, 2015, therefore only three years are shown.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Supplementary Information
District Pension Plan
Notes to District Pension Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 1: SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

Change of assumptions: There were no changes in assumptions.

NOTE 2: SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Methods and assumptions used to determine the contribution rates were as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2013
Actuarial cost method	Entry-Age Normal
Amortization method/period	For details, see June 30, 2013 Funding Valuation Report
Asset valuation method	Market value
Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	Varies by entry-age and service
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment and administrative expense, including inflation
Retirement age	The probabilities of retirement are based on the CalPERS experience study for the period 1997 to 2007

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Supplementary Information
District OPEB Plan
Schedule of Funding Progress
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

The Schedule of Funding Progress - Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) presents a consolidated snapshot of the District's ability to meet current and future liabilities with the plan assets. Of particular interest to most is the funded status ratio. This ratio conveys a plan's level of assets to liabilities, an important indicator to determine the financial health of the OPEB plan. The closer the plan is to a 100 percent funded status, the better position it will be in to meet all of its future liabilities.

The table below shows a three year analysis of the actuarial value of assets as a percentage of the actuarial accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability as a percentage of the annual covered payroll for the District Other Postemployment Benefit Plan.

<u>Actuarial Valuation Date</u>	<u>Actuarial Value of Assets</u>	<u>Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)</u>	<u>Unfunded AAL (UAAL)</u>	<u>Funded Ratio</u>	<u>Covered Payroll</u>	<u>UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll</u>
June 30, 2010	\$ -	\$ 993,404	\$ 993,404	0.0%	\$ 933,450	106.42%
June 30, 2013	-	984,048	984,048	0.0%	829,884	118.58%
June 30, 2016	-	1,003,798	1,003,798	0.0%	1,187,331	84.50%

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 968,500	\$ 968,500	\$ 1,029,032	\$ 60,532
Licenses and permits	9,000	9,000	11,204	2,204
Fines and forfeitures	18,000	18,000	59,792	41,792
Use of money and property	5,000	5,000	13,671	8,671
Intergovernmental revenues	312,000	312,000	340,848	28,848
Charges for services	1,750,000	2,523,863	2,637,447	113,584
Other revenues	35,000	85,495	119,721	34,226
Total Revenues	<u>3,097,500</u>	<u>3,921,858</u>	<u>4,211,715</u>	<u>289,857</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current public protection:				
Salaries and benefits	3,107,550	3,242,390	2,702,083	540,307
Services and supplies	818,524	1,264,147	1,103,101	161,046
Debt service	49,100	49,260	49,257	3
Capital outlay	86,407	483,047	432,416	50,631
Total Expenditures	<u>4,061,581</u>	<u>5,038,844</u>	<u>4,286,857</u>	<u>751,987</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(964,081)</u>	<u>(1,116,986)</u>	<u>(75,142)</u>	<u>1,041,844</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(934,081)</u>	<u>(1,086,986)</u>	<u>(45,142)</u>	<u>1,041,844</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,935,559</u>	<u>1,935,559</u>	<u>1,935,559</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,001,478</u>	<u>\$ 848,573</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,417</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,844</u>

The Lake County Fire Protection District budgets for debt service principal and interest expenditures as one item. For purposes of the budgetary comparison schedule, the debt service principal and interest expenditures have been combined.

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Mitigation Fees - Major Special Revenue Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Use of money and property	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 312	\$ 112
Charges for services	11,079	11,079	52,290	41,211
Total Revenues	<u>11,279</u>	<u>11,279</u>	<u>52,602</u>	<u>41,323</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current public protection	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>11,279</u>	<u>11,279</u>	<u>52,602</u>	<u>41,323</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers out	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(18,721)</u>	<u>(18,721)</u>	<u>22,602</u>	<u>41,323</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>18,721</u>	<u>18,721</u>	<u>18,721</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 41,323</u>	<u>\$ 41,323</u>

LAKE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Supplementary Information
Note to Budgetary Comparison Schedules
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 1: BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. The District presents a comparison of annual budgets to actual results for the General fund and major special revenue fund. The amounts reported on the budgetary basis are generally on the basis of accounting described in Note 1C.

The following procedures are performed by the District in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- (1) The Fire Chief submits to the Board of Directors a recommended budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes recommended expenditures and the means of financing them.
- (2) The Board of Directors reviews the recommended budget at regularly scheduled meetings, which are open to the public. The Board also conducts a public hearing on the recommended budget to obtain comments from interested persons.
- (3) Prior to July 1, the budget is adopted through the passage of a resolution.
- (4) From the effective date of the budget, the amounts stated therein, as recommended expenditures become appropriations to the District. The Board may amend the budget by motion during the fiscal year.

The District does not use encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation.

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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 Directors
Lake County Fire Protection District
Clearlake, California

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 modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Lake County Fire Protection District, California (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

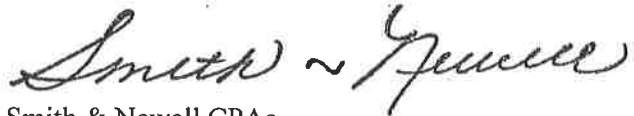
To the Board of Directors
Lake County Fire Protection District
Clearlake, California

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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.

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.



Smith & Newell CPAs
Yuba City, California
January 25, 2018